

Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2013/0311(NLE)
EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol	
See also 2006/0044(AVC)	
Subject 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans	
Geographical area Albania	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs	Shadow rapporteur	
		PPE PACK Doris	
		S&D ROUČEK Libor	
		ALDE SCHAAKE Marietje	
		Verts/ALE CORNELISSEN Marije	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3312	12/05/2014
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3271	15/11/2013
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan	

Key events			
16/09/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0631	Summary
28/10/2013	Legislative proposal published	14783/2013	Summary
27/02/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2014	Vote in committee		

03/04/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0266/2014	Summary
17/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0445/2014	Summary
12/05/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
12/05/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/06/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0311(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 2006/0044(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 217; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p8-a2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/13805

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		COM(2013)0631	16/09/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		14783/2013	28/10/2013	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		14782/2013	28/10/2013	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE528.010	19/03/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0266/2014	03/04/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0445/2014	17/04/2014	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2014/320](#)
[OJ L 165 04.06.2014, p. 0018](#) Summary

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member

States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: on 24 September 2012 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Albania in order to conclude a Protocol to [the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part](#), to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

These negotiations took place on 19 November 2012 and on 10 January 2013. Following further technical clarifications and correspondence, the Albanian authorities signalled their agreement with the draft Protocol proposed by the Commission on 18 June 2013.

It is now appropriate to conclude the protocol on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 217 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in conjunction Article 218(6)(a) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof.

CONTENT: this proposal invites the Council to adopt a decision approving, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

N.B. for the conclusion of the Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, the Commission proposes that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

Most of the provisions relate to the new Albanian tariff concessions for agricultural primary products originating in the Community and on rules of origin.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, the [Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part](#), to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 217, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(i) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the Act of Accession of Croatia.

CONTENT: under this proposal decision, the Council is invited to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

N.B.: the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

For further details as regards the provisions of this Protocol and its impact on the Union budget, please refer to the proposal of the Commissions initial legislative proposal dated 16/09/2013.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted, under the simplified procedure, the recommendation by Nikola VULJANI? (GUE/NGL, HR) in which it called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 496 votes to 21, with 14 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/320/EU on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, the [Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part](#), to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Council approves, on behalf of the European Union, with the consent of the European Parliament, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Most of the provisions relate to the new Albanian tariff concessions for agricultural primary products originating in the Community and on rules of origin.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the decision enters into force on 12.05.2014. The protocol applies provisionally from 01.07.2013.