

Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2013/0425(NLE)	Procedure completed
Arrangement with Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office		
Subject		
6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries		
7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)		
8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU		
Geographical area		
Iceland		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	 LENAERS Jeroen	04/09/2019
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 YONCHEVA Elena	
		 DONÁTH Anna Júlia	
		 MARQUARDT Erik	
		 VISTISEN Anders	
		 URBÁN CRESPO Miguel	
		Former committee responsible	
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Former committee for opinion			
 Foreign Affairs			
 Foreign Affairs			

	DEVE Development		
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	BUDG Budgets		
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	3292	11/02/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Migration and Home Affairs	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia	

Key events			
10/12/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0875	Summary
18/01/2023	Legislative proposal published	18125/2013	Summary
19/01/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/04/2023	Vote in committee		
03/05/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0175/2023	
01/06/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/06/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0211/2023	Summary
12/07/2023	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/10/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/0425(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 078-p1; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 078-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 074
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/9/00080

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2013)0876	10/12/2013	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2013)0875	10/12/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		18125/2013	18/01/2023	CSL	Summary

Committee draft report	PE745.509	30/03/2023	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0175/2023	03/05/2023	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T9-0211/2023	01/06/2023	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission

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Final act

[Decision 2023/2165](#)
[OJ L 000 18.10.2023, p. 0000](#)

Arrangement with Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

PURPOSE: to conclude the Arrangement with Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office.

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: [Regulation \(EU\) No 439/2010](#) established the European Asylum Support Office to strengthen practical cooperation between Member States on asylum, enhance the implementation of the Common European Asylum System and support Member States whose asylum and reception systems are under particular pressure.

Accordingly, Article 49 (1) of the Regulation stipulates that the Support Office shall be open to the participation of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland as observers.

Arrangements shall be made, specifying in particular the nature, extent and manner in which those countries are to participate in the Support Office's work.

The participation of associate countries in the Support Office's work is not only a logical step, having regard to their association to the Dublin system, but also has a clear added value to the Support Office's support offer such as:

- the exchange of best practices and expertise,
- the Support Office's permanent and emergency support,
- the Support Office's information gathering and analysis,
- the Support Office's early warning and preparedness system.

On that basis the Commission presented on 1 July 2011, a recommendation to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations with Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein on international agreements establishing such arrangements.

The Commission received the Council authorisation to open negotiations with Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein on arrangements on the modalities of these countries participation in EASO on 27 January 2012.

The negotiations were held jointly with all associate countries. Four rounds of negotiations took place.

The final text of the draft Arrangement with Iceland was initialled on 28 June 2013.

It is now necessary to approve the Arrangement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this proposed Decision, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Arrangement with Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office.

Main provisions of the Arrangement: the draft Arrangement foresees:

- the full participation of Iceland in the activities of the Support Office,
- representation in the Support Office's Management Board as an observer and without voting rights,
- annual financial contributions of Iceland, to the budget of the Support Office by an annual sum calculated in accordance with its GDP as a percentage of GDP of all States participating in the Support Office's work. Iceland accepted provisions concerning a possible increased contribution if the Union contribution is increased.

Institutional provisions: the draft Arrangement foresees the establishment of a committee composed of representatives of the Commission and of the associate countries. For reasons of efficiency, this committee shall meet jointly with the corresponding Committees set up with other associated countries participating on the basis of Article 49 (1) of the Regulation. The committee was not mentioned in the negotiating directives and has been requested by the associate countries in order to allow for an exchange of information and monitor the proper implementation of the Arrangement.

Financial contribution: Iceland shall contribute to the revenue of the Support Office an annual sum calculated in accordance with its Gross

Domestic Product (GDP) as a percentage of the GDP of all participating States in accordance with the formula described in Annex I of the draft Arrangement.

Staff of the Support Office: the Staff Regulations of the European Union should apply to nationals of Iceland recruited as staff members by the Support Office. Iceland shall apply to the Support Office and to its staff the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union as well as any rules adopted pursuant to this Protocol relating to staff matters of the Support Office.

Arrangement with Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

PURPOSE: to conclude the Arrangement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office.

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: the Arrangement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office has been signed subject to its conclusion. The Arrangement should be approved.

CONTENT: the purpose of the draft Council is to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Arrangement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office.

The Arrangement provides for Iceland's full participation in the activities of the Support Office, its representation in the Support Office's Management Board as an observer and without voting rights and its annual financial contributions to the budget of the Support Office by an annual sum calculated in accordance with its GDP as a percentage of GDP of all States participating in the Support Office's work.

Arrangement with Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

The European Parliament adopted by 613 votes to 15, with 1 abstention, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the arrangement.

The arrangement provides for Iceland's full participation in the activities of the Support Office, its representation in the Support Office's Management Board as an observer and without voting rights, annual financial contributions of Iceland, to the budget of the Support Office by an annual sum calculated in accordance with its GDP as a percentage of GDP of all States participating in the Support Office's work.