







Procedure file

Basic information	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Industry, Research and Energy	 BUZEK Jerzy	24/09/2014
		Shadow rapporteur	
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	 Industry, Research and Energy		
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
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Key events			
22/01/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0848	Summary
02/07/2014	Legislative proposal published	10437/2014	Summary
17/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/11/2014	Vote in committee		
21/11/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0045/2014	Summary
16/12/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/12/2014	Decision by Parliament	T8-0076/2014	Summary
10/02/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
	End of procedure in Parliament		

10/02/2015			
23/03/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/0414(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 172
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/00339

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		10717/2006	27/11/2006	CSL	
Preparatory document		COM(2013)0848	22/01/2014	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		10437/2014	02/07/2014	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE541.479	07/11/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0045/2014	21/11/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0076/2014	16/12/2014	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2016/430 OJ L 076 23.03.2016, p. 0001 Summary

EU/Morocco Cooperation Agreement: Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

PURPOSE: to conclude a Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

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 European Commission, on the basis of a negotiating mandate from the Council, conducted negotiations and initialled the agreement with the Moroccan authorities on 8 November 2005 with a view to authorising this country to participate in the Galileo Programme. The agreement was signed on 12 December 2006, pursuant to a Council Decision authorising signature of 27 November 2006.

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

CONTENT: this proposal calls on the Council to conclude the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

Aim: the aim of the Agreement to be approved is to strengthen cooperation with Morocco in the field of satellite navigation. This Agreement allows for closer cooperation with Morocco in the area of satellite navigation. It will implement a number of elements of the European satellite

navigation programmes.

Reason for the Agreement: Morocco has know-how in space technology and applications. It would like to develop the use of satellite radionavigation on its territory and in the surrounding region (western Mediterranean and West Africa), focusing on applications specific to this region. Moroccan and European firms have had industrial cooperation links in the space sector for several years, providing a solid foundation on which to build and extend cooperation in this field which is of great importance for both parties.

Sector cooperation: the sectors for cooperation in satellite navigation and timing envisaged by the agreement are:

- scientific research,
- industrial manufacturing,
- training, application,
- service and market development, trade,
- radio-spectrum issues,
- integrity issues,
- standardisation and certification.

The agreement is expected to reinforce the joint activities in these sectors to the benefit of the citizens, industries and the scientific communities of the parties

Territorial provisions: Bulgaria and Romania are to become parties to the agreement by the conclusion of a protocol in accordance with Art 6(2) of the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania and the adjustments to the treaties on which the European Union is founded.

Croatia shall also become a party in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Treaty.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the Agreement has no financial impact on the EU budget.

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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 21 April 2005, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Morocco for the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).

In accordance with the Council Decision of 27 November 2006, the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco was signed on 12 December 2006.

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

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the EU, the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

The future Agreement will allow for closer cooperation with Morocco in the area of satellite navigation. It will implement a number of elements of the European satellite navigation programmes.

For details as regards the objectives of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal published on 22/04/2014.

EU/Morocco Cooperation Agreement: Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted, under the simplified procedure, the report by Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL) in which it recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

EU/Morocco Cooperation Agreement: Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

The European Parliament adopted by 615 votes to 79, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Morocco Cooperation Agreement: Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

PURPOSE: to conclude the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/430 on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation

Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco.

CONTENT: under this Council Decision, the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

The objective of the Agreement is to encourage, facilitate and enhance cooperation between the Parties in the context of European and Moroccan contributions to a civil global navigation satellite system (GNSS).

The sectors for cooperation in satellite navigation and timing are scientific research, industrial manufacturing, training, application, service and market development, trade, radio-spectrum issues, integrity issues, standardisation and certification and security.

This Agreement does not cover cooperation between the Parties in the following areas: GALILEO-related sensitive technologies and items under export control and non-proliferation regulatory measures applicable in the European Community or its Member States; cryptography; GALILEO system security architecture; and exchange of classified information concerning satellite navigation and GALILEO.

If it is agreed by the Parties that mutual benefits will be derived from the extension of cooperation to any of the following areas, this will require the negotiation and conclusion of appropriate agreements between the Parties.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 10.2.2015.