


Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2014/0052(NLE)	Procedure completed
EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol		
See also 1994/0151(AVC)		
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation		
Geographical area Russian Federation		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		26/01/2015
		PPE LANDSBERGIS Gabrielius	
	Former committee responsible		
	AFET Foreign Affairs		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	INTA International Trade		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	3428	23/11/2015

Key events			
26/02/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0101	Summary
18/07/2014	Legislative proposal published	11878/2014	Summary
15/01/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
31/03/2015	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
10/04/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0129/2015	Summary
28/04/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
28/04/2015	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0106/2015	Summary
23/11/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/11/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2014/0052(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 1994/0151(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 091; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00379

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2014)0102	26/02/2014	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2014)0101	26/02/2014	EC	Summary
For information		COM(2014)0100	26/02/2014	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		11513/2014	14/07/2014	CSL	
Legislative proposal		11878/2014	18/07/2014	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE549.251	12/02/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0129/2015	10/04/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0106/2015	28/04/2015	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2015/2194 OJ L 313 28.11.2015, p. 0020 Summary

2014/0052(NLE) - 26/02/2014 Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, 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: according to the Act of Accession of Croatia, the country is to accede to international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part was signed on 24 June 1994. The Agreement entered into force on 1 December 1997.

A Council Decision of 14 September 2012, authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned, in order to conclude the relevant protocols. The negotiations with the Russian Federation were successfully concluded.

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

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 91, 100(2), 207 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the Act of Accession of Croatia.

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.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its consent to this Protocol.

Main provisions: the proposed Protocol incorporates the Republic of Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to provide for the authentic version of the Agreement in the new official language of the EU.

The Protocol contains a clause specifying that the Agreement is amended following the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Russian Federation in particular aims to:

- promote trade and investment, including trade in transport services,
- establishes a framework for cooperation in different sectors which is limited to an overall economic, financial and technical cooperation.

2014/0052(NLE) - 18/07/2014 Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, 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 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, 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 approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, 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 proposed Protocol incorporates Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language.

For details are regards the main provisions of the Protocol and its economic implications, please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal dated 26/02/2014.

2014/0052(NLE) - 10/04/2015 Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS (PPE, LT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The parliamentary committee recommended that the European Parliament approve the conclusion of the agreement.

2014/0052(NLE) - 28/04/2015 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 591 votes to 32, with 67 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 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

2014/0052(NLE) - 23/11/2015 Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2015/2194 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: in accordance with [Council Decision 2014/956/EU](#), the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

Under this Council Decision, the Protocol is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

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

With the adoption of the adoption of this Protocol, Croatia is incorporated as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 23.11.2015.