







# Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	<a href="#">2014/0052(NLE)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol		
See also <a href="#">1994/0151(AVC)</a>		
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
	 Foreign Affairs		26/01/2015
		 <a href="#">LANDSBERGIS</a> <a href="#">Gabrielius</a>	
	Former committee responsible		
	 <a href="#">Foreign Affairs</a>		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	 <a href="#">International Trade</a>		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>	<a href="#">3428</a>	23/11/2015

Key events			
26/02/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0101	Summary
17/07/2014	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">11878/2014</a>	Summary
15/01/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2015	Vote in committee		
10/04/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A8-0129/2015</a>	Summary
28/04/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		

28/04/2015	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0106/2015</a>	Summary
23/11/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/11/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/11/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

#### Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0052(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also <a href="#">1994/0151(AVC)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207; 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
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		<a href="#">11513/2014</a>	14/07/2014	CSL	
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">11878/2014</a>	18/07/2014	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE549.251</a>	12/02/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0129/2015</a>	10/04/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0106/2015</a>	28/04/2015	EP	Summary

#### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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#### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 2015/2194</a> <a href="#">OJ L 313 28.11.2015, p. 0020</a> Summary
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## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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.

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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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 as 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.

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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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.

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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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.

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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**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.