








Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2014/0110(NLE) Procedure completed
EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement	
See also 2002/0083(AVC)	
Subject 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy	
Geographical area Lebanon	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	 MĂNESCU Ramona Nicole	02/03/2015
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 LÓPEZ Javi	
		 BELDER Bas	
	Former committee responsible		
	 Foreign Affairs		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	 International Trade		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3482	18/07/2016
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	ASHTON Catherine	

Key events			
31/03/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0201	Summary
10/12/2014	Legislative proposal published	16136/2014	Summary
25/02/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
24/05/2016	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
31/05/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st	A8-0193/2016	Summary

	reading/single reading		
23/06/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/06/2016	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0281/2016	Summary
18/07/2016	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/07/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/07/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0110(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2002/0083(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 212
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00414

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2014)0200	31/03/2014	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2014)0201	31/03/2014	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		16136/2014	10/12/2014	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		16135/2014	10/12/2014	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE565.047	08/03/2016	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0193/2016	31/05/2016	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0281/2016	23/06/2016	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2016/1225 OJ L 202 28.07.2016, p. 0003 Summary
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PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of that country in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

BACKGROUND: as part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the gradual opening up of certain European Union programmes and agencies to ENP partner countries is one of many measures to promote reform, modernisation and transition in the European Union's neighbourhood. The Commission has expanded on this in its [Communication](#) on the general approach to enable European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries to participate in Community agencies and Community programmes. The Council endorsed this approach in conclusions on 5 March 2007.

The Council, on 18 June 2007, issued directives to the Commission to negotiate Framework Agreements with Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia and Ukraine, on the general principles for their participation in Community programmes. To date, Protocols have been signed with Armenia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Moldova, Morocco and Ukraine.

In December 2013, Lebanon expressed its interest in participating in the broad range of programmes open to partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The text of the Protocol negotiated with Lebanon is attached and the subject of this proposal. It is now appropriate for the European Union to conclude the protocol.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 212 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and Article 218(7) thereof.

CONTENT: this is a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol. This Protocol contains a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. It contains standard conditions that should be applied to all European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries with whom such protocols are to be concluded.

Objectives: the protocol seeks to define the financial and technical rules permitting Lebanon to participate in certain EU programmes.

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation measure and allows Lebanon to receive technical assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the European Union pursuant to the European Union programmes.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes.

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 Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union.

The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Council is requested to conclude the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes on behalf of the Union.

Objectives of the Protocol: the objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Lebanon to participate in certain Union programmes. The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation and allows Lebanon to receive assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the Union pursuant to those programmes.

That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of Lebanon.

The conclusion of the Protocol does not therefore entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

For further details of the Protocol, please refer to the summary of the Commissions initial legislative proposal dated 31/03/2014.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Ramona Nicole Mănescu (EPP, RO) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States,

of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in Union programmes.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

To recall, the aim of the Protocol is to define the financial and technical rules permitting Lebanon to participate in certain EU programmes.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

The European Parliament adopted by 501 votes to 30, with 45 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in Union programmes.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1225 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

The objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Lebanon to participate in certain Union programmes.

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation and allows Lebanon to receive assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the Union pursuant to those programmes. That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of Lebanon.

The conclusion of the Protocol does not therefore entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

The Commission is authorised to determine, on behalf of the Union, the specific terms and conditions applicable to the participation of Lebanon in each particular Union programme, including the financial contribution to be paid.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2016.