








Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2016/0247(NLE)	Procedure completed
EU/Liechtenstein Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa		
Subject 6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas		
Geographical area Liechtenstein		

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		13/09/2016	
		 WEIDENHOLZER Josef		
	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.		
	 Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3495	08/11/2016	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		
	Migration and Home Affairs	AVRAMOPOULOS Dimitris		

Key events			
12/08/2016	Preparatory document	COM(2016)0504	Summary
25/10/2016	Legislative proposal published	12852/2016	Summary
15/12/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/01/2017	Vote in committee		
03/02/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0025/2017	Summary
02/03/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/03/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0058/2017	Summary
02/03/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
	Act adopted by Council after consultation		

03/04/2017	of Parliament		
07/04/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0247(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/8/07587

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2016)0503	12/08/2016	EC	
Preparatory document	COM(2016)0504	12/08/2016	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	12852/2016	25/10/2016	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	12881/2016	25/10/2016	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE589.494	13/12/2016	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0025/2017	03/02/2017	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0058/2017	02/03/2017	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2017/657](#)
[OJ L 094 07.04.2017, p. 0001](#) Summary

EU/Liechtenstein Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, an Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

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 515/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa (ISF Borders and Visa) for the period 2014 to 2020, as well as [Regulation \(EU\) No 514/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management became applicable as of 1 January 2014.

The purpose of the ISF-Borders and Visa is to establish a solidarity mechanism binding the participating states by the same European rules on the control of external borders in each other's interests and on each other's behalf. The instrument will serve to accomplish a key objective of the Schengen acquis, namely to share responsibility for an efficient, high and uniform level of control at the external borders.

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 provides that the countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation, including provisions ensuring the protection of the Union's financial interests and

the power of audit of the Court of Auditors.

The aim of the draft Agreement with Liechtenstein (the associated country) is to establish the arrangements referred to in Article 5(7) of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 and to enable the Commission to assume ultimate responsibility for implementation of the budget of the instrument in this associated country and determine this country's contribution to the Union budget in respect of this instrument.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council approves the Agreement with Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020.

The draft Decision aims to conclude arrangements between the Union and Liechtenstein on this country's contribution to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa for the period 2014-2020 and on the supplementary rules necessary for this participation.

This proposal constitutes a development of elements of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom and Ireland do not take part. Denmark shall decide within a period of six months after the Council has decided on this Decision whether it will implement it in its national law.

EU/Liechtenstein Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, an Agreement between the European Union and Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

LEGISLATIVE 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 Agreement between the European Union and Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 ("the Agreement") was signed by the Commission , subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014^[1] of the European Parliament and of the Council provides that the countries associated with the Schengen acquis participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions. Arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation, including provisions ensuring the protection of the Union's financial interests and the powers of audit of the Court of Auditors.

CONTENT: the draft Decision proposes that the Council approve, on behalf of the EU, the Agreement with Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020.

Denmark, the United Kingdom and Ireland are not taking part in the adoption of the Decision and are not bound by it or subject to its application.

EU/Liechtenstein Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Josef WEIDENHOLZER (S&D, AT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

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

In the short justification accompanying the report, it is recalled that the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa (ISF Borders and Visa) established by [Regulation \(EU\) 515/2014](#), aims to ensure a high level of security in the Union while facilitating legitimate travel, through a uniform and high level of control of the external border and the effective processing of Schengen visas. The funding is around EUR 2.8 billion up to 2020.

Regulation (EU) 515/2014 stipulates that the countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation.

This proposal, the draft Agreement with Liechtenstein, is to establish exactly those arrangements, to enable the Commission to assume responsibility for the implementation of the budget of the instrument in this associated country and to determine Liechtenstein's contribution to the Union budget in respect of this instrument (around EUR 200 000 per year).

The rapporteur supported this proposal which will serve to accomplish a key objective of the Schengen acquis, namely to share responsibility for an efficient, high and uniform level of control at the external borders, in compliance with the Union's commitment to fundamental freedoms and human rights.

EU/Liechtenstein Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

The European Parliament adopted by 550 votes to 32, with 66 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

In line with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EU/Liechtenstein Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the European Union and Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/657 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

CONTENT: the Council approved the Agreement between the EU and Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020 on behalf of the Union

The Agreement was signed by the Commission on 5 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Through Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the EU set up the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa in the framework of the Internal Security Fund. That Regulation provides that the countries associated with the development of the Schengen, amongst which is Liechtenstein, participate in the instrument and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation.

For the period 2016 to 2018, the Agreement provides that Liechtenstein will make payments of EUR 218 815 per year to the budget of the ISF-Borders and Visa. For the years 2019 and 2020, Liechtenstein's contributions will be calculated in accordance with its respective Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a percentage of the GDP of all States participating in the ISF-Borders and Visa.

This Decision constitutes a development of elements of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom and Ireland do not take part. Denmark shall decide within a period of six months after the Council has decided on this Decision whether it will implement it in its national law.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 3.4.2017.