







Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2017/0104(NLE)
EU/Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) Cooperation Agreement: development of satellite navigation and provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Industry, Research and Energy	 BUZEK Jerzy	21/06/2017
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 TOŠENOVSKÝ Evžen	
		 NAGTEGAAL Caroline	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	3636	18/09/2018
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	BIEŃKOWSKA Elżbieta	

Key events			
01/06/2017	Preparatory document	COM(2017)0258	Summary
22/01/2018	Legislative proposal published	11351/2017	Summary
08/02/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/06/2018	Vote in committee		
21/06/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0213/2018	Summary
03/07/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/07/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0269/2018	Summary

18/09/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/10/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/0104(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 218-p8-a1; 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/8/10063

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		13661/2016	15/11/2016	CSL	
Preparatory document		COM(2017)0258	01/06/2017	EC	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		PE608.021	07/07/2017	EP	
Legislative proposal		11351/2017	23/01/2018	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE608.020	16/05/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0213/2018	21/06/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0269/2018	03/07/2018	EP	Summary

Final act
Decision 2018/1603 OJ L 268 26.10.2018, p. 0001 Summary

EU/Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) Cooperation Agreement: development of satellite navigation and provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation

PURPOSE: to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

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 25 September 2014, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, an international agreement with ASECNA establishing the conditions for the provision of a satellite-based augmentation service (SBAS) in Africa on the basis of the EGNOS European satellite navigation programme.

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and ASECNA on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation was signed on 5 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The European Union and Africa have been cooperating on satellite navigation since the 2011-2013 action plan implementing the Africa-EU

strategic partnership. The need for cooperation in this field was reaffirmed in the 2014-2017 roadmap adopted at the Africa-EU summit in April 2014.

The European satellite navigation programmes form a key part of European Union transport policy, especially air transport. They have been promoted internationally, mainly as a result of cooperation agreements entered into with countries such as the United States of America, China, South Korea and Israel.

CONTENT: this proposal for a Council Decision seeks to authorise the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and ASECNA on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

The Agreement establishes a framework for the cooperation required for setting up and operating an independent SBAS system, but based on the European EGNOS system, in ASECNA's area of competence.

The aims of this Agreement are to develop satellite navigation and to provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation by enabling it to benefit from European satellite navigation programmes.

The Agreement comprises a technical part and also covers questions of financing and governance.

The Union shall assist ASECNA in:

- the definition and design of the SBAS/ASECNA system;
- the development and deployment of control centres;
- the development and deployment of the NLES stations and transponders;
- the approval and certification;
- the preparations for launching operations, mainly in putting in place the governance scheme for provision of services, declaration of services;
- preparing the documents for calls for tender.

The parties shall cooperate on:

- the use in Africa of the system produced by the Galileo programme,
- radio spectrum, standards, certification and international organisations,
- safety, research and development,
- promotion satellite navigation services on the African continent.

Financing: the cost of setting up and operating the infrastructure provided for by the Agreement, which belongs to ASECNA, will be financed by ASECNA's budget, by its member states or by contributions, in the form of loans or donations, from countries in the European Union and international financial institutions.

In order to set up and operate the SBAS-ASECNA system, the Union will facilitate ASECNA's access to its cooperation and development funds for both current and future programmes.

The Agreement provides for the setting up of a joint committee for management and correct implementation.

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

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 Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and ASECNA on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation was signed on 5 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Union strategy aiming to develop the use of this technology and provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence, particularly by creating an autonomous satellite-based augmentation service (SBAS) for the benefit of ASECNA and more generally to promote the use of satellite navigation on the African continent, is pursued actively under this Agreement.

The Agreement must now be concluded.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision aims to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and ASECNA on the other, on the development of satellite radio navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

The objectives of the Agreement are to develop satellite radio navigation and to provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation by enabling it to benefit from European satellite radio navigation programmes.

The Agreement is part of the promotion of services based on these European satellite radio navigation programs on the African continent. The co-operation activities provided for in the Agreement mainly concern the establishment and operation of the SBAS-ASECNA system, based on EGNOS system technology.

They also cover the use in Africa of the system produced by the Galileo programme, radio spectrum, standards, certification and international

organisations, safety, research and development, human resources, communication and visibility, personnel exchanges and the promotion of satellite radio navigation services on the African continent.

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The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

The committee recommended that Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

The objectives of the agreement are to develop satellite radio navigation and to provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation by enabling it to benefit from European satellite radio navigation programmes.

EU/Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) Cooperation Agreement: development of satellite navigation and provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation

The European Parliament adopted, by 633 votes to 23, with 12 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and ASECNA on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation was signed on 5 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date. The agreement promotes the use of satellite navigation on the African continent.

EU/Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) Cooperation Agreement: development of satellite navigation and provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation

PURPOSE: to approve the cooperation agreement between the European Union and the Agency for the Safety of Air Navigation in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/1603 on the conclusion on the behalf of the Union of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.

CONTENT: the Council decided to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for the Safety of Air Navigation in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for civil aviation.

The EU's strategy aims, on the basis of the European satellite navigation programmes:

- to develop the use of this technology and provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence, in particular by creating an autonomous satellite-based augmentation service (SBAS) for ASECNA,
- and more generally, to promote the use of satellite navigation on the African continent.

The cooperation agreement was signed on 5 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date. Its objectives are to develop satellite navigation and provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation by enabling it to benefit from European satellite navigation programmes.

The cooperation activities provided for in the agreement mainly concern those aimed at the establishment and operation of the SBAS-ASECNA system, based on EGNOS system technology. They also cover the use in Africa of the Galileo system, radio spectrum, standards, certification and international organisations, safety, research and development, human resources, communication and visibility, staff exchanges and the promotion of satellite navigation services on the African continent.

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