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Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2017/0238(NLE)
EU/Euratom/Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement	
See also <a href="#">2017/2269(INI)</a>	
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.04.04 Relations with Caucasus countries	
Geographical area Armenia	
Procedure completed	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	 <a href="#">TÓKÉS László</a>	01/02/2016
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">ZEMKE Janusz</a>	
		 <a href="#">TANNOCK Timothy</a> <a href="#">Charles Ayrton</a>	
		 <a href="#">KYUCHYUK Ilhan</a>	
		 <a href="#">MESZERICS Tamás</a>	
		 <a href="#">CASTALDO Fabio</a> <a href="#">Massimo</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 International Trade	 <a href="#">KATAINEN Elsi</a>	11/10/2017
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">3560</a>	25/09/2017

Key events			
25/09/2017	Debate in Council	<a href="#">3560</a>	

25/09/2017	Preparatory document	<a href="#">JOIN(2017)0037</a>	Summary
23/10/2017	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">12543/2017</a>	Summary
11/12/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/05/2018	Vote in committee		
17/05/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A8-0177/2018</a>	Summary
03/07/2018	Debate in Parliament		
04/07/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
04/07/2018	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0283/2018</a>	Summary
26/06/2020	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/07/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2017/0238(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also <a href="#">2017/2269(INI)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p8-a2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 209-p1; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 337; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/11101

### Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">COM(2017)0549</a>	25/09/2017	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">JOIN(2017)0036</a>	25/09/2017	ECHR	
Preparatory document		<a href="#">JOIN(2017)0037</a>	25/09/2017	ECHR	Summary
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">12543/2017</a>	24/10/2017	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE615.325</a>	13/03/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	<b>INTA</b>	<a href="#">PE615.404</a>	22/03/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0177/2018</a>	17/05/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0283/2018</a>	04/07/2018	EP	Summary

### Final act

Regulation 2021/270

## EU/Euratom/Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, Armenia, on the other.

**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:** relations between the European Union and Armenia are currently based on the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 July 1999 for an initial ten-year period and which has been automatically renewed.

On 29 September 2015, the Council adopted Decisions authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to negotiate a Framework Agreement between the EU and Armenia. The European Parliament has been kept promptly and fully informed throughout the negotiations.

The Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part was signed on 24 November 2017, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Council must adopt a decision concluding the Agreement after approval by the European Parliament.

**CONTENT:** the Joint Proposal of the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is the legal instrument required for the conclusion of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part.

The Agreement aims to strengthen political dialogue by creating an institutional framework and organising cooperation procedures between Armenia and the EU in a wide range of areas. It paves the way for a more effective bilateral relationship with Armenia and is an important step towards increased political and economic involvement of the European Union in the South Caucasus.

The Agreement:

- includes the EU's standard political clauses on human rights, the international criminal courts, weapons of mass destruction, small arms and light weapons, and counterterrorism. It also contains provisions on cooperation in areas such as transport, energy, health, the environment, climate change, taxation, education and culture, employment and social affairs, banking and insurance, industrial policy, agriculture and rural development, tourism, research and innovation, and mining;
- covers legal cooperation, the rule of law, combating money laundering and terrorist financing, and fighting organised crime and corruption;
- foresees that Armenia shall take steps to develop a well-functioning market economy and to gradually approximate its economic and financial regulations and policies to those of the European Union, as well as supporting Armenia in ensuring sound macroeconomic policies;
- contains a substantive trade title with important commitments in several trade policy areas. These will improve conditions for bilateral EU-Armenia trade, while taking full account of Armenia's obligations as a member of the Eurasian Economic Union. They will ensure a better regulatory environment for economic operators in areas such as trade in services and goods, setting up and running companies, capital movements, government procurement and intellectual property rights, sustainable development, and competition;
- creates a Subcommittee on Geographical Indications to be approved by the Commission on behalf of the European Union. Where interested parties cannot reach agreement following objections relating to a geographical indication, the Commission shall adopt such a position on the basis of the procedure laid down in Article 57 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs.

Although the Agreement is designed to bring Armenian law gradually closer to the EU acquis, it does not go as far as to establish an association between the EU and Armenia.

## EU/Euratom/Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude a comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part.

**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 comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Agreement constitutes an important step towards the increased political and economic involvement of the Union in the South Caucasus. By intensifying political dialogue and improving cooperation in a broad range of areas, it will provide the basis for more effective bilateral engagement with Armenia.

It is therefore appropriate to approve the agreement on behalf of the Union.

**CONTENT:** the draft Council decision aims to approve, on behalf of the Union, the comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the one hand, and Armenia.

The new agreement develops these areas further, thus providing a long-term basis for further developing EU-Armenia relations.

The agreement:

- includes standard EU political clauses on human rights, the international criminal courts, weapons of mass destruction, small arms and light weapons, and counterterrorism. It also contains provisions on cooperation in areas such as transport, energy, health, the environment, climate change, taxation, education and culture, employment and social affairs, banking and insurance, industrial policy, agriculture and rural development, tourism, research and innovation, and mining;
- covers legal cooperation, the rule of law, combating money laundering and terrorist financing, and fighting organised crime and corruption;
- foresees that Armenia shall take steps to develop a well-functioning market economy and to gradually approximate its economic and financial regulations and policies to those of the European Union, as well as supporting Armenia in ensuring sound macroeconomic policies;
- contains a substantive trade title with important commitments in several trade policy areas. These will improve conditions for bilateral EU-Armenia trade, while taking full account of Armenia's obligations as a member of the Eurasian Economic Union.

The agreement provides for a series of provisions on the procedures applicable to the protection of protected geographical indications.

The draft Council Decision stipulates that a name protected under the provisions of the agreement may be used by any operator marketing agricultural products, foodstuffs, wines, aromatised wines or spirits in accordance with the corresponding specification.

Member States and Union institutions shall enforce the protection provided for in the Agreement, regardless of whether they have been requested to do so by an interested party.

## EU/Euratom/Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by László TŐKÉS (EPP, HU) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement. It also adopted an own-initiative report containing a [non-legislative motion for a resolution](#) on the draft Council decision.

## EU/Euratom/Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement

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The European Parliament adopted, by 573 votes to 50, with 45 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part.

Parliament gave its consent to the renewal of the agreement. It also adopted an own-initiative report containing a [non-legislative motion for a resolution](#) on the draft Council decision.