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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2018/0009(NLE)	Awaiting final decision
EU/USA Memorandum of Cooperation in civil aviation research and development: amendment		
See also 2011/0021(NLE)		
Subject 3.20.15.02 Air transport agreements and cooperation 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements		
Geographical area United States		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Industry, Research and Energy	 PAKSAS Rolandas	21/02/2018
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Shadow rapporteur	
		 KELLY Seán	
		 KUMPULA-NATRI Miapetra	
		 CZESAK Edward	
		 MEISSNER Gesine	
		 TURMES Claude	
European Commission	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Mobility and Transport	BULC Violeta	

Key events			
16/01/2018	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2018)0027	Summary
23/02/2018	Legislative proposal published	05800/2018	
16/04/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
19/06/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
22/06/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st	A8-0214/2018	Summary

	reading/single reading		
12/09/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0335/2018	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2018/0009(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2011/0021(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2
Modified legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 150
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/12093

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		14031/2017	05/12/2017	CSL	
Initial legislative proposal		COM(2018)0027	16/01/2018	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		05800/2018	23/02/2018	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE620.812	10/04/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0214/2018	22/06/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0335/2018	12/09/2018	EP	Summary

2018/0009(NLE) - 16/01/2018 Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the Union and of the United States.

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

BACKGROUND: since 2004, the European Union has set out to improve the performance of air traffic management (ATM) in Europe by reforming the way air traffic is managed and organised and also by modernising and harmonising the European ATM infrastructure through the Single European Sky (SES) initiative.

Sharing the common goal to develop safer and more efficient air transport, in 2011, the European Union and the United States of America signed the Memorandum of Cooperation between the United States of America and the European Union in civil aviation research and development (MoC).

The cooperative activities carried out so far under the MoC mainly address ATM particularly cooperation in the field of research and development (R&D) between SESAR and NextGen programme managed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Cooperation under the MoC, in particular between SESAR and NextGen, has reached a high level of maturity and has delivered important results in terms of promoting global interoperability of ATM systems. This led the two parties to explore the potential for extending the scope of cooperation to topics relating to the deployment of ATM systems.

On this basis, the Council authorised the Commission on 8 May 2017 to negotiate with the FAA concerning an amendment to the MoC to extend its scope to cover deployment. The Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union was signed on 13 December 2017, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

CONTENT: the proposed Decision aims to authorise the entry into force of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 signed by the representatives of the Union and of the United States on the basis of a corresponding Council Decision.

The Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation extends the scope of cooperation between the Parties to all phases of air traffic

management modernisation, including deployment activities, with the goal of ensuring global interoperability and modifies the structure and governance of the Memorandum so as to optimise the implementation and management of the cooperative activities carried out thereunder.

The research, development and validation activities related to the MoC will continue to be planned and monitored by the SESAR Joint Undertaking. The deployment activities will be planned and monitored by the SESAR Deployment Manager under the specific grant agreements signed with the Commission.

2018/0009(NLE) - 22/06/2018 Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Rolandas PAKSAS (EFD, LT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union

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

Amendment 1 to Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union was negotiated between the Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and, on the basis of a corresponding Council Decision, was signed on 13 December 2017, at the same time as the process of adopting this decision.

The amendment builds entirely on the same objectives and principles that underlie the existing Memorandum of Cooperation between the EU and the United States in the area of research and development in civil aviation.

The activities carried out so far under the Memorandum mainly address air traffic management (ATM) systems, in particular the cooperation in the field of research and development (R&D) between the SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research) project, the technological component of the Single European Sky (SES) initiative and NextGen, the programme managed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

As stated in the explanatory memorandum accompanying the report, the extension of the scope of cooperation between the Union and the USA to all phases of ATM modernization, including deployment, represents the natural evolution of the work successfully carried out under the current Memorandum of Cooperation.

The proposed Decision aims to authorise the entry into force of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum signed by the representatives of the Union and of the United States on the basis of a corresponding Council Decision. The Amendment includes the revised main text of the Memorandum of Cooperation and a revised Annex 1 ("ATM modernisation and global interoperability"). This initiative complies with the EUs political priorities with regards to the internal market, growth and jobs and the European Union as a global actor. The recommendation is consistent with the EUs research and innovation policy and the Trans-European Networks policy on which the SESAR research and development and deployment frameworks are based. It is in the EUs interest to give the consent to the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union.

2018/0009(NLE) - 12/09/2018 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 633 votes to 52, with 20 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

Amendment 1 of the Memorandum of Cooperation extends the scope of cooperation between the Parties to all phases of ATM modernisation (i.e. R&D, validation, demonstration and deployment), with the objective of ensuring global interoperability, and modifies the structure and governance of the Memorandum so as to optimise the implementation and management of the cooperative activities carried out thereunder.