







# Procedure file

Basic information	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Key events			
06/07/2023	Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2023)0379</a>	Summary
31/01/2024	Legislative proposal published	15093/2023	Summary
26/02/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/04/2024	Vote in committee		
11/04/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A9-0175/2024</a>	
23/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0306/2024</a>	

Technical information	
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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 212; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFET/9/12667

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">COM(2023)0382</a>	06/07/2023	EC	
Preparatory document		<a href="#">COM(2023)0379</a>	06/07/2023	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		15093/2023	31/01/2024	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE759.729</a>	06/03/2024	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE760.948</a>	04/04/2024	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0175/2024</a>	11/04/2024	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0306/2024</a>	23/04/2024	EP	

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

**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the general principles for the participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt 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:** the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, was signed in Luxembourg on 25 June 2001 and entered into force on 1 June 2004.

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 Unions neighbourhood.

The revised European Neighbourhood Policy spelt out in the new EU Agenda for the Mediterranean and the Council Conclusions on a renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood of 16 April 2021, the intention to open up and facilitate access to EU programmes for the EUs Southern Partners and to enhance cooperation in Research and Innovation, including through association with the Horizon Europe Programme.

In October 2021, during the EU-Egypt Association Committee, Egypt expressed its interest in signing a Protocol to a Framework Agreement for their association to Horizon Europe and potential full participation in further selected EU programmes.

To date, similar protocols have been signed with Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia, and Ukraine.

**CONTENT :** the Commission proposes that the Council should decide to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the general principles for the participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Union programmes.

The objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling the Arab Republic of Egypt to participate in EU programmes. This framework applies only to these programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide the possibility of the

participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation and allows the Arab Republic of Egypt to receive assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the European Union to participate in the programmes.

The specific terms and conditions regarding the participation of Egypt in each particular Union programme, in particular, the financial contribution to be paid by Egypt as well as reporting and evaluation procedures, should be determined by agreement between the European Commission and the competent authorities of Egypt.

No later than three years after the date of entry into force of this Protocol, and every three years thereafter, both Parties may review the implementation of this Protocol on the basis of the actual participation of Egypt in Union programmes.

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**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 Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the general principles for the participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the Union.

**CONTENT:** the Council draft concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the general principles for the participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Union programmes.

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The framework set up by the Protocol applies only to those programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of Egypt. The signing and provisional application of the Protocol does not, therefore, entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies which are exercised when establishing the programmes.