

EU/Azerbaijan Framework Agreement: general principles for the participation of Azerbaijan in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC /Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of this country Azerbaijan in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1210 on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Azerbaijan to participate in certain Union programmes.

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol constitutes an economic, financial and technical cooperation measure which allows for access to assistance, in particular financial assistance, to be provided by the Union pursuant to those Union programmes. That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The conclusion of the Protocol therefore does not entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2016.