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

2014/0110(NLE) - 18/07/2016 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1225 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

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

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation and allows Lebanon to receive assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the Union pursuant to those programmes. That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of Lebanon.

The conclusion of the Protocol does not therefore entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

The Commission is authorised to determine, on behalf of the Union, the specific terms and conditions applicable to the participation of Lebanon in each particular Union programme, including the financial contribution to be paid.

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