Basic information

1993/1142(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Bulgaria Europe agreement **Subject** 6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe **Geographical area** Bulgaria	

Key players

Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	General Affairs	1820	1994-12-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/02/1993	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0045	
01/03/1993	Legislative proposal published	04899/1993	Summary
19/04/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/10/1993	Vote in committee		Summary
25/10/1993	Debate in Parliament		Summary
19/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1993/1142(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 101 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 238 ECSC Treaty C 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/3/04520

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0277/1993 OJ C 296 01.11.1993, p. 0004	07/10/1993	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0535/1993 OJ C 315 22.11.1993, p. 0070-0103	27/10/1993	
Council of the EU				
Document type		**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Legislative proposal		04899/1993	01/03/1993	Summary
European Commission				
Document type		**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Initial legislative proposal		COM(1993)0045	18/02/1993	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 1994/0908 OJ L 358 31.12.1994, p. 0001	Summary

EC/Bulgaria Europe agreement

1993/1142(AVC) - 19/12/1994 - Final act

The Council adopted this decision concerning the conclusion of a European association agreement between the Community and its Member States and Bulgaria. It was a mixed agreement covering areas of Community and national responsibility, concluded for an unlimited period. It aimed essentially to establish a free trade area between the Community and its Member States and Bulgaria. It included for the first time political dialogue and cultural cooperation and had as a framework the future accession of Bulgaria to the European Community. In particular, the agreement provided for: - regular political dialogue, - a transitional period of 10 years consisting of two periods of five years, which did not apply to the trade provisions, - the creation of a free trade area covering all products with a mutual yet asymmetrical liberalisation process between the parties, - separate protocols for sensitive products (textiles, coal and steel, and processed agricultural products), - rules of origin and provisions relating to customs cooperation, - the improvement of the situation of Bulgarian workers residing legally in the Community, - national treatment with regard to free establishment and the provision of services by Bulgarian operators operating in the Community, - the liberalisation of the movement of capital and payments and the harmonisation of legislation, - increased financial cooperation through the allocation of non-refundable aid (e.g. Phare), EIB loans or actions providing technical macro-economic assistance, - an association council meeting at least once a year which would have certain decision-making powers, as well as an association parliamentary committee of an advisory nature. This agreement replaced the former economic and trade cooperation agreement

concluded between the Community and Bulgaria on 8 May 1990. Following the conclusion of the ratification procedures by the contracting parties, this agreement entered into force on 1 January 1995.

EC/Bulgaria Europe agreement

1993/1142(AVC) - 01/03/1993 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a decision sought to conclude an Association Agreement between the Community and its Member States and Bulgaria. It was a mixed agreement covering areas of both Community and national competence, concluded for an unlimited period. It aimed essentially to establish a free trade area between the Community and its Member States and Bulgaria. It included for the first time political dialogue and cultural cooperation and had as a framework the future accession of Bulgaria to the European Community. In particular, the agreement provided for: - regular political dialogue, - a transitional period of 10 years consisting of two periods of five years, which did not apply to the trade provisions, - the creation of a free trade area covering all products with a mutual yet asymmetrical liberalisation process between the parties, - separate protocols for sensitive products (textiles, coal and steel, and processed agricultural products), - rules of origin and provisions relating to customs cooperation, - the management of transfrontier waters in a protocol annexed to the agreement, - the improvement of the situation of Bulgarian workers residing legally in the Community, - national treatment with regard to free establishment and the provision of services by Bulgarian operators operating in the Community, - the liberalisation of the movement of capital and payments and the harmonisation of legislation, - increased financial cooperation through the allocation of non-refundable aid (e.g. Phare), EIB loans or actions providing technical macro-economic assistance, - an association council meeting at least once a year which would have certain decision-making powers, as well as an association parliamentary committee of an advisory nature. This agreement replaced the former economic and trade cooperation agreement concluded between the Community and Bulgaria.