

**Basic information****1994/0151(AVC)**

AVC - Assent procedure (historic)

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

See also [1996/0106\(AVC\)](#)See also [2004/0087\(CNS\)](#)See also [2007/0048\(CNS\)](#)See also [2011/0328\(NLE\)](#)See also [2014/0052\(NLE\)](#)**Subject**

6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation

**Geographical area**

Russian Federation

Procedure completed

**Key players**European  
Parliament**Committee responsible****AFET**

Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy

**Rapporteur****CARRÈRE D'ENCAUSSE**  
Hélène (RDE)**Appointed**

28/07/1994

**Committee for opinion****BUDG**

Budgets

**Rapporteur for opinion****MCCARTIN John Joseph**  
(PPE)**Appointed**

26/09/1994

**ENER**

Research, Technological Development and Energy

**LINKOHR Rolf (PSE)**

05/10/1994

**RELA**

External Economic Relations

The committee decided not  
to give an opinion.**TRAN**

Transport and Tourism

Council of the  
European Union**Council configuration****Meetings****Date**

General Affairs

1844

1995-04-10

Fisheries

2037

1997-10-30

Social Affairs

1775

1994-06-22

## Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/06/1994	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0257 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
10/04/1995	Debate in Council		<a href="#">Summary</a>
30/05/1995	Legislative proposal published	07630/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>
12/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/11/1995	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
21/11/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0294/1995	
29/11/1995	Debate in Parliament		<a href="#">Summary</a>
30/10/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
30/10/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/11/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

## Technical information

<b>Procedure reference</b>	1994/0151(AVC)
<b>Procedure type</b>	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	International agreement
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	See also <a href="#">1996/0106(AVC)</a> See also <a href="#">2004/0087(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2007/0048(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2011/0328(NLE)</a> See also <a href="#">2014/0052(NLE)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Euratom Treaty A 101-p2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 238 ECSC Treaty C 095
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	AFET/4/06660

## Documentation gateway

### European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0294/1995</a> <a href="#">OJ C 339 18.12.1995, p. 0004</a>	21/11/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T4-0582/1995</a> <a href="#">OJ C 339 18.12.1995, p. 0039-0045</a>	30/11/1995	<a href="#">Summary</a>

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	07630/1994	30/05/1995	Summary
Supplementary legislative basic document	N4-0358/1995	09/08/1995	Summary
<b>European Commission</b>			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1994)0257 	15/06/1994	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 1997/0800 OJ L 327 28.11.1997, p. 0001	Summary

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

1994/0151(AVC) - 30/10/1997

**OBJECTIVE:** conclusion of a partnership and cooperation agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Russia.

**COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council and Commission Decision 97/800/ECSC, EC, Euratom on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part.

**SUBSTANCE:** This is a mixed agreement covering areas of responsibility both of the Community and of the Member States. - Duration of the Agreement: it has been concluded for an initial period of 10 years and will be automatically renewed year by year, provided there is no objection by either side. - Democracy clause: the Agreement is based on respect for human rights and democratic principles, and on the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris. - Most-favoured-nation clause: the Agreement makes provision for most-favoured-nation treatment, though not for the first five years in relation to a certain number of advantages specified in the Agreement (this transitional period may be extended by mutual consent). - The Agreement establishes a political dialogue between the parties, relating primarily to the strengthening of economic and political ties between the European Union and Russia and to international issues. - Areas of cooperation: The Agreement makes provision for the future establishing of a free-trade area (in 1998 the parties will examine whether circumstances allow the beginning of negotiations for this purpose) and consolidates cooperation in the following fields: trade in goods (including nuclear materials, with provision for future arrangements in this field); conditions for the employment of nationals of both parties; establishment and operation of companies; cross-border supply of services; payments and capital; competition; protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property; legislative cooperation; economic and industrial cooperation (development of business links, investment promotion and protection, public procurement); cultural cooperation; cooperation in science and technology, energy, transport, telecommunications, etc.; cooperation in the field of education and training; cooperation on the environment; cooperation in the field of justice and internal affairs (drugs, money laundering, illegal activities, corruption); financial cooperation, in the form of non-refundable assistance under the TACIS programme. - The Agreement lays down the institutional framework for its implementation, providing - as part of the political dialogue - for annual meetings at the highest level (EU-Russia Summit), meetings at ministerial level (Cooperation Council), meetings of senior officials (Cooperation Committee) and meetings at parliamentary level (Parliamentary Cooperation Committee bringing together the European Parliament and the Duma).  
**ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT:** the Agreement signed by the parties on 24 June 1994 enters into force on 1 December 1997.

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

1994/0151(AVC) - 15/06/1994 - Initial legislative proposal

The proposal for a Council and Commission decision seeks to conclude a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part. This mixed agreement covers the area of competence of the

Community and the Member States and is concluded for an initial period of 10 years. The Agreement is based on respect for human rights and democratic principles and can be suspended unilaterally in the event of these principles not being respected. It comprises a 'most-favoured nation' clause, though this will not apply for a period of 5 years in respect of a number of advantages provided for in the Agreement. The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishes a political dialogue between the parties and essentially covers the following areas: - trade in goods; - conditions relating to employment; - establishment and operation of companies; - cross-border supply of services; - current payments and capital; - competition; - protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property; - legislative cooperation; - economic cooperation; - cultural cooperation; - financial cooperation. The Agreement establishes the institutional framework for its implementation by creating a threefold structure comprising a Cooperation Council, a Cooperation Committee and a Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. The Agreement provides for the creation of a future free-trade zone. In 1998 the situation will be assessed in order to determine whether negotiations can begin on the setting-up of free-trade arrangements.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement**

1994/0151(AVC) - 30/11/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs CARRERE D'ENCAUSSE (RDE, F), Parliament gave its assent to the proposal for a decision to conclude a partnership and cooperation agreement between the European Communities and Russia.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement**

1994/0151(AVC) - 09/08/1995 - Supplementary legislative basic document

In a letter addressed to the President of the European Parliament dated 9 August 1995, the Council presented to Parliament the definitive draft decision concluding the EC-Russia cooperation agreement, on the understanding that the legal uncertainties affecting the agreement had been removed. The definitive legal basis is therefore as follows: - Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty; - Articles 54 (second paragraph) and 57 (second paragraph) of the EC Treaty (final sentence); - Articles 66, 73c (second paragraph) of the EC Treaty; - Articles 75 and 84 (second paragraph) of the EC Treaty; - Articles 99, 100, 113 and 235, in conjunction with Article 228 (second and third paragraphs, second line) of the EC Treaty; - Article 101 of the EURATOM Treaty. The details relating to the various areas of Community policy affected by the agreement, as included in the recitals, are maintained along with the position to be adopted by the Community within the Cooperation Council and Committee. The latter is to be determined by the Council, at the Commission's instigation, or, if necessary, by the Commission in accordance with the EC, ECSC and EURATOM Treaties.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement**

1994/0151(AVC) - 30/05/1995 - Legislative proposal

By letter dated 30 May 1995, the Council forwarded to Parliament the text of a new proposal for a decision aimed at adopting the EC-Russia partnership agreement and called on Parliament to give its opinion on the proposal. Pending a decision as to whether or not certain articles of the legal basis for this decision were to be added, the Council forwarded the amended text of the decision to the EP so that it could begin its work on the proposal but reserved the right to determine the appropriate definitive basis at a later stage. Parliament would be informed of the final text as soon as the Council had made its decision. The amendments related to the following points: - inclusion in the legal basis of Article 54(2), the last sentence of Article 57(2), Articles 66, 73c(2), 75, 84(2), 99, 100 and 100a as well as Articles 113 and 235 in conjunction with Article 228(2) and the second line of Article 228(3); - reference in the recitals to the Community's obligations under the agreement, justifying the addition of several articles in the legal basis: the agreement affected in particular the arrangements laid down by Community acts in the areas of establishment, transport and the treatment of enterprises. It also imposed obligations regarding capital movements and payments between the Community and Russia. Insofar as the agreement affected Directive 90/434/EEC on the system of taxation applicable to mergers and Directive 90/435/EEC on the system of taxation applicable in the case of parent companies and subsidiaries of different Member States, based on Article 100, that Article should also be used as a legal basis. Finally, certain provisions of the agreement imposed on the Community obligations in the field of the provision of services that went beyond the cross-border framework; - in the body of the text of the decision, a reference to the Cooperation Committee was added. Its position was to be determined by the Council, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission, or by the Commission itself, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the TEU. In addition, the recommendations of the Cooperation Council and the Cooperation Committee would be published in the OJ on a case-by-case basis.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement**

1994/0151(AVC) - 10/04/1995

The Council held an exchange of views on the situation in Chechnya. Winding up its debate, the Council confirmed with regard to the Interim Agreement between the European Union and the Russian Federation the four criteria set by the Union in connection with Chechnya: a permanent OSCE presence, a cease-fire, the start of talks for a political settlement and access for humanitarian aid. It considered that the above criteria had not been met and therefore that positive signals should be awaited from Moscow that would enable the Interim Agreement to be signed as soon as possible. It reiterated its willingness to sign the Interim Agreement depending on progress towards the above objectives.