Basic information

1995/0129(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Latvia Europe Agreement **Subject** 6.40.02.02 Relations with northern Europe and the Baltic States **Geographical area** Latvia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	REHN Elisabeth (ELDR)	21/02/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
RELA External Economic Relations	TITLEY Gary (PSE)	25/01/1995

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1853	1995-06-12
General Affairs	1847	1995-05-29
Fisheries	2063	1997-12-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/06/1995	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0207	Summary
08/08/1995	Legislative proposal published	09196/1995	
18/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/10/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
17/10/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0263/1995	
			Summary

14/11/1995	Debate in Parliament		
19/12/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/12/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
02/02/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0129(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 101-p2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 238 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2 ECSC Treaty C 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/06994

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0263/1995 OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0004	17/10/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0536/1995 OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0026-0041	15/11/1995	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	09196/1995	08/08/1995	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1995)0207	02/06/1995	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1998/0098
OJ L 026 02.02.1998, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Latvia Europe Agreement

1995/0129(AVC) - 08/08/1995

In a letter addressed to the European Parliament, the Council informed the President of the Parliament that the EC-Latvia Agreement had been signed by the parties on 12 June 1995 and that the assent of Parliament should be given to the agreement on the basis of the draft decision which it attached in an annex to the letter. As well as stating that the EC-Latvia Europe Agreement is approved by the parties, the draft decision stipulates the position which should be adopted by the Community within the Association Council and Committee (when the latter acts on the authorization of the Association Council) which are set up under the Agreement: this position is adopted by the Council at the Commission's instigation, or, if necessary, by the Commission in accordance with relevant provisions of the Treaties establishing the EC, the ECSC and EURATOM. It was also stated that the President of the Council should, under the terms of the Agreement, chair the Association Council and should in this capacity present the Community's position (at the same time a representative from the Commission would chair the Association Committee and present the Commission's position).

EC/Latvia Europe Agreement

1995/0129(AVC) - 29/05/1995

The Council noted that the Europe Association Agreements with the three Baltic states would be signed at its next meeting on 12 June and that conditions were therefore right for including those countries in the pre-accession strategy determined in Essen and allowing them to participate in ministerial meetings under the structured dialogue with the associated CEECs.

EC/Latvia Europe Agreement

1995/0129(AVC) - 19/12/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and Latvia. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council and Commission Decision 98/98/EC/ECSC/Euratom on the Conclusion of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part. CONTENT: this is a preferential agreement to establish a close, permanent association between the parties and create a suitable framework for the gradual integration of Latvia in the European Union. It is of unlimited duration and is based on respect for democratic principles and human rights. As far as trade and accompanying measures are concerned, the Europe Agreement fully integrates the provisions of the free trade agreement signed on 18 July 1994. It includes political dialogue at the highest level and incorporates a transitional period to expire on 31 December 1999, when the final association between the European Community and Latvia will be implemented. This agreement makes provision, inter alia, for: - the right of establishment; - the free movement of workers; - the provision of services (with a standstill clause); - the free movement of capital; - economic, cultural and financial cooperation: the numerous areas of cooperation include nuclear safety, the environment, transport, banking services, monetary policy, cooperation in social affairs, consumer protection, tourism and customs cooperation. Provisions have also been included in the area of justice and internal affairs (fight against drugs and money-laundering, fight against organized crime and corruption, the black market in nuclear materials and illegal immigration, taking account of the principle of respective readmission). The agreement also provides for the creation of an association council responsible for monitoring the implementation of the agreement and authorized to take decisions in specific matters as set out in the agreement. An association committee and a parliamentary committee have also been set up. This agreement replaces the agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation between the European Community and Latvia which entered into force on 1 February 1993 and, as far as trade and accompanying measures are concerned, the free trade agreement which entered into force on 1 January 1995. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Europe Agreement between the EC and Latvia will enter into force on 1 February 1998.

EC/Latvia Europe Agreement

1995/0129(AVC) - 02/06/1995 - Initial legislative proposal

This proposal for a Council and Commission decision aimed to conclude a Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Latvia, of the other part. It was a preferential agreement designed to establish a close and lasting relationship between the parties and create an appropriate framework for the gradual integration of this country into the Union. It was concluded for an indefinite period and was based on respect for democratic principles and human rights. With regard to trade and accompanying measures, the Europe Agreement fully integrated the provisions of the agreement on the liberalisation of trade which was signed on 18 July 1994. It included political dialogue at the highest possible level together with a transitional period expiring on 31 December 1999 for the definitive establishment of the Latvia-European Communities association. The agreement also contained provisions concerning: - the right of establishment, - the free movement of workers, - the provision of services (with a clause maintaining the status quo), - the free movement of capital, - economic, cultural and financial cooperation. The agreement also

made provision for the establishment of an Association Council responsible for supervising the implementation of the agreement and with the power to take decisions in specific cases provided for in the agreement. An Association Committee and a Parliamentary Committee were also established. Finally, and for the first time in a Europe Agreement, provisions were included on cooperation in the prevention of illegal activities (including drug trafficking, organised crime, illegal trade in nuclear materials and illegal immigration, taking account of the principle of readmission). The agreement replaced the agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation between the Community and Latvia which entered into force on 1 February 1993 and, as regards trade and accompanying measures, the agreement on the liberalisation of trade which entered into force on 1 January 1995.

EC/Latvia Europe Agreement

1995/0129(AVC) - 15/11/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs REHN (ELDR, FIN), Parliament gave its assent to the proposal for concluding a Europe Agreement with Latvia.