Basic information

1996/0106(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic) EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. Protocol See also 1994/0151(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation **Geographical area** Russian Federation	Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	CARRÈRE D'ENCAUSSE Hélène (UPE)	25/09/1996

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	MCCARTIN John Joseph (PPE)	24/07/1996
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
RELA External Economic Relations	KITTELMANN Peter (PPE)	28/01/1997
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1943	1996-07-15
Agriculture and Fisheries	2006	1997-05-20
Fisheries	2037	1997-10-30

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

23/05/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0150	
21/05/1997	Legislative proposal published	07963/1996	Summary
09/06/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/06/1997	Vote in committee		
09/06/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0207/1997	
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

Procedure reference	1996/0106(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also 1994/0151(AVC)
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 101 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2 ECSC Treaty C 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/08982

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0207/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0015	09/06/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0289/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0060-0066	11/06/1997	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	07963/1996	21/05/1997	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1996)0150	23/05/1996	

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. Protocol

1996/0106(AVC) - 11/06/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report of Mrs Hélène CARR RE D'ENCAUSSE (UPE, F), the European Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of this protocol.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. Protocol

1996/0106(AVC) - 30/10/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a partnership and cooperation agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Russia and of an additional protocol incorporating Austria, Finland and Sweden into the Agreement. 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 that there is no objection by either of the two sides. - 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, primarily relating to the strengthening of economic and political ties between the European Union and Russia and 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. Following the accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland to the Community on 1 January 1995, an additional protocol forming an integral part of the Agreement was signed with Russia on 21 May 1997. This protocol enters into force on the same day as the main Agreement and allows the three Member States to participate fully.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. Protocol

1996/0106(AVC) - 15/07/1996

Acting jointly with the representatives of the Member States meeting in Council session, the Council decided to proceed with the signing of the protocol following the enlargement of the Union , and subject to its conclusion at a later date.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. Protocol

1996/0106(AVC) - 21/05/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to adopt a protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Community and the Russian Federation to take account of Austria, Finland and Sweden's accession to the Community. CONTENT: the protocol is aimed solely at including the names of the three new Member States having joined the Community on 1 January 1995 (Austria, Finland and Sweden) to the list of signatories to the EC-Russia partnership agreement..