Basic information

1996/0259(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: cooperation agreement **Subject** 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans **Geographical area** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	PONS GRAU Josep E. (PSE)	28/01/1997

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	LA MALFA Giorgio (ELDR)	28/01/1997
BUDG Budgets	DELL'ALBA Gianfranco (ARE)	04/12/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2003	1997-04-29
Budget	2050	1997-11-27

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/11/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0533	Summary
26/05/1997	Legislative proposal published	08204/1997	
26/06/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/09/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
15/09/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0273/1997	
			Summary

01/10/1997	Debate in Parliament		
27/11/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/11/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/12/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0259(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 113 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 235 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/09063

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0273/1997 OJ C 325 27.10.1997, p. 0004	15/09/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0469/1997 OJ C 325 27.10.1997, p. 0010-0014	02/10/1997	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	12365/1996	08/04/1997	
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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1996)0533	25/11/1996	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1997/0831
OJ L 348 18.12.1997, p. 0001

Summary

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: cooperation agreement

1996/0259(AVC) - 27/11/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a general cooperation agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) with the aim of contributing to the latter's economic development, bolstering the market economy and promoting the development of mutual relations between the Union and FYROM. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/831/EC concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. SUBSTANCE: The purpose of the agreement is to promote general cooperation between the parties. .Besides respect for the principles of democracy and human rights, the Agreement includes an additional clause on respect for the principles of the market economy. It also comprises an important regional element, as the Community's assistance and cooperation are intended to contribute to the establishment of good-neighbourly relations between FYROM and its neighbours in South-Eastern Europe and the development of cooperation in the region. The Agreement stipulates that the readiness to enter into such relations with the countries in the region constitutes an important factor in the development of relations between the Community and FYROM. .In the field of trade, the Agreement reaffirms the preferential arrangements applicable to imports into the Community of industrial products originating in FYROM. In general, access is free, except for certain sensitive goods such as iron and steel products. The Agreement also provides for concessions to be granted for certain agricultural products originating in FYROM. Community exports to FYROM enjoy most-favoured nation status. .In the economic field, the Agreement lays down provisions on technical and financial cooperation and refers to the financial protocol annexed to it. It promotes cooperation in the fields of industry, SMEs, investment, science and technology, transport, tourism, environment and intellectual property. This cooperation may make use of the Phare programme, for which FYROM now becomes formally eligible. .The protocol on financial cooperation is an integral part of the Cooperation Agreement, providing for the financing of projects of mutual interest to the parties (particularly in the field of transport infrastructure). The implementation of the financial cooperation protocol (and of the Agreement as a whole) is subject to full compliance with FYROM's financial obligations vis-à-vis the EIB and the Community. In particular, the protocol provides for ECU 20 m in budget funds to be allocated to financing infrastructure projects, and EIB loans from its own resources totalling ECU 150 m. These amounts are for the period 1996-2000. .The Agreement also comprises an evolutive clause, which provides for the possibility of strengthening the parties' contractual relations in due course when the conditions are right for a possible associated status. .In the institutional field, the Agreements provides for the setting-up of a Cooperation Council to ensure its satisfactory implementation. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the agreement enters into force on 01.01.1998. It is concluded for an unlimited period.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: cooperation agreement

1996/0259(AVC) - 25/11/1996 - Initial legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. SUBSTANCE: the purpose of the agreement, which was initialled on 19 June 1996 and authenticated by an exchange of letters - a procedure attributable to a difference between the parties concerning the name of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - is to promote comprehensive cooperation between the contracting parties and is concluded for an unlimited period. . Like all other agreements of this type, it includes a clause on respect for democratic principles, human rights and the principles of the market economy. . The agreement provides, in particular, that Community assistance and cooperation must contribute to the establishment of good-neighbourly relations between Macedonia and its neighbours in South-Eastern Europe and to the development of regional cooperation and trade. . Where trade is concerned, the agreement comprises a preferential trade regime, based on the autonomous import regime applied to the States which have emerged from the former Yugoslavia. It also includes a protocol defining the additional trade arrangements for certain steel products and a protocol on the rules of origin. . The protocol on financial cooperation forms an integral part of the cooperation agreement and provides for the financing of projects of common interest to the parties (transport infrastructure projects, in particular). The signature of the protocol on financial cooperation (and of the agreement as a whole) is subject to full settlement of Macedonia's debt to the Community. . It also includes an evolutionary clause providing for the possibility of strengthening contractual relations, in due course, when conditions for a possible association have been met. . In institutional terms, the agreement provides for the establishment of a Cooperation Council responsible for attaining the agreement's objectives. It is to have decision-making powers.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: cooperation agreement

1996/0259(AVC) - 02/10/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Josep PONS GRAU (PSE, E), Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.