Basic information

1996/0260(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: transports **Subject** 3.20.15 Transport agreements and cooperation **Geographical area** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	KAKLAMANIS Nikitas (UPE)	26/02/1997

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		
BUDG Budgets	DELL'ALBA Gianfranco (ARE)	18/04/1997
RELA External Economic Relations	ELCHLEPP Dietrich (PSE)	28/01/1997

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	Summary
14/07/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

22/09/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
22/09/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0296/1997	
21/10/1997	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	1996/0260(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 075 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/4/09066

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0296/1997 OJ C 339 10.11.1997, p. 0006	22/09/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0486/1997 OJ C 339 10.11.1997, p. 0045-0052	22/10/1997	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	08204/1997	26/05/1997	Summary

European Commission

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Initial legislative proposal	COM(1996)0533	25/11/1996	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 1997/0832 OJ L 348 18.12.1997, p. 0169	Summary

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: transports

1996/0260(AVC) - 26/05/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: Conclusion of an Agreement in the field of transport between the Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, including transit, transport by road and rail and combined transport. SUBSTANCE: The Agreement, initialled on 19 June 1996, provides for the development of new transport infrastructure on the north-south axis and on other routes in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and for the multimodal terminals involved. The Community would co-finance this work through a Protocol on financial cooperation which would expire on 31 December 2000 and link the two parties concerned. The new rail and combined transport infrastructures would take into account the protection of the environment, and accompanying measures would encourage the development of combined transport systems. As regards road transport, access for transit traffic would be completely free in both directions from the entry into force of the agreement. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia accepts that vehicles from the Community could travel freely in its territory in accordance with Community standards governing weights and dimensions until 31 December 2002. After this date, vehicles not conforming to Macedonian standards would be more heavily taxed. The Agreement also states that, from 1 January 1999, vehicles travelling from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia through Austria must conform to an ecopoints system, similar to that provided for in Protocol No 9 to Austria's Act of Accession to the European Union, from 1 January 1999. The aim of this system is to ensure that there is no discrimination between heavy goods vehicles from the Community and those from Macedonia. The Agreement lays down standards concerning gas emissions and the level of noise that was acceptable from heavy goods vehicles. Provisions simplifying the formalities involved in the transit of goods and encouraging customs cooperation were also included. The Agreement may, if appropriate, be extended at the request of a Member State or of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. A joint Committee would ensure that the Agreement was properly implemented. This is concluded for the period up to 31 December 2003 and may be tacitly renewed. The legal basis for the adoption of this Agreement is Article 75 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: transports

1996/0260(AVC) - 25/11/1996 - Initial legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an agreement in the field of transport between the Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning transit and road, rail and combined transport. SUBSTANCE: the agreement, which was initialled on 19 June 1996, provides for the development of new transport infrastructure on the North to South-East route and on certain other routes within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, including associated multimodal terminals. The Community will co-finance the completion of the work under the protocol on financial cooperation between the two parties, which will expire on 31 December 2000. . The planned infrastructure for rail and combined transport is to respect environmental imperatives and supporting measures are to encourage the development of combined transport. . Where road transport is concerned, access to transit traffic is to be completely liberalized in both directions when the agreement enters into force. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia accepts that Community vehicles complying with Community rules on weights and dimensions may circulate freely on its territory until 31 December 2002. After that date, vehicles which do not comply with Macedonian standards will be taxed more heavily. . Where transit through the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is concerned, the agreement also includes a system of ecopoints similar to that provided for by Protocol No 9 to the Act of Accession of Austria to the Union, with effect from 1 January 1999. The purpose of this system is to ensure effectively that there is no discrimination between Community and Macedonian heavy goods vehicles. . Finally, the agreement provides for standards on gaseous emissions and noise levels for heavy goods vehicles. Provisions on simplifying formalities for the transit of goods and on encouraging customs cooperation are also included. The scope of the agreement may be widened at the request of a Member State or of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. . A Joint Committee is to ensure the proper implementation of the agreement. . The agreement is concluded for a period ending on 31 December 2003 and is tacitly renewable. The legal basis used for its adoption is Article 75 of the EC Treaty.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: transports

1996/0260(AVC) - 27/11/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a general transport agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the aim of promoting cooperation in this field, ensuring that Community transit traffic in FYROM is unhindered and maintaining the continuity of transport

among the various Member States of the Community. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/832/EC concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the field of transport. SUBSTANCE: the Agreement provides for the development of cooperation in all sectors of transport, particularly road, rail and combined transport and the associated infrastructure. It comprises provisions concerning the development of the main road and rail routes in FYROM which are of particular interest to the Community (notably the north/south-east route and certain others, including multimodal terminals on them). The Community is to co-finance work on them by virtue of the financial cooperation protocol between the two parties, which expires on 31.12.2000 (see 'fiche by procédure' AVC96259). .The rail and combined transport infrastructure must comply with ecological standards. Accompanying measures are to promote the development of combined transport. .In the field of road transport, access to transit traffic will be completely liberalized in both directions when the Agreement enters into force. FYROM accepts that Community vehicles can move freely within its territory in accordance with Community standards regarding weights and dimensions until 31.12.2002. After that date, vehicles which do not comply with FYROM's standards will be subject to heavier charges. As regards FYROM transit through Austria, an ecopoints system is to be introduced, similar to that instituted by Protocol no 9 to the Act of Accession of Austria to the Union, with effect from 01.01.1999. The purpose of this system is to avoid any discrimination between Community trucks and those of third countries. .In the environmental field, besides the provisions concerning the ecopoints system, the Agreement lays down standards for exhaust emissions and noise from trucks. .There is also provision for simplifying goods transit formalities and promoting customs cooperation. .The scope of the Agreement may be widened at the request of a Member State or FYROM. .A Joint Committee is to ensure the satisfactory implementation of the Agreement. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Agreement enters into force on 28.11.1997. It expires on 31.12.2003, but may be automatically renewed.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM agreement: transports

1996/0260(AVC) - 22/10/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Nikitas KAKLAMANIS (UPE, G) Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the Agreement with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.