

## Basic information

**1997/0291(AVC)**

AVC - Assent procedure (historic)

EC/Jordan agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

See also [2004/0196\(AVC\)](#)

See also [2007/0231\(NLE\)](#)

See also [2012/0108\(NLE\)](#)

### Subject

6.40.05.04 Relations with the countries of the Mashreq

### Geographical area



Jordan

Procedure completed


## Key players

European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>AFET</b>	Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	AELVOET Magda G.H. (V)	22/06/1995
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>RELA</b>	External Economic Relations	SONNEVELD Jan (PPE)	20/07/1995
	<b>DEVE</b>	Development and Cooperation	GÜNTHER Maren (PPE)	20/12/1995
	Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>
General Affairs		2024	1997-07-22	
General Affairs		2027	1997-09-15	
General Affairs		2019	1997-06-26	
General Affairs		1989	1997-02-24	
General Affairs		1984	1997-01-20	
General Affairs		1911	1996-03-25	
General Affairs		1922	1996-05-13	
General Affairs		1871	1995-10-02	
General Affairs		2047	1997-11-24	
General Affairs		1996	1996-03-24	
General Affairs		1950	1996-10-01	
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy		2420	2002-03-26	

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	External Relations	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/10/1995	Debate in Council		
24/03/1996	Debate in Council		
25/03/1996	Debate in Council		
13/05/1996	Debate in Council		
01/10/1996	Debate in Council		
20/01/1997	Debate in Council		
24/02/1997	Debate in Council		
26/06/1997	Debate in Council		
22/07/1997	Debate in Council		
29/10/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0554 	Summary
30/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/04/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
28/04/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0165/1998	
01/07/1998	Debate in Parliament		
26/03/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/03/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/05/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/0291(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also <a href="#">2004/0196(AVC)</a> See also <a href="#">2007/0231(NLE)</a> See also <a href="#">2012/0108(NLE)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2 ECSC Treaty C 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/09912

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0165/1998 OJ C 167 01.06.1998, p. 0004	28/04/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0395/1998 OJ C 226 20.07.1998, p. 0011-0026	02/07/1998	Summary
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	11119/1997	31/10/1998		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0554 	29/10/1997	Summary	

Additional information			
Source	Document	Date	
European Commission	EUR-Lex		

Final act	
Decision 2002/0357 OJ L 129 15.05.2002, p. 0001-0179	Summary

## EC/Jordan agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1997/0291(AVC) - 26/03/2002 - Final act

**OBJECTIVE:** to conclude a Euro-Mediterranean association agreement between the Community and Jordan. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council and Commission Decision No 2002/357/EC, ECSC on the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part. **CONTENT:** The agreement seeks to establish an association between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Jordan, on the other hand. It will replace the cooperation agreement and the agreement on ECSC products signed in 1977. The agreement will be concluded for an indefinite period and will consolidate the existing ties between Europe and Jordan, creating a relationship based on reciprocity, partnership and joint development. Its main objective is gradually to create a free trade area and establish a new partnership. Respect for the principles of democracy and human rights are an essential element of the agreement. **Main provisions:** - establishment of a regular political dialogue on bilateral and international issues of common interest; - gradual establishment of a free trade area between the Community and Jordan over a period of no more than 12 years. Jordan will progressively eliminate trade barriers affecting the Community's industrial exports and will apply preferential duties to Community agricultural exports. The preferential arrangement currently applied by the Community (free market access for Jordanian industrial exports, and concessions on Jordanian

agricultural exports) are confirmed and will be further improved by means of additional concessions; - specific provisions on agricultural trade: the agreement contains a special clause under which the parties undertake to examine the agricultural trade situation after 2002 with a view to establishing more reciprocal concessions and gradually liberalising trade in this sector; - services: the agreement contains provisions anticipating future arrangements in the framework of Jordanian membership of the WTO, foreseeing limited reciprocal liberalisation of the right of establishment and a commitment progressively to allow the supply of services; - economic cooperation: existing cooperation will be strengthened on as wide a basis as possible in all areas of interest to the parties; - financial cooperation: financial cooperation will be established in accordance with appropriate procedures and financial resources; - other forms of cooperation: the agreement makes provision for cooperation in the economic, scientific, technological, cultural, audiovisual and environmental fields and in vocational training, with a view to strengthening mutual links. It also attaches special importance to regional cooperation. A major section is devoted to social cooperation, with a view to improving living and working conditions for Jordanian and Community nationals legally resident on each other's territory. The agreement also provides for cooperation in combating illegal immigration. At institutional level, the agreement makes provision for the establishment of an Association Council and an Association Committee with decision-making powers. Cooperation between the European Parliament and the Jordanian Parliament will also be encouraged. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 1 May 2002.

## **EC/Jordan agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement**

1997/0291(AVC) - 02/07/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Magda AELVOET (V, B), the European Parliament gave its assent to the agreement between the European Union and Jordan to establish a free trade area in 12 years.

## **EC/Jordan agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement**

1997/0291(AVC) - 29/10/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the Community and Jordan. SUBSTANCE: The objective of the draft Agreement, initialled on 16 April 1997, is to establish an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part. It will replace the cooperation agreement and the agreement governing ECSC products signed in 1977, which are still in force. General principle and duration: the Agreement will be concluded for an unlimited period and will consolidate the existing ties between Europe and Jordan, creating a relationship based on reciprocity, partnership and joint development. Its main objective is gradually to create a free-trade area and establish a new partnership. Democracy clause: respect for democratic principles and human rights constitute an essential element of the Agreement. Main provisions: - establishing of a regular political dialogue on bilateral and international issues of common interest; - establishing of a free-trade area: in accordance with WTO rules, a free-trade area between the Community and Jordan will be created gradually over a period of no more than 12 years. Jordan, which up to now has granted the Community no concessions, will progressively eliminate trade barriers affecting the Community's industrial exports and will apply preferential duties to the Community's agricultural exports. The preferential arrangements currently applied by the Community (free market access for Jordanian industrial exports, and concessions on Jordanian agricultural exports) are confirmed, and will be further improved by means of additional concessions; - specific provisions on agricultural trade: the Agreement contains a special clause under which the parties undertake to examine the agricultural trade situation from 2002 with a view to establishing more reciprocal concessions and gradually liberalizing trade in this sector; - services: the Agreement contains provisions anticipating future arrangements in the framework of Jordanian membership of the WTO, foreseeing limited reciprocal liberalization of the right of establishment and a commitment to allow progressively the supply of services; - economic cooperation: existing cooperation will be strengthened on as wide a basis as possible in all areas of interest to the parties; - financial cooperation: financial cooperation will be established in accordance with appropriate procedures and resources; - other forms of cooperation: the Agreement makes provision for cooperation in the economic, scientific, technological, cultural, audiovisual, environmental and vocational training fields, etc., with a view to strengthening mutual links. It also attaches special importance to regional cooperation. A major section is devoted to social cooperation, with a view to improving living and working conditions for Jordanian and Community nationals legally resident in each other's territory. The Agreement also provides for cooperation in combating illegal immigration. At institutional level, the Agreement makes provision for the establishing of an Association Council and an Association Committee with decision-making powers. Cooperation between the European Parliament and the Jordanian Parliament will also be encouraged.