




Basic information	
<b>2004/0260(CNS)</b>  CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Pre-accession financial assistance: amending Regulations to take into account of Croatia's candidate status  Amending Regulation (EC) No 1267/1999 <a href="#">1998/0091(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 <a href="#">1998/0100(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000 <a href="#">2000/0111(CNS)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  8.20.01 Candidate countries 8.20.04 Pre-accession and partnership 8.20.12 Enlargement's agricultural point of view 8.20.28 Structural funds and instruments  <b>Geographical area</b>  Croatia	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>
	<div>AFET</div> Foreign Affairs		BROK Elmar (PPE-DE)
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Appointed</b>
	<div>INTA</div> International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	<div>REGI</div> Regional Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	<div>AGRI</div> Agriculture and Rural Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Environment	2632	2004-12-20
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/10/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0732 	Summary
30/11/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
01/12/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/12/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0064/2004	
14/12/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0082/2004	Summary
14/12/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/12/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/0260(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1267/1999 <a href="#">1998/0091(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 <a href="#">1998/0100(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000 <a href="#">2000/0111(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181A-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/24800

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0064/2004</a>	06/12/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0082/2004</a> OJ C 226 15.09.2005, p. 0021-0041 E	14/12/2004	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference		Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2004)0732</a> 		29/10/2004	Summary

--	--	--	--

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
<a href="#">Regulation 2004/2257</a> <a href="#">OJ L 389 30.12.2004, p. 0001-0004</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## Pre-accession financial assistance: amending Regulations to take into account of Croatia's candidate status

2004/0260(CNS) - 29/10/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to change the Phare, ISPA, SAPARD and CARDS Regulations to take into account Croatia's candidate status.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT : Croatia was given Candidate status at the European Council meeting in June 2004. The European Council asked the Commission to prepare a pre-accession strategy for Croatia, including the necessary financial instrument.

The Commission determined that Croatia should have access not only to Phare, but might moreover benefit from having access to ISPA and SAPARD during the current financial perspective. It could therefore prepare for the management structures, learn the rules and modalities, and establish project pipelines for the next financial perspectives, when it will have full access to the Structural and Agricultural Components foreseen under the future Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA). It was therefore decided to give Croatia access to all three pre-accession instruments, and to allocate a certain amount of funds under the ongoing financial perspective. As funding will be limited to what is foreseen under the ongoing financial perspective, a derogation to the criteria determining the funding in Art. 4 of the ISPA Regulation is also necessary. The Commission proposed amendments to Regulations 3906/1989/EEC, 1267/1999/EC, 1268/1999/EC and Regulation 2666/2000/EC.

In order to ensure the continuity of activities supporting regional co-operation between the Western Balkans as initiated under the CARDS Regulation, and contributing to the Stabilisation and Association Process as the Community's Western Balkans policy, the amendment to the CARDS Regulation clarifies that Croatia will be expected to continue to participate in the CARDS Regional Programme, as far as this addresses issues not covered under the pre-accession instruments.

Some minor corrections were also made to the Regulations in question, to adapt the terminology to the one used now by the Financial Regulation. In this context it should be noted that the derogation set down in Art. 269 of the Implementing Rules to the Financial Regulation, which granted pre-accession aid an exemption from the requirement set down in Art. 164, continues to apply for Romania and Bulgaria but will not apply to Croatia.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS :

- Budget lines and headings :

05 01 04 03 - The SAPARD pre-accession Instrument – Expenditure on administrative management;

05 05 01 01 - The SAPARD pre-accession Instrument;

13 01 04 02 - Instrument for structural policies for pre-accession (ISPA) – Expenditure on administrative management;

13 05 01 01 - Instrument for structural policies for pre-accession;

22 01 04 01 - Pre-accession assistance for countries of central and eastern Europe – Expenditure on administrative management;

22 01 04 05 - Technical Assistance Information Exchange Office (TAIEX) actions in the framework of the pre-accession instruments – Expenditure on administrative management;

22 02 01 - Pre-accession assistance for countries of central and eastern Europe;

22 02 02 - Cross-border co-operation for central and eastern Europe

22 02 06 - Technical Assistance Information Exchange Office (TAIEX) actions in the framework of the pre-accession instruments;

22 02 10-Pre-accession multi-country horizontal programmes.

Overall figures:

- Total allocation for action : EUR 245 million.

- Period of application: (start and expiry years) 2005 – 2006.

Total commitment appropriations/payment appropriations:

Phare – EUR 154.6 million.

ISPA – EUR 59 million.

SAPARD – EUR 24.6 million.

Total – EUR 238.2 million.

Technical and administrative assistance: of which staff EUR 4.2 million.

Technical and administrative assistance: of which support expenditure:

Phare – EUR 1.8 million.

ISPA – EUR 0.6 million.

SAPARD – EUR 0.2 million.

Total – EUR 2.6 million.

Overall financial impact of human resources and other administrative expenditure : EUR 10

Total staff : 52.

## **Pre-accession financial assistance: amending Regulations to take into account of Croatia's candidate status**

2004/0260(CNS) - 14/12/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Elmar BROK (EPP-ED, DE) and approved the Commission's proposal.

## **Pre-accession financial assistance: amending Regulations to take into account of Croatia's candidate status**

2004/0260(CNS) - 20/12/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to change the Phare, ISPA, SAPARD and CARDS Regulations to take into account Croatia's candidate status.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2257/2004/EC amending Regulations 3906/89/EEC, 1267/1999/EC, 1268/1999/EC and 2666/2000/EC, to take into account of Croatia's candidate status.

CONTENT : The European Council decided at its meeting in Brussels on 17 and 18 June 2004 that Croatia shall be a candidate country for membership, and requested the Commission to prepare a pre-accession strategy for Croatia, including the necessary financial instruments. Therefore:

- In order to provide pre-accession assistance to Croatia, the latter is included as a beneficiary under Council Regulations 3906/89/EEC (PHARE), Council Regulation 1267/1999/EC (ISPA) and Council Regulation 1268/1999/EC (SAPARD);

- Croatia will remain eligible for projects and programmes with a regional dimension through the CARDS Regulation;

- Some minor corrections are also made to the Regulations in question, to adapt the terminology to the one used now by the Financial Regulation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 02/01/2005.