Basic information

2008/0073(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement See also 2014/0206(COD) See also 2016/0311(NLE) **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans **Geographical area** Bosnia and Herzegovina	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	PACK Doris (PPE-DE)	19/10/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2864	2008-04-29
General Affairs	2878	2008-06-16

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/04/2008	Preparatory document	COM(2008)0182	Summary
29/04/2008	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		

06/06/2008	Legislative proposal published	08225/2008	Summary
08/07/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/10/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
09/10/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0378/2008	
22/10/2008	Debate in Parliament		
23/10/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0518/2008	Summary
23/10/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
15/06/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
15/06/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/06/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0073(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2014/0206(COD) See also 2016/0311(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/61780

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE409.689	24/07/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0378/2008	09/10/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0518/2008	23/10/2008	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	08225/2008	06/06/2008	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	08226/2008	06/06/2008	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2008)0182	08/04/2008	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2015/0998 OJ L 164 30.06.2015, p. 0548	Summary

EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement

2008/0073(NLE) - 21/04/2015 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council and Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/998 on the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part.

BACKGROUND: the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina of the other part, was signed on 16 June 2008, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Following the signature of the Agreement, Croatia acceded to the European Union on 1 July 2013. To reflect this, an adaptation of the Agreement in the form of a Protocol is required.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, the Annexes and Protocols annexed thereto, as well as the joint declarations and the declaration by the Community attached to the Final Act, are hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

Those texts are attached to this Decision.

Main objectives of the Agreement: the Agreement focuses on the following elements:

- supporting efforts to strengthen democracy and the rule of law;
- contribution to the political, economic and institutional stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the region;
- provision for political dialogue with Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- provisions on enhanced regional co-operation, including provisions on free trade areas between the countries of the region;
- the perspective of the establishment of a free-trade area between the Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina within five years of the entry into force of the Agreement;
- provisions on the movement of workers, freedom of establishment, supply of services, current payments and movement of capital;
- the commitment by Bosnia and Herzegovina to approximate its legislation to that of the EC, notably in key areas of the internal market;
- provisions on co-operation with Bosnia and Herzegovina in a wide range of fields, including justice, freedom and security;
- provision for the establishment of a Stabilisation and Association Council which supervises the implementation of the Agreement, of a Stabilisation and Association Committee and a Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee.

The trade concessions granted by Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1763/1999 and (EC) No 6/2000 will continue to apply, in parallel to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

N.B: the commercial provisions contained in the Agreement are of an **exceptional nature**, connected with the policy implemented within the framework of the stabilisation and association process, and will not constitute, for the European Union, any precedent in the commercial policy of the Union with regard to third countries other than those of the Western Balkans.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 21.4.2015. The Agreement shall enter into force on 1.6.2015.

EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement

2008/0073(NLE) - 23/10/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 567 votes to 21 with 5 abstentions, a legislative resolution in which it gives its assent to the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part.

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Doris **PACK** (EPP-ED, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement

2008/0073(NLE) - 06/06/2008 - Document attached to the procedure

This document consists of the final act of the Agreement as was negotiated between the European Union and Bosnia Herzegovina with a view to establishing a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with this country.

For details on this Agreement please refer to the summary of the former Commission’s initial proposal of 08/04/2008.

EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement

2008/0073(NLE) - 08/04/2008 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: the Council decided on 21 November 2005 to authorise the Commission to negotiate the SAA with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Negotiations were officially launched on 25 November 2005. After several years of negotiations, the final SAA text became available in May 2007. Lastly, Bosnia and Herzegovina's improved co-operation with the ICTY and progress in the last quarter of 2007 towards the implementation of the police reform enabled the Commission to initial the Stabilisation and Association Agreement in Sarajevo on 4 December 2007.

The final decision to sign the SAA remains subject to the joint review foreseen in the Council conclusions of 21 November 2005 and the Joint Council /Commission Declaration:

- on police reform,
- ICTY cooperation,
- legislative framework and administrative capacity development,
- public broadcasting legislation.

The present proposal does not prejudge the assessment of Bosnia and Herzegovina's compliance with its obligations in this regard.

At the adoption of the negotiating Directives in November 2005, the Commission and the Council jointly declared that before negotiations on the SAA are concluded:

1) the Commission will report on the political conditionalities to the Council and that
2) the Council and the Commission will jointly review progress made by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Consequently, the Commission will, in due time and in line with the Joint Declaration, report to the Council and will jointly review progress with the Council before the final decision can be taken to sign the SAA with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CONTENT: the draft Stabilisation and Association Agreement is presented along the same lines as the Agreements already concluded or proposed with Croatia (see AVC/2001/0149), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (see AVC/2001/0049), Albania (see AVC/2006/0044), Montenegro (see AVC/2007/0123) and more recently Serbia (see AVC/2007/0255).

The draft Agreement aims to open the way for increased cooperation and stimulate the integration process of this country in the European structures.

The Stabilisation and Association Agreement focuses on the following main elements:

- § provision for political dialogue with Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- § provisions on enhanced regional co-operation, including provisions on free trade areas between the countries of the region;
- § the perspective of the establishment of a free-trade area between the Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina within five years of the entry into force of the Agreement;
- § provisions on the movement of workers, freedom of establishment, supply of services, current payments and movement of capital;
- § the commitment by Bosnia and Herzegovina to approximate its legislation to that of the EC, notably in key areas of the internal market;
- § provisions on co-operation with Bosnia and Herzegovina in a wide range of fields, including justice, freedom and security;
- § provision for the establishment of a Stabilisation and Association Council which supervises the implementation of the Agreement, of a Stabilisation and Association Committee and a Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee.

The trade concessions granted by Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1763/1999 and (EC) No 6/2000 will continue to apply, in parallel to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

The proposed decision which aims to conclude the Agreement on behalf of the Community stipulates that “the commercial provisions contained in this Agreement are of **an exceptional nature, connected with the policy implemented within the framework of the Stabilisation and Association Process** and will not constitute, for the European Union, any precedent in the commercial policy of the Community with regard to third countries other than those of the Western Balkans”.

Ratification by all Member States is a prerequisite for the entry into force of the Agreement as is the assent of the European Parliament.

The procedures for the signature and the conclusion of the Agreement are different for the two European Communities: (the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community):

a) as regards signature, the first indent, first sentence of Article 300 (2) of the EC Treaty provides for a separate Council Decision concerning the signing of the Agreement on behalf of the European Community; similar acts are not required under the EAEC Treaty;

b) as regards conclusion of the Agreement:

- § the Council concludes the Agreement on behalf of the European Community, after having received the assent of the European Parliament, by virtue of Article 310 of the Treaty;
- § the Council approves the Agreement on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community by virtue of the second paragraph of Article 101 of the EAEC Treaty and the Agreement is then concluded by the Commission.

EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement

2008/0073(NLE) - 06/06/2008 - Legislative proposal

This document consists of the final act by whic the COuncil decided to approve on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) with Bosnia and Herzegovina (see Council doc. *08226/2008* or the final act of the SAA).

The provisions set out in this Agreement are identical to those in the initial proposal (please refer to the summary of the former initial proposal).