Basic information

2008/0262(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
Alpine Convention (1991): implementation in the field of transport. Transport Protocol **Subject** 3.20 Transport policy in general 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	RACK Reinhard (PPE-DE)	20/01/2009

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3243	2013-06-06

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Mobility and Transport	KALLAS Siim

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/12/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0895	Summary
09/03/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
02/04/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0219/2009	
22/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0230/2009	Summary

22/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
06/06/2013	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/06/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/06/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0262(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 091
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/71756

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE421.126	23/02/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0219/2009	02/04/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0230/2009	22/04/2009	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2008)0895	23/12/2008	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2013/0332
OJ L 177 28.06.2013, p. 0013

Alpine Convention (1991): implementation in the field of transport. Transport Protocol

2008/0262(NLE) - 10/06/2013 - Final act

PURPOSE: the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on the Implementation of the Alpine Convention in the field of Transport (Transport Protocol).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2013/332/EU on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Protocol on the implementation of the 1991 Alpine Convention in the field of transport (Transport protocol).

BACKGROUND: the Convention on the protection of the Alps (Alpine Convention) was concluded on behalf of the European Community by the Council by Decision 96/191/EC.

The Council decided on the signature, on behalf of the Community, of the Protocol on the implementation of the 1991 Alpine Convention in the field of transport (Transport protocol) by Decision 2007/799/EC.

The Transport protocol provides a framework, based on the precautionary principle, the preventive principle and the polluter-pays principle, for ensuring sustainable mobility and protection of the environment, in the Alpine region in the light of the Alpine Convention.

It is now appropriate to approve the Transport protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Protocol on the Implementation of the 1991 Alpine Convention in the field of transport is approved on behalf of the European Union.

Objectives of the Protocol:

- to reduce the volume of and dangers posed by intra-Alpine and trans-Alpine traffic, in particular by transferring more traffic, especially freight traffic, to the railways, especially by providing appropriate infrastructure and incentives complying with market principles;
- to ensure intra-Alpine and trans-Alpine traffic at economically bearable costs by increasing the effectiveness of the transport systems and promoting the modes of transport which are most environmentally-friendly and most economic in terms of natural resources; and to ensure fair competition between the modes of transport.

Consistency with European transport policy: the provisions of the Transport protocol are in line with the Union's Common Transport Policy and fully support the Commission's "Greening Transport" approach adopted in 2008.

The ratification of the Transport protocol would strengthen trans-border cooperation with those countries which are not members of the Union, namely Liechtenstein, Monaco and Switzerland, which would help to ensure that the goals of the Union are shared by regional partners and that such initiatives cover the whole Alpine region.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 18.07.2013.

Alpine Convention (1991): implementation in the field of transport. Transport Protocol

2008/0262(NLE) - 23/12/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Community, the Protocol on the Implementation of the Alpine Convention in the field of Transport (Transport Protocol).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: many environmental problems have a transboundary nature and can only be addressed effectively through international cooperation. One of the objectives of the Community’s transport policy is to promote measures at international level dealing with regional and European problems which hinder sustainable mobility in transport and result in risks to the environment. The Alpine region is an ecologically highly sensitive area, therefore, the EC must pay more attention to it and address its problems by an appropriate approach.

CONTENT: to recall, the Convention on the Protection of the Alps, the Alpine Convention, was signed by the European Community at Salzburg on 7th November 1991, and by Council Decision 96/191/EC of 26th February 1996 the Community ratified the Convention, which finally entered into force on 4th April 1998. The other Contracting Parties are Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco , Slovenia and Switzerland.

The Transport Protocol was adopted on 24-26 May 2000 on the occasion of the 16th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Alpine Convention. It provides a framework, based on the precautionary principle, the preventive principle and the polluter-pays principle, for ensuring sustainable mobility and protection of the environment, for all modes of transport, in the Alpine region. The objectives of the Transport Protocol are, in general terms:

- to reduce the volume of and dangers posed by intra-Alpine and trans-Alpine traffic, in particular by transferring more traffic, especially freight traffic, to the railways, especially by providing appropriate infrastructure and incentives complying with market principles;
- to ensure intra-Alpine and trans-Alpine traffic at economically bearable costs by increasing the effectiveness of the transport systems and promoting the modes of transport which are most environmentally-friendly and most economic in terms of natural resources; and to ensure fair competition between the modes of transport.

The Protocol was signed by all member countries of the Alpine Convention; the Community decided on the signature of the Transport Protocol on 12 October 2006. Austria, Germany, France, Slovenia and Liechtenstein have ratified the Protocol and it has entered into force for them. Italy, Monaco and Switzerland are currently making efforts to ratify the Transport Protocol.

The Commission considers that the Alpine Convention and in particular the Transport Protocol are instruments which help the European Community to achieve its objective of a sustainable transport policy in a large, highly sensitive cross-border zone. Therefore, the European community is called upon to conclude the Transport Protocol.

Alpine Convention (1991): implementation in the field of transport. Transport Protocol

2008/0262(NLE) - 22/04/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution approving, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, of behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol on the Implementation of the Alpine Convention in the field of Transport (Transport Protocol).