

Basic information	
2009/0163(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Amending Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 2004/0222(CNS) Subject 8.20.04 Pre-accession and partnership	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		ALBERTINI Gabriele (PPE)	21/01/2010
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	REGI Regional Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings
General Affairs		2984	2009-12-07	
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy		3017	2010-05-31	
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations		FÜLE Štefan	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/10/2009	Legislative proposal published	COM(2009)0588 	Summary
24/11/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary

07/12/2009	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
21/01/2010	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
01/02/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A7-0003/2010	
11/02/2010	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T7-0026/2010	Summary
11/02/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
31/05/2010	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
16/06/2010	Final act signed		
16/06/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/06/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/0163(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 2004/0222(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 212
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/01493

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0003/2010	01/02/2010	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0026/2010	11/02/2010	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Draft final act	00012/2010	16/06/2010		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2009)0588 	29/10/2009	Summary	

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

Final act	
Regulation 2010/0540 OJ L 158 24.06.2010, p. 0007	Summary

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

2009/0163(COD) - 11/02/2010 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 578 votes to 22, with 9 abstentions, a legislative resolution, approving unamended, under the first reading of the ordinary legislative procedure, the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

2009/0163(COD) - 07/12/2009

The Council adopted **conclusions** confirming that the coherent implementation of the renewed consensus on enlargement approved by the European Council on 14 and 15 December 2006 which is based on the consolidation of commitments, fair and rigorous conditionality, better communication and the EU's capacity to integrate new members, continues to form the basis for EU action at all stages of the enlargement process, with each country being assessed on its own merits.

The Council welcomes the support provided to the enlargement process through financial assistance, in particular in the form of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA), and emphasises the essential link between enlargement policy priorities and financial assistance, in line with the results from the recent conferences designed to improve aid effectiveness, and welcomes the efforts by the Commission to closely align IPA annual programmes with the priorities identified in the Progress Reports.

The conclusions recall that **Iceland** is a country with long and deep democratic roots, with the potential to make a significant contribution to the EU, both strategically and politically. The country is already closely integrated with the EU in several areas, through its membership of the European Economic Area and the Schengen area.

The Council recalls that it invited the Commission in July 2009 to submit its opinion on Iceland's application for membership in the European Union. The application will be assessed according to the principles set out in the Treaty and the criteria defined by the Copenhagen European Council in 1993, as well as the December 2006 European Council conclusions on the renewed consensus for enlargement. The Council agrees to return to the matter when the Commission has presented its opinion.

In addition, the Council notes that the inclusion of Iceland as a country eligible for preaccession assistance, under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA), would contribute to preparations for its candidacy.

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

2009/0163(COD) - 16/06/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE: [to include including Iceland in the list of eligible countries for EU pre-accession assistance \(IPA\)](#).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 540/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

CONTENT: [Regulation \(EC\) No 1085/2006](#) provides for assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries in their progressive alignment with the standards and policies of the EU. Following the submission on 16 July 2009 of the application by Iceland for membership of the European Union, the Council has invited the Commission to submit to the Council its opinion on Iceland's application. Iceland can therefore be considered as a potential

candidate country. Under Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 assistance to potential candidate countries and candidate countries from the Western Balkans and Turkey is provided, inter alia, in accordance with the European and Accession Partnerships.

This Regulation adds Iceland to the list of potential candidate countries in Regulation (EC) 1085/2006 and provides that assistance under Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 is to be provided taking due account of the Reports and the Strategy Paper comprised in the annual Enlargement package of the Commission,

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 14/07/2010.

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

2009/0163(COD) - 29/10/2009 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: on 16 July 2009, Iceland presented its application to the Council to become a member of the European Union. The General Affairs Council in its session on 27 July 2009, recalling the renewed consensus on enlargement expressed in the conclusions of the European Council of 14/15 December 2006, and particularly the principle that each applicant country is assessed on its own merits, decided to implement the procedure laid down in Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union. Accordingly, the Commission was invited to submit to the Council its opinion on Iceland's application. Pending the presentation of the Commission's opinion to the Council, Iceland can be considered as a potential candidate country.

It is therefore necessary to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) in order to enable Iceland to benefit from the assistance provided under the umbrella of IPA for the potential candidate countries.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- the first amendment is introduced in Annex II and foresees including Iceland in the list of potential candidate countries;
- secondly, an amendment is introduced in Article 4. This Article stipulates that assistance under the regulation is provided in accordance with the general policy framework for pre-accession defined by the European and Accession Partnerships and taking due account of the Reports and the Strategy Paper comprised in the annual Enlargement package of the Commission. Considering that the European and Accession Partnerships have been designed particularly for the Western Balkans and Turkey to provide guidance for EU integration and harmonisation with *acquis*, and the fact that Iceland is integrated in the European Economic Area, it is necessary to introduce a minor amendment to Article 4, notably by adding a paragraph which specifies that support to Iceland is provided only on the basis of the Reports and Strategy Paper comprised in the annual Enlargement package of the Commission. This amendment will exclude the application of the European and Accession Partnerships to Iceland.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: not applicable.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: not applicable.