

Basic information	
<b>2012/0024(CNS)</b> CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Association of the overseas countries and territories (OCTs) with the European Community as from 1 January 2012  Amending Decision 2001/822/EC <a href="#">2001/2033(COS)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories 6.30.02 Financial and technical cooperation and assistance	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">DEVE</div> Development		PONGA Maurice (PPE)	30/03/2012
			Shadow rapporteur  TIROLIEN Patrice (S&D)  GRÈZE Catherine (Verts /ALE)	
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	General Affairs		3187	2012-09-24
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	International Cooperation and Development		PIEBALGS Andris	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/02/2012	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2012)0061</a> 	Summary
13/03/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/05/2012	Vote in committee		
21/05/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0169/2012</a>	Summary
03/07/2012	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0268/2012</a>	Summary

03/07/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/09/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/09/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/09/2012	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2012/0024(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision 2001/822/EC <a href="#">2001/2033(COS)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 203
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/7/08892

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE486.175</a>	30/03/2012	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A7-0169/2012</a>	21/05/2012	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T7-0268/2012</a>	03/07/2012	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2012)0061</a> 	17/02/2012	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

Final act
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## **Association of the overseas countries and territories (OCTs) with the European Community as from 1 January 2012**

2012/0024(CNS) - 24/09/2012 - Final act

**PURPOSE:** to add the French collectivity of Saint- Barthélemy to the list of the overseas countries and territories (OTCs) associated with the European Union.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision n° 528/2012/EU amending Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ('the Overseas Association Decision').

**CONTENT:** in accordance with the Council Decision 2010/718/EC on 29 October 2010 amending the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the French collectivity of Saint- Barthélemy, formerly an outermost region of the European Union, became an overseas country or territory associated with the European Union on 1 January 2012.

As a consequence, the Council's Decision adds the island of St. Barthélemy to the list of OTCs contained in Annex IA of Council Decision 2001/822/EC which lays down the legal framework for promoting the economic and social development of the OCTs and for enhancing economic relations between them and the Union.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 30/09/2012.

## **Association of the overseas countries and territories (OCTs) with the European Community as from 1 January 2012**

2012/0024(CNS) - 17/02/2012 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to amend Council Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories (OTCs) with the European Community in order to include the French collectivity of Saint- Barthélemy to the list of OTCs concerned by the association.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**BACKGROUND:** in accordance with the Council Decision 2010/718/EC on 29 October 2010 amending the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the French collectivity of Saint- Barthélemy, formerly an outermost region of the European Union, became an overseas country or territory associated with the European Union on 1 January 2012.

Pursuant to Article 203 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the provisions applicable to the overseas countries or territories associated with the European Union must be adopted by the Council of the European Union, acting unanimously. In this connection, Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community (hereinafter the Overseas Association Decision) came into force on 2 December 2001 and will expire at the end of 2013.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** no impact assessment was carried out.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Article 203 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

**CONTENT:** the Commission proposes to amend Annex I A of Decision 2001/822/EC to take account of the change of status with regard to the European Union of the island of Saint-Barthélemy, which becomes an overseas country or territory from 1 January 2012.

Decision 2010/718/EU shall apply from 1 January 2012. It is therefore appropriate to apply the measures in Decision 2001/822/EC to the island of Saint-Barthélemy that are favourable to the OCTs and that do not involve obligations for them, apart from those relating to development cooperation financing. In this respect, France has undertaken not to apply for European Development Fund intervention for the island of Saint-Barthélemy under the programming for 2007-2013.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATION:** there are no budgetary implications.

## **Association of the overseas countries and territories (OCTs) with the European Community as from 1 January 2012**

2012/0024(CNS) - 21/05/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Development adopted the report by Maurice PONGA (EPP, FR) approving, unamended, the proposal for a Council decision amending Council Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community.

Once the decision is adopted, Saint-Barthélemy would become the 26th country and territory associated with the European Union. This change in status will enable Saint-Barthélemy to consolidate its relations with regional players, including the other overseas countries and territories, ACP countries and outermost regions of the Caribbean, and will thus help to disseminate the European model and European values.

## **Association of the overseas countries and territories (OCTs) with the European Community as from 1 January 2012**

2012/0024(CNS) - 03/07/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 668 to 18 votes, with 7 abstentions, under the special legislative procedure (consultation of the European Parliament), a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision amending Council Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community.

The European Parliament approved the proposal unamended.