Basic information

2012/0247(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC /Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement See also 1996/0093(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.04.04 Relations with Caucasus countries 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy **Geographical area** Armenia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	PORĘBA Tomasz Piotr (ECR)	19/02/2013
	Shadow rapporteur FAJON Tanja (S&D)	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Foreign Affairs	3209	2012-12-10
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	3295	2014-02-20

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	-- --
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	-- --

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/09/2012	Preparatory document	COM(2012)0518	Summary
04/12/2012	Legislative proposal published	16469/2012	Summary

15/01/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/10/2013	Vote in committee		
25/11/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0406/2013	Summary
11/12/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0555/2013	Summary
11/12/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/02/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/02/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/06/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2012/0247(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 1996/0093(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 168 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 169-p3 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 172 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 188 -a1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 192-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 173-p3
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/10713

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE506.358	23/08/2013	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0406/2013	25/11/2013	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0555/2013	11/12/2013	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	16469/2012	04/12/2012	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	16472/2012	04/12/2012	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2012)0518	19/09/2012	Summary

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

Final act	
Decision 2014/0347 OJ L 174 13.06.2014, p. 0001	Summary

EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2012/0247(NLE) - 19/09/2012

PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the European Neighbourhood Policy, the gradual opening-up of certain Union programmes and agencies to the participation of European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries represents one of many measures to promote reform, modernisation and transition in the European Union's neighbourhood. This policy aspect is described more extensively in the Commission's Communication "on the general approach to enable European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries to participate in Community agencies and Community programmes". The Council endorsed this approach in its conclusions on 5 March 2007.

Based upon this Communication and those conclusions, the Council, on 18 June 2007, issued directives to the Commission to negotiate Framework Agreements with Algeria, **Armenia**, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia and Ukraine, on the general principles for their participation in Community programmes. A number of protocols were then signed with some of these countries.

In April 2012, Armenia expressed its interest to participate in the broad range of programmes open to partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The text of the Protocol negotiated with Armenia is the subject of this proposal and is attached in the annex. It is now appropriate to conclude this Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 114, 168, 169, 172, 173(3), 188 and 192 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in conjunction with Article 218 (6)(a) thereof.

CONTENT: the Commission presents a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol containing a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. It contains standard stipulations that are intended to be applied to all European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries with which such protocols are to be concluded.

The Protocol sets down, in particular, the specific terms and conditions regarding the participation of Armenia in each particular programme, in particular the financial contribution payable and reporting and evaluation procedures which shall be determined in the context of an agreement between the European Commission, on behalf of the Union, and Armenia.

The negotiated text also envisages that the Parties apply the Protocol's provisions provisionally from the date of its signature.

According to 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament shall be requested to give its consent to the conclusion of this Protocol. In parallel, the Commission submits a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature of the said Protocol.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposal has no impact on the EU's budget. Armenia **shall contribute financially to the Union's budget** according to the specific programmes in which it participates. To finance its participation, Armenia may request assistance under the Regulation laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument or under any other similar Regulation governing Union external assistance in favour of Armenia.

EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2012/0247(NLE) - 20/02/2014 - Final act

PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/347/EU on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

BACKGROUND: the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union on 17 December 2012.

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

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Council approves on behalf of the European Union, with the consent of the European Parliament, a Protocol containing a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

Main provisions: the Protocol sets down, in particular, the specific terms and conditions regarding the **participation of Armenia in each particular programme**, in particular **the financial contribution** payable and reporting and evaluation procedures which shall be determined in the context of an agreement between the European Commission, on behalf of the Union, and Armenia.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20.02.2014. The date of entry into force of the protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2012/0247(NLE) - 19/09/2012 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: As part of the European Neighbourhood Policy, the gradual opening-up of certain Union programmes and agencies to the participation of European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries represents one of many measures to promote reform, modernisation and transition in the European Union's neighbourhood. This policy aspect is described more extensively in the Commission's Communication "on the general approach to enable European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries to participate in Community agencies and Community programmes". The Council endorsed this approach in its conclusions on 5 March 2007.

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Ukraine, on the general principles for their participation in Community programmes. A number of protocols were then signed with some of these countries.

In April 2012, Armenia expressed its interest to participate in the broad range of programmes open to partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The text of the Protocol negotiated with Armenia is the subject of this proposal and is attached in the annex. It is now appropriate to conclude this Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 114, 168, 169, 172, 173(3), 188 and 192 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in conjunction with Article 218 (6)(a) thereof.

CONTENT: the Commission presents a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol containing a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. It contains standard stipulations that are intended to be applied to all European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries with which such protocols are to be concluded.

The Protocol sets down, in particular, the specific terms and conditions regarding the participation of Armenia in each particular programme, in particular the financial contribution payable and reporting and evaluation procedures which shall be determined in the context of an agreement between the European Commission, on behalf of the Union, and Armenia.

The negotiated text also envisages that the Parties apply the Protocol's provisions provisionally from the date of its signature.

According to 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament shall be requested to give its consent to the conclusion of this Protocol. In parallel, the Commission submits a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature of the said Protocol.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposal has no impact on the EU's budget. Armenia **shall contribute financially to the Union's budget** according to the specific programmes in which it participates. To finance its participation, Armenia may request assistance under the Regulation laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument or under any other similar Regulation governing Union external assistance in favour of Armenia.

EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2012/0247(NLE) - 04/12/2012 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Armenia on the general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, a new Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Armenia on the general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union.

The Protocol should now be approved on behalf of the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 114, 168, 169 and 172, Article 173(3), and Articles 188 and 192, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: **under this Council proposal**, it is proposed to approve, on behalf of the European Union, a draft Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Armenia on the general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes.

The specific terms and conditions regarding the participation of Armenia in each particular programme, in particular the financial contribution payable and reporting and evaluation procedures, shall be determined in a Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission and the competent authorities of Armenia on the basis of the criteria established by the programmes concerned.

For further details are regards the main provision of this draft Protocol, as well as the EU’s budgetary implication, please refer to the summary of the **Commission’s initial legislative proposal dated 19/09/2012**.

EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2012/0247(NLE) - 25/11/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Tomasz Piotr PORĘBA (ECR, PL) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

Members recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol. They considered that this Protocol would **strengthen relations** with Armenia in order to promote further cultural, educational, environmental, technical and scientific links, enhancing people-to-people contacts and sectoral cooperation, as well as strengthening the political and relations through the Eastern Partnership and the Association Agreement.

EU/Armenia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Armenia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2012/0247(NLE) - 11/12/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.