Basic information

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EU/Georgia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC /Georgia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement See also 1996/0092(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.04.04 Relations with Caucasus countries 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy **Geographical area** Georgia	

Key players

European Parliament

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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Foreign Affairs	3312	2014-05-12

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

22/07/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0537	Summary
03/12/2013	Legislative proposal published	16612/2013	Summary
13/01/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2014	Vote in committee		
20/03/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0191/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0404/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/05/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
12/05/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0257(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 1996/0092(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 212 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/13475

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE528.090	05/02/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0191/2014	20/03/2014	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0404/2014	16/04/2014	Summary

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European Commission

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

2013/0257(NLE) - 16/04/2014 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 613 votes to 29, with 31 abstentions, 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 Georgia of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

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

2013/0257(NLE) - 22/07/2013

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, concerning the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: as part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the gradual opening-up of certain Union programmes and agencies to the participation of ENP partner countries represents one of many measures to promote reform, modernisation and transition in the European Union's neighbourhood. The Commission outlined this policy aspect more extensively in its 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 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.

The Joint Communication by the Commission and the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy “A new response to a changing Neighbourhood”, endorsed by Council Conclusions on 20 June 2011, further stressed the EU’s intention to facilitate partner countries’ participation in EU programmes.

In December 2012, Georgia expressed its interest to participate in the broad range of programmes open to partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

The Council is invited to adopt the following proposed Decision.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the Commission presents a proposal concerning the Council Decision concerning the conclusion of a Protocol containing a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

This Protocol contains a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Georgia 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.

It also details specific terms and conditions, in particular, the financial contribution and reporting and evaluation procedures, regarding the participation of Georgia in each particular programme should be determined in an agreement between the European Commission and the competent authorities of Georgia.

Pending its entry into force, the Parties agree to provisionally apply this Protocol from the date of its signature, pending its conclusion at a later date.

According to Article 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 and provisional application of the said Protocol.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal has no implication for the EU budget. Georgia shall **contribute financially to the general budget of the European Union** corresponding to the specific programmes in which Georgia participates.

To finance its participation, the country may request assistance under the Regulation establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument or pursuant to any similar Regulation providing for external assistance of the Union to Georgia.

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

2013/0257(NLE) - 22/07/2013 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, concerning the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: as part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the gradual opening-up of certain Union programmes and agencies to the participation of ENP partner countries represents one of many measures to promote reform, modernisation and transition in the European Union's neighbourhood. The Commission outlined this policy aspect more extensively in its Communication on the general approach to enable European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries to participate in Community agencies and Community programmes.

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Pending its entry into force, the Parties agree to provisionally apply this Protocol from the date of its signature, pending its conclusion at a later date.

According to Article 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.

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The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

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

2013/0257(NLE) - 03/12/2013 - Legislative proposal

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

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Protocol was signed on behalf of the Union on 12 December 2013.

The objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Georgia to participate in certain Union programmes.

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

CONTENT: with this proposed Decision, it is foreseen to invite the Council to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

Protocol's objectives: the Protocol determines in particular the specific terms and conditions, in particular, the financial contribution and reporting and evaluation procedures, regarding the participation of Georgia in each particular programme in an agreement between the European Commission and the competent authorities of Georgia,

For further details of the main provisions of the Protocol, *please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial legislative proposal dated 22/07/2013.*

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

2013/0257(NLE) - 20/03/2014 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Krzysztof LISEK (EPP, 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 Georgia of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

Given that the conclusion of the Protocol will permit the gradual opening of or reinforced participation in certain Union programmes for Georgia, offering an opportunity to promote further cultural, educational, environmental, technical and scientific links, enhancing people-to-people contacts and sectoral cooperation, Members called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

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

2013/0257(NLE) - 12/05/2014 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, concerning the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2014/319/EU Council Decision 2014/319/EU on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia 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 Georgia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union on 12 December 2013.

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 Georgia in Union programmes.

Objectives of the Protocol: the Protocol sets down, in particular, the specific terms and conditions regarding the **participation of Georgia 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 Georgia.

This framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of Georgia's participation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12.05.2014. 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.