Basic information

2013/0262(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol See also 2007/0123(NLE) **Subject** 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans **Geographical area** Montenegro, from 06/2006	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	TANNOCK Timothy Charles Ayrton (ECR)	12/09/2013
	Shadow rapporteur IBRISAGIC Anna (PPE) FÄRM Göran (S&D) VAJGL Ivo (ALDE) LUNACEK Ulrike (Verts /ALE) CHOUNTIS Nikolaos (GUE /NGL)	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3313	2014-05-13

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/07/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0545	Summary

15/10/2013	Legislative proposal published	14187/2013	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	A7-0192/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0403/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/05/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/05/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/06/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0262(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 2007/0123(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p8-a2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217 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/7/13502

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE528.009	21/02/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0192/2014	20/03/2014	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0403/2014	16/04/2014	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	14187/2013	15/10/2013	Summary
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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

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Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2014/0321 OJ L 165 04.06.2014, p. 0030	Summary

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0262(NLE) - 26/07/2013

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and Croatia, with Montenegro in order to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession Croatia to the European Union.

These negotiations started on 22 November 2012 and the Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of Montenegro on 16 May 2013.

This proposal concerns the Council Decision to conclude the said Protocol.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 217 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: with this proposal, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and the Member States.

The main amendments are made to the Montenegrin concessions on agricultural products, fisheries products and on the rules of origin.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0262(NLE) - 26/07/2013 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and Croatia, with Montenegro in order to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession Croatia to the European Union.

These negotiations started on 22 November 2012 and the Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of Montenegro on 16 May 2013.

This proposal concerns the Council Decision to conclude the said Protocol.

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CONTENT: with this proposal, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and the Member States.

The main amendments are made to the Montenegrin concessions on agricultural products, fisheries products and on the rules of origin.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0262(NLE) - 15/10/2013 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to approve on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

For further information as regards the main provisions of this Protocol and its impact on the EU budget, *please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal dated 26/07/2013*.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0262(NLE) - 20/03/2014 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Charles TANNOCK (ECR, UK) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union;

The committee called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the protocol.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0262(NLE) - 16/04/2014 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 627 votes to 19, with 20 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0262(NLE) - 13/05/2014 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/321/EU on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with Council Decision 2014/172/EU, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union ('the Protocol') has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It is now appropriate to conclude 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, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The main provisions relate to the Montenegrin concessions on agricultural products, fisheries products and on the rules of origin.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.05.2014.