Basic information

2013/0420(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Azerbaijan Framework Agreement: general principles for the participation of Azerbaijan in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC /Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement See also 1996/0094(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy **Geographical area** Azerbaijan	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	NICOLAI Norica (ALDE)	01/10/2014
	Shadow rapporteur MCALLISTER David (PPE) LÓPEZ Javi (S&D) DEMESMAEKER Mark (ECR) VERGIAT Marie-Christine (GUE/NGL)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed

	DEVE Development		
	INTA International Trade		

Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3482	2016-07-18

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	European External Action Service	FÜLE Štefan

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/12/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0865	Summary
07/02/2014	Legislative proposal published	05616/2014	Summary
03/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/06/2016	Vote in committee		
16/06/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0210/2016	Summary
06/07/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0301/2016	Summary
06/07/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/07/2016	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/07/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/07/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0420(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 1996/0094(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a 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/8/00279

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE549.452	06/03/2015	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE554.713	01/04/2015	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0210/2016	16/06/2016	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0301/2016	06/07/2016	Summary

Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	05616/2014	07/02/2014	Summary
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European Commission

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Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2016/1210
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EU/Azerbaijan Framework Agreement: general principles for the participation of Azerbaijan in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC /Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

2013/0420(NLE) - 18/07/2016 - 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 Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of this country Azerbaijan in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1210 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 Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

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

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol constitutes an economic, financial and technical cooperation measure which allows for access to assistance, in particular financial assistance, to be provided by the Union pursuant to those Union programmes. That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The conclusion of the Protocol therefore does not entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2016.

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

2013/0420(NLE) - 16/06/2016 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Norica NICOLAI (ADLR, RO) 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 Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Union programmes.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

To recall, the aim of the Protocol is to lay down financial and technical rules enabling Azerbaijan to participate in certain European Union Programmes open to third countries.

Furthermore, Azerbaijan is an important energy partner for the EU. However, the importance of EU-Azerbaijan relations is not limited to energy security, and the relevance of this partnership should be considered in the context of all aspects of cooperation envisaged in the framework of Eastern Partnership. Rule of law, human rights and democracy remain core principles on which relations of the EU with third countries should be based on. In this context, the framework agreement under consideration aims to promote cooperation in sectors and foster people-to-people contacts which should be beneficial for the society.

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

2013/0420(NLE) - 06/07/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 577 votes to 67, with 51 votes, 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 Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Union programmes.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the European Parliament **gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol**.

To recall, the aim of the Protocol is to lay down financial and technical rules enabling Azerbaijan to participate in certain European Union Programmes open to third countries. The Protocol determines in particular the specific terms and conditions, in particular, the financial contribution and reporting and evaluation procedures, regarding the participation of Azerbaijan in each particular programme in an agreement between the European Commission and the competent authorities of Azerbaijan.

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

2013/0420(NLE) - 06/12/2013

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of Azerbaijan 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. To date, a number of Protocols have already been signed with a number of these countries.

In October 2012, Azerbaijan 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 Azerbaijan is attached and is the subject of this proposal.

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

CONTENT: the Commission herewith submits a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol.

This Protocol contains a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Azerbaijan 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 determines in particular the specific terms and conditions, in particular, the financial contribution and reporting and evaluation procedures, regarding the participation of Azerbaijan in each particular programme in an agreement between the European Commission and the competent authorities of Azerbaijan.

The negotiated text also foresees that the Parties shall provisionally apply the provisions of this Protocol from the date of its signature.

According to Article 218(6)(a) of the TFEU, 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.

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

2013/0420(NLE) - 07/02/2014 - 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 the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Union programmes.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

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

The Protocol should therefore be approved in the name of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this Decision proposal, the Council is invited to approve in the name of the European Union, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Union programmes.

For the material content of the Protocol, see the summary of the *Commission's initial legislative proposal dated 06/12/2013*.

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

2013/0420(NLE) - 06/12/2013 - Preparatory document

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

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