Basic information

2014/0039(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Serbia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy **Geographical area** Serbia, from 06/2006	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MCALLISTER David (PPE)	22/09/2014
	Shadow rapporteur FAJON Tanja (S&D) VAJGL Ivo (ALDE) RANSDORF Miloslav (GUE/NGL) CASTALDO Fabio Massimo (EFDD)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade		

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG: Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations; Commissioner: FÜLE Štefan

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/02/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0076	Summary
24/03/2014	Legislative proposal published	06682/2014	Summary
14/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/06/2015	Vote in committee		
16/06/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0189/2015	Summary
08/07/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0254/2015	Summary
08/07/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/07/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/07/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/07/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0039(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p8-a2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00374

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE544.399	21/04/2015	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0189/2015	16/06/2015	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0254/2015	08/07/2015	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	06681/2014	24/03/2014	
Legislative proposal	06682/2014	24/03/2014	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0075	14/02/2014	
Preparatory document	COM(2014)0076	14/02/2014	Summary
For information	COM(2014)0077	14/02/2014	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2015/1292
OJ L 199 29.07.2015, p. 0001 Summary

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

2014/0039(NLE) - 14/02/2014

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

The Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of Serbia on 10 December 2013.

It is now necessary to conclude the protocol

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

N.B.: for the conclusion of the Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC), the Commission proposes that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

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

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

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

2014/0039(NLE) - 24/03/2014 - 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 Serbia, 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 Serbia, 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 conclude this Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

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

For details as regards the objectives of the Protocol, please refer to the summary of the *initial legislative proposal published on 14/02/2014*.

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

2014/0039(NLE) - 14/02/2014 - Preparatory document

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

The Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of Serbia on 10 December 2013.

It is now necessary to conclude the protocol

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

N.B.: for the conclusion of the Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC), the Commission proposes that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

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

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

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

2014/0039(NLE) - 20/07/2015 - 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 Serbia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2015/1292 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 Serbia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: on behalf of the Union and its Member States, the Decision **approves** the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia.

In accordance with Council Decision 2014/517/EU, the Protocol was signed, subject to its conclusion.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 20.7.2015.

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

2014/0039(NLE) - 16/06/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the recommendation by David McALLISTER (EPP, DE) 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 Serbia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Members called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

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

2014/0039(NLE) - 08/07/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 643 votes to 39, with 24 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 the Republic of Serbia, 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.