Basic information

2014/0047(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the related Protocol, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU **Subject** 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	LAMBSDORFF Alexander Graf (ALDE)	22/07/2014
	Shadow rapporteur WAŁĘSA Jarosław (PPE) ANDRIEU Eric (S&D) BORRELLI David (EFDD)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	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
AFET Foreign Affairs		

	PECH Fisheries
Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG: European External Action Service Commissioner: ASHTON Catherine

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/02/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0047	
17/02/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0091	Summary
11/03/2014	Legislative proposal published	06698/2014	Summary
03/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/11/2014	Vote in committee		
12/11/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0026/2014	Summary
16/12/2014	Decision by Parliament	T8-0078/2014	Summary
16/12/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/03/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/03/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0047(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 218-p8-a2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/00376

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE537.529	30/09/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0026/2014	12/11/2014	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0078/2014	16/12/2014	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	06696/2014	11/03/2014	
Legislative proposal	06698/2014	11/03/2014	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2014)0047	03/02/2014	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0088	17/02/2014	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0089	17/02/2014	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0090	17/02/2014	
Preparatory document	COM(2014)0091	17/02/2014	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0092	17/02/2014	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0093	17/02/2014	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2025/0490
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Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the related Protocol, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU

2014/0047(NLE) - 17/02/2014

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area and the related Protocol, 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: the Agreement on the European Economic Area was signed on 2 May 1992 and entered into force on 1 January 1994.

The attached proposal creates the legal instrument for the conclusion of the Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the EEA and of the related Additional Protocol to the Agreement between Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

On 4 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to amend the EEA Agreement and the Agreement between the Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014. The negotiations with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway were successfully concluded by the initialling of:

- the Agreement;
- the Protocol; and
- two additional protocols, namely: (a) the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland consequent to the accession of Croatia to the European Union; and (b) the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway consequent to the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

These two additional protocols are part of a package with the current Agreement and Protocol but are contained in two separate proposals.

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

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, the Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area and the related Additional Protocol to the Agreement between Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

The proposed Agreement makes Croatia a contracting party to the EEA Agreement and commits the EU to providing an authentic version of the EEA Agreement in the new official language of the EU. The Protocol includes Croatia in the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

The provisional application of the Agreement and the Protocol is envisaged as of the date stipulated by an exchange of letters between the Parties, pending the completion of the relevant procedures for its formal conclusion and entry into force.

Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the related Protocol, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU

2014/0047(NLE) - 11/03/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area and the related Protocol, 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.

BACKGROUND: the Agreement on the European Economic Area was signed on 2 May 1992 and entered into force on 1 January 1994.

In accordance with the Act of Accession of Croatia, that country undertook to become a party to the EEA Agreement.

This proposal is the legal instrument for the conclusion of the Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the EEA. The Agreement and three additional related protocols:

- the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area ;
- the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland consequent to the accession of Croatia to the European Union;
- the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway consequent to the accession of Croatia to the European Union were signed by the Union, in accordance with a Council decision, subject to their conclusion.

The Agreement and the related Protocols should be concluded, on behalf of the European Union.

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

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The text of the Agreement is attached to the proposal.

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, deposit the instruments of approval provided for in the Agreement and each of the related Protocols. The content of the agreement is identical to that of the Commission's proposal (*please refer to the summary dated 17/02/2014 of the initial legislative proposal*).

Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the related Protocol, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU

2014/0047(NLE) - 17/02/2014 - Preparatory document

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the related Protocol, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU

2014/0047(NLE) - 16/12/2014 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 622 votes to 31, with 51 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement on the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area, and of three related agreements.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement and of the three related agreements.

Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the related Protocol, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU

2014/0047(NLE) - 12/11/2014 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Alexander GRAF LAMBSDORFF (ADLE, DE) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area, and of three related agreements.

Members recalled that the EEA Agreement brings together the EU Member States and the three members of the European Free Trade Association - Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway - in a single market. It provides for the inclusion of EU legislation covering the four freedoms (free movement of goods, services, persons and capital) throughout all the EEA States. In addition, the Agreement guarantees equal rights and obligations within the internal market for citizens and economic operators in the EEA.

Members consider that the participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area is a natural consequence of its EU accession. Therefore, Members recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on the participation of Croatia in the EEA as well as the three related additional protocols.