Basic information

2014/0110(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement See also 2002/0083(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy **Geographical area** Lebanon	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MĂNESCU Ramona Nicole (PPE)	02/03/2015
	Shadow rapporteur LÓPEZ Javi (S&D) BELDER Bas (ECR) HADJIGEORGIOU Takis (GUE/NGL)	

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.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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	-- --
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	-- --

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/03/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0201	Summary
10/12/2014	Legislative proposal published	16136/2014	Summary
25/02/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/05/2016	Vote in committee		
31/05/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0193/2016	Summary
23/06/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0281/2016	Summary
23/06/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/07/2016	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/07/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/07/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0110(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2002/0083(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 212 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00414

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE565.047	08/03/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0193/2016	31/05/2016	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0281/2016	23/06/2016	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	16135/2014	10/12/2014	
Legislative proposal	16136/2014	10/12/2014	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0200	31/03/2014	
Preparatory document	COM(2014)0201	31/03/2014	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2016/1225
OJ L 202 28.07.2016, p. 0003 Summary

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2014/0110(NLE) - 10/12/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon 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: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union.

The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Council is requested to conclude the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes on behalf of the Union.

Objectives of the Protocol: the objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Lebanon to participate in certain Union programmes. The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation and allows Lebanon to receive assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the Union pursuant to those programmes.

That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of Lebanon.

The conclusion of the Protocol does not therefore entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

For further details of the Protocol, please refer to the summary of the *Commission's initial legislative proposal dated 31/03/2014*.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2014/0110(NLE) - 31/03/2014 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of that country 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 it.

BACKGROUND: as part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the gradual opening up of certain European Union programmes and agencies to ENP partner countries is one of many measures to promote reform, modernisation and transition in the European Union's neighbourhood. The Commission has expanded on this 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.

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, Protocols have been signed with Armenia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Moldova, Morocco and Ukraine.

In December 2013, Lebanon expressed its interest in participating in the broad range of programmes open to partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The text of the Protocol negotiated with Lebanon is attached and the subject of this proposal. It is now appropriate for the European Union to conclude the protocol.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 212 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and Article 218(7) thereof.

CONTENT: this is 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 Lebanon in Union programmes. It contains standard conditions that should be applied to all European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries with whom such protocols are to be concluded.

Objectives: the protocol seeks to define the financial and technical rules permitting Lebanon to participate in certain EU programmes.

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation measure and allows Lebanon to receive **technical assistance**, in particular financial assistance, from the European Union pursuant to the European Union programmes.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2014/0110(NLE) - 31/03/2014

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2014/0110(NLE) - 18/07/2016 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1225 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of this country in Union programmes.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of Lebanon in Union programmes is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

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

The horizontal framework established by the Protocol sets out principles for economic, financial and technical cooperation and allows Lebanon to receive assistance, in particular financial assistance, from the Union pursuant to those programmes. That framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of Lebanon.

The conclusion of the Protocol does not therefore entail the exercise of powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

The Commission is authorised to determine, on behalf of the Union, the specific terms and conditions applicable to the participation of Lebanon in each particular Union programme, including the financial contribution to be paid.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2016.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2014/0110(NLE) - 31/05/2016 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Ramona Nicole MĂNESCU (EPP, RO) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon 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 define the financial and technical rules permitting Lebanon to participate in certain EU programmes.

EU/Lebanon Framework Agreement: participation of Lebanon in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2014/0110(NLE) - 23/06/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 501 votes to 30, with 45 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in Union programmes.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.