Basic information	
2016/0217(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation **Subject** 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	COUSO PERMUY Javier (GUE/NGL)	21/03/2017
	Shadow rapporteur DE GRANDES PASCUAL Luis (PPE) LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE Antonio (PPE) ASSIS Francisco (S&D) TANNOCK Timothy Charles Ayrton (ECR) URTASUN Ernest (Verts/ALE) CASTALDO Fabio Massimo (EFDD)	

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.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	MOGHERINI Federica

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/07/2016	Preparatory document	JOIN(2016)0034	Summary
30/09/2016	Legislative proposal published	11342/2016	Summary
21/11/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/08/2017	Vote in committee		
04/09/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0279/2017	Summary
04/10/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0368/2017	Summary
04/10/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/04/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
12/04/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/04/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0217(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p8-a2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 212 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 209-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/07242

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE602.916	22/06/2017	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE608.069	12/07/2017	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0279/2017	04/09/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0368/2017	04/10/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	11342/2016	30/09/2016	Summary

Document attached to the procedure	11356/2016	30/09/2016	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
ECHR	Document attached to the procedure	JOIN(2016)0032	14/07/2016	
ECHR	Preparatory document	JOIN(2016)0034	14/07/2016	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2019/0593
OJ L 103 12.04.2019, p. 0001 Summary

Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation

2016/0217(NLE) - 14/07/2016 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement establishing the EU (European Union) – LAC (Latin, American and Caribbean) International Foundation.

PROPOSED ACT: Joint Council Decision.

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

BACKGROUND: the European Union (EU) and the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries signed a strategic partnership at the first bi-regional summit of their heads of state and government in Rio de Janeiro in 1999.

Since 1999, successive summits have ensured a **steady intensification of political dialogue and progress** on jointly tackling a wide range of issues including climate change, migration, the fight against illicit drugs, the promotion of human rights and gender equality, education and cultural issues, and in the fields of science and technology.

At the Fifth EU-LAC Summit (Lima, 2008), leaders of both regions decided to consider the creation of a **bi-regional foundation** to foster debate on common strategies and action to strengthen the partnership and enhance its visibility.

The EU-LAC Foundation was formally established in Hamburg in 2011 as a German civil law body, pending the possible conclusion of an international constituent agreement to convert it into an international organisation.

Council Decision 2012/493/EU authorised the Commission to open negotiations for an international agreement on the creation of the EU-LAC Foundation as an international organisation, with the EU, its Member States and the LAC countries as members. Negotiations started in December 2012 and the European Parliament has been kept regularly informed throughout the negotiations.

The High Representative and the Commission consider that the objectives set by the Council in its directives on the negotiation of the Agreement have been met, and that the draft Agreement can be submitted for signature and conclusion.

CONTENT: the joint proposal constitutes the legal instrument for the conclusion of the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union. The aim of the Agreement is to establish the EU-LAC Foundation as an international organisation with legal personality under public international law.

The Foundation can be seen as an instrument of EU common foreign policy because its activities contribute to the convergence of Member States' actions towards the Latin American and Caribbean region, ensuring that the EU is able to assert its interests and values in the framework of the partnership between the two regions.

Specific activities of the Foundation contribute to the **political dialogue** between the EU and CELAC in areas such as global governance and the promotion of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

The Foundation will also **strengthen cooperation between the EU and LAC regions**, fostering intercultural exchange, notably by facilitating and promoting participation by, and inputs from, civil society and other social actors. It will aim to:

- support EU-CELAC policy dialogue and cooperation involving some or all LAC countries in key areas of common interest such as research, sustainable development, climate change, competitiveness, jobs and growth, and gender equality;
- conduct or support analysis and research on themes of interest for the partnership;
- develop and support bi-regional networks and foster exchanges of knowledge and best practices between them.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the conclusion of the Agreement will have no direct budgetary implications, as it will be on a voluntary basis. The Commission has made financial contributions to the Foundation since it was established under German civil law in 2011, most recently (through the Partnership Instrument) the sum of EUR 3 million for the two years from October 2015. Some LAC and EU countries, including Germany as host country, have contributed financially on one or more occasions.

Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation

2016/0217(NLE) - 30/09/2016 - Legislative proposal

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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.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation was signed and subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Agreement will establish the EU-LAC Foundation as an international organisation with legal personality under public international law.

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

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, it is proposed that the Council approve the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

The Agreement intends to establish the EU-LAC Foundation which aims to strengthen bi-regional partnerships, encourage further mutual knowledge and understanding between both regions and enhance the mutual visibility between both regions.

Specific activities of the Foundation contribute to **political dialogue** and the promotion of democracy, human rights and the rule of law as well as fostering intercultural exchange (for further details on the objectives of the Agreement, *please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal from 14.7.2016*).

Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation

2016/0217(NLE) - 04/09/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Javier COUSO PERMUY (GUE/NGL, ES) on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation.

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

As a reminder, the European Union-Latin America and Caribbean Foundation (**EU-LAC Foundation**) was created in 2010 by the Heads of State or Government of the European Union and of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). The countries of the EU and of CELAC, as well as the EU itself, are its members.

The Foundation is a tool of the EU-CELAC partnership and its activities feed into intergovernmental dialogue. Its mission is to strengthen and promote the strategic partnership between the two regions, enhance its visibility and foster the active participation of the respective civil societies.

The explanatory statement accompanying the report underlined:

- the existence of strong historical, social and economic relations as well as shared values between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union;
- the acceptance of the European Union and CELAC of the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as their commitment to defend the sovereign equality of all States, respect their territorial integrity and political independence and to defend the settlement of disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with justice and international law;
- the progress made in cooperation between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean since the creation of CELAC in 2010.

For these reasons, the EU-LAC Foundation will strengthen bi-regional dialogue, deepen mutual relations, meet the expectations of Latin American and European citizens and effectively address global challenges.

Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation

2016/0217(NLE) - 04/10/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 636 votes to 36, with 27 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation.

In line with its Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament gave its **consent to the conclusion of the agreement**.

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Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation

2016/0217(NLE) - 12/04/2019 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2019/593 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision on the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation.

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The Foundation is an instrument of the EU-CELAC partnership whose mission is:

- to contribute to the strengthening of the CELAC-EU bi-regional partnership process involving the participation and contribution of civil society and other social actors;

- to encourage further mutual knowledge and understanding between the two regions;

- to strengthen the mutual visibility of each region, as well as the bi-regional partnership itself.

The EU-LAC Foundation aims in particular to:

- promote and coordinate result-oriented activities in support of bi-regional relations, focusing on the implementation of priorities identified at EU-LAC summits;

- encourage debate on common strategies for delivering on those priorities by stimulating research and studies;

- foster fruitful exchange and new networking opportunities among civil society and other stakeholders involved with, or potentially interested in, the bi-regional relationship.

The activities of the EU-LAC Foundation are based on the priorities and themes discussed by the Heads of State or Government at the Summits, and focus on the needs identified in the context of developing the bi-regional relationship. They shall involve, as far as possible, civil society and other social actors, such as academic institutions, and shall take into account their contribution in a non-binding manner. They give visibility to the partnership, in particular by targeting actions with a multiplier effect.

The EU-LAC Foundation is composed of the Board of Governors of the President and the Executive Director.

The Agreement shall establish the EU-LAC Foundation as an international organisation with legal personality under public international law. When acting within the framework of the EU-LAC Foundation, the Union and its Member States shall coordinate their positions in accordance with the Treaties and the principle of loyal cooperation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 8.4.2019.

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