Basic information

2016/0311(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EC/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol See also 2008/0073(NLE) **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans **Geographical area** Bosnia and Herzegovina	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	PREDA Cristian Dan (PPE)	27/10/2016
	Shadow rapporteur PAPADAKIS Demetris (S&D) BELDER Bas (ECR) RADOŠ Jozo (ALDE) KOHLÍČEK Jaromír (GUE/NGL) ŠOLTES Igor (Verts/ALE) CASTALDO Fabio Massimo (EFDD)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Foreign Affairs	3552	2017-06-20

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	HAHN Johannes

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/10/2016	Preparatory document	COM(2016)0640	Summary
16/11/2016	Legislative proposal published	13824/2016	Summary
16/01/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/04/2017	Vote in committee		
21/04/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0169/2017	Summary
16/05/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0202/2017	Summary
16/05/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/06/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/06/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/07/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0311(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 2008/0073(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p8-a2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/08112

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE594.194	21/02/2017	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0169/2017	21/04/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0202/2017	16/05/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	13823/2016	16/11/2016	
Legislative proposal	13824/2016	16/11/2016	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2016)0640	06/10/2016	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2016)0641	06/10/2016	
For information	COM(2016)0642	06/10/2016	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2017/1163
OJ L 170 01.07.2017, p. 0001 Summary

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

2016/0311(NLE) - 20/06/2017 - 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/1163 on the conclusion, on behalf of the 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2017/75, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part taking into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union, was signed on 15 December 2016, subject to its conclusion.

The Protocol should now be approved.

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the Accession of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 20.6.2017. The date of entry into force of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

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

2016/0311(NLE) - 16/11/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union was signed, subject to its conclusion. The Protocol should now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision is aimed at **approving, on behalf of the Union**, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

In terms of the Protocol, Croatia shall be Party to the SAA, signed in Luxembourg on 16 June 2008, and shall respectively adopt and take note, in the same manner as the other Member States of the European Union, of the texts of the SAA, as well as of the Joint Declarations, and the Unilateral Declarations annexed to the Final Act signed on the same date.

The adjustments to the text of the SAA relate to agricultural products (agricultural products sensu stricu, fish and fishery products, processed agricultural products and wine agreement.)

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

For further details, please refer to the Commission's initial proposal dated 6.10.2016.

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

2016/0311(NLE) - 06/10/2016 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

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 Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Several rounds of negotiations took place between 13 December 2012 and 28 April 2016. Following further technical consultations and correspondence, the Protocol was initialled by the Commission and Bosnia and Herzegovina on 18 July 2016.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

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

It should be noted that the signature and provisional application of the Protocol are subject to a proposal for a separate Council decision. The conclusion of the Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC) follows a separate procedure, by which the Commission recommends that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

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

2016/0311(NLE) - 06/10/2016

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

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 Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Several rounds of negotiations took place between 13 December 2012 and 28 April 2016. Following further technical consultations and correspondence, the Protocol was initialled by the Commission and Bosnia and Herzegovina on 18 July 2016.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

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

It should be noted that the signature and provisional application of the Protocol are subject to a proposal for a separate Council decision. The conclusion of the Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC) follows a separate procedure, by which the Commission recommends that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

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

2016/0311(NLE) - 21/04/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Cristian Dan PREDA (EPP, RO) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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

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

2016/0311(NLE) - 16/05/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 592 votes to 54, with 21 abstentions, a resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The European Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.