Basic information

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Agreement on operational and strategic cooperation between Georgia and European Police Office (Europol) **Subject** 7.30.05 Police cooperation 7.30.05.01 Europol, CEPOL **Geographical area** Georgia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	MORAES Claude (S&D)	03/10/2016
	Shadow rapporteur MAMIKINS Andrejs (S&D)	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3514	2017-01-23

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	MOGHERINI Federica

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/07/2016	Legislative proposal published	10343/2016	Summary
12/09/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/11/2016	Vote in committee		
21/11/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0343/2016	Summary
14/12/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0494/2016	Summary
14/12/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/01/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

23/01/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Committee dossier	LIBE/8/07665

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE589.446	30/09/2016	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE592.404	25/10/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0343/2016	21/11/2016	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0494/2016	14/12/2016	Summary

Council of the EU

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Document attached to the procedure	08956/2016	20/05/2016	
Legislative proposal	10343/2016	04/07/2016	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Agreement on operational and strategic cooperation between Georgia and European Police Office (Europol)

2016/0810(CNS) - 14/12/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 544 votes to 99, with 66 abstentions (following the Parliament's consultation procedure), a legislative resolution on the draft Council implementing decision approving the conclusion by the European Police Office (Europol) of the Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and Europol.

In line with its Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Parliament **approved the Council draft without amendment**.

This Agreement shall contribute to enhancing cooperation with Georgia which is increasingly relevant in the fight against terrorism and organised crime, more specifically since it is a transit country of so-called foreign fighters.

Agreement on operational and strategic cooperation between Georgia and European Police Office (Europol)

2016/0810(CNS) - 04/07/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion by the European Police Office (Europol) of the Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and Europol.

PROPOSED ACT: Council implementing 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: pursuant to Decision 2009/371/JHA and Decision 2009/934/JHA, Europol is to conclude agreements with the third States which have been put on the list determined by Decision 2009/935/JHA.

Such agreements have the objective of supporting and strengthening action by the competent authorities of the Member States and their **mutual cooperation in preventing and combating organised crime, terrorism and other forms of serious crime** affecting two or more Member States, and may concern the exchange of operational, strategic or technical information, including personal data and classified information.

Georgia is included in the list determined by Decision 2009/935/JHA.

In order to increase effectiveness in preventing and combating serious forms of crime and, in particular, given that Georgia is a potential candidate State and a close neighbour of the Union, Europol has initiated the procedure for the conclusion of an Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and Europol.

Strategic agreements involve the exchange of information excluding personal data. They may be concluded by Europol only after approval by the Council, the latter having previously consulted the Management Board of Europol.

Operational agreements require, in addition, that the Council obtain, via the Management Board, the opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Europol, in so far as the agreement concerns the exchange of personal data.

The Management Board approved the Operational and Strategic Agreement on 11-12 May 2016.

The conditions for triggering the exercise of the implementing powers by the Council pursuant to Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA and 2009/935 /JHA have been met to approve the conclusion of the Operational and Strategic Agreement.

CONTENT: pursuant to the draft implementing decision, Europol is authorised to **conclude the Agreement** on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and Europol in preventing and combating organised crime and terrorism between these countries.

The terms of the cooperation governed by the Operational and Strategic Agreement provide for: the **exchange of information**, which may, include specialist knowledge, general situation reports, results of strategic analysis, information on criminal investigation procedures and information on crime-prevention methods; participation in training activities; and the provision of advice and support in individual criminal investigations.

Moreover, the Operational and Strategic Agreement contains provisions relating to the **exchange of personal data**.

Denmark, the United Kingdom and Ireland are taking part in the adoption and application of this implementing Decision.

Agreement on operational and strategic cooperation between Georgia and European Police Office (Europol)

2016/0810(CNS) - 21/11/2016 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (Parliament's consultation), the report by Claude MORAES (S&D, UK) on the draft Council implementing decision approving the conclusion by the European Police Office (Europol) of the Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and Europol.

The committee called on the European Parliament to **approve the Council draft**.

The explanatory memorandum accompanying the report recalled that this proposal concerns the proposed approval of an operational and strategic agreement between Europol and Georgia, providing for the exchange of information, including personal data. Such information could be in the field of specialist knowledge, general situation reports, results of strategic analysis, information on criminal investigation procedures, information on crime-prevention methods, and support in individual criminal investigations.

From that perspective, the committee supported the conclusion of this strategic and operational cooperation agreement with Georgia would thus aid and reinforce the fight against terrorism and organized crime, which is international by definition.