

## Basic information

2020/0024(NLE)

NLE - Non-legislative enactments

EU/Central America Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

See also [2011/0303\(NLE\)](#)

### Subject

6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations  
6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin  
6.30.01 Generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP), rules of origin  
6.30.02 Financial and technical cooperation and assistance  
6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands

Awaiting final decision

## Key players

European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
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Council of the European Union			
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
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## Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/02/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0052 	
30/11/2020	Legislative proposal published	06048/2020	Summary
14/12/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/04/2021	Vote in committee		
27/04/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0148/2021	
18/05/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0224/2021	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/0024(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also <a href="#">2011/0303(NLE)</a>
Legal basis	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	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFET/9/02544

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">INTA</span>	<a href="#">PE650.387</a>	29/01/2021	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE689.635</a>	09/03/2021	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0148/2021</a>	27/04/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0224/2021</a>	18/05/2021	Summary
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">06049/1/2020</a>	24/06/2020		
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">06048/2020</a>	30/11/2020	Summary	
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
	<a href="#">COM(2020)0051</a>			

Document attached to the procedure		13/02/2020	
Preparatory document	COM(2020)0052 	13/02/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

## EU/Central America Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2020/0024(NLE) - 18/05/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 635 votes to 5, with 56 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Following the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the European Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

In June 2012, the European Union and the Central American countries signed an Association Agreement which creates a new framework for bilateral relations. This Association Agreement is based on three interdependent pillars of equal importance: political dialogue, cooperation and trade.

With this Protocol, Croatia will be integrated into the Association Agreement with Central America as a Party.

## EU/Central America Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2020/0024(NLE) - 30/11/2020 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to conclude a Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, 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 may adopt the act only if the European Parliament has given its consent.

**BACKGROUND:** the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, of the other part, was signed on 29 June 2012 and has not yet fully entered into force, as some Member States have yet to ratify it.

In accordance with the Act of Accession of Croatia, Croatia has undertaken to accede to the existing agreements concluded or signed by the Member States and the European Union with third countries by means of protocols concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, with the third countries concerned.

The text of the Protocol to the Association Agreement, which takes into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union, was finalised by both parties on 27 June 2019 in the framework of the Association Committee meeting.

**CONTENT:** the Council's draft aims to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Through the proposed Protocol, Croatia would be integrated into the Association Agreement with Central America as a party to the Agreement.

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On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned with a view to concluding the corresponding protocols. Negotiations with Central America started in May 2014 and were successfully concluded in June 2018. The text of the Protocol to the Association Agreement, which takes into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union, was finalised by both parties on 27 June 2019 in the framework of the Association Committee meeting.

**CONTENT:** the Commission recommends to the Council to adopt the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. Through the proposed Protocol, Croatia would be integrated into the Association Agreement with Central America as a Party.

The Commission considers the outcome of the negotiations to be satisfactory. In particular, as regards bananas imported from Central America, the Parties agreed to modify the trigger import volumes provided for in the stabilisation clause beyond which the EU may suspend the preferential tariff treatment. The preferential customs duty remained unchanged.