




Basic information	
<p>2025/0351(NLE)</p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU–Iceland Agreement on the participation of Iceland in GOVSATCOM and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.30.03.06 Communications by satellite 3.50 Research and technological development and space 3.50.03 European space policy 6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Iceland</p>	Awaiting committee decision

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	BORCHIA Paolo (PfE)	20/05/2026
		Shadow rapporteur DONAZZAN Elena (ECR)	
	Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Defence Industry and Space	KUBILIUS Andrius	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/11/2025	Preparatory document	COM(2025)0693 	
17/04/2026	Legislative proposal published	05271/2026	Summary

18/05/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/0351(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 189 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting committee decision
Committee dossier	ITRE/10/04543

Documentation gateway			
Council of the EU			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	05271/2026	17/04/2026	Summary
European Commission			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2025)0692 	17/11/2025	
Preparatory document	COM(2025)0693 	17/11/2025	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

EU–Iceland Agreement on the participation of Iceland in GOVSATCOM and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme

2025/0351(NLE) - 17/04/2026 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme.

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: Iceland is a close EU Space partner participating several components of the Union Space Programme, with some exceptions including the GOVSATCOM component.

On 14 December 2023, Iceland requested to start negotiations on an agreement in view of participating in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme. On 25 February 2025, the Council authorised the opening of the negotiations on behalf of the Union.

Given Iceland's beneficial geographical location near the Arctic region Secure Connectivity is important to support key economic sectors, in particular telecommunications and transport. A Secure Connectivity agreement with Iceland contributes to a number of EU priorities including the Green Deal, a Europe fit for the digital age, an economy that works for people and a stronger Europe in the World.

Given Iceland's beneficial geographical location near the Arctic region, an agreement will also contribute to peace and security and the sustainable development of the Earth.

The Strategic Compass for security and defence adopted by the Council on 21 March 2022 proposes that the EU space systems offer global connectivity to security and defence actors. It also calls for the Union to work on the proposal for an EU space-based global secure communication system. An agreement with Iceland will contribute to that.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision aims at approving the agreement between the European Union and Iceland establishing the rules governing Iceland's participation in the Govsatcom component of the Union's space programme and the Union's programme for secure connectivity, as well as access to Govsatcom services and government services of the Union's programme for secure connectivity.

From a geopolitical perspective, Iceland's participation in the Govsatcom component of the EU Space Programme and the EU Secure Connectivity Programme, as well as its access to Govsatcom and government services under the EU Secure Connectivity Programme, will contribute to strengthening Europe's role as a global actor and fostering international cooperation as defined in the European Space Strategy. An agreement with Iceland will reinforce the EU's strategic position, which is an objective of the EU's Space Strategy for Security and Defence.

The Icelandic participation in Secure Connectivity and GOVSATCOM will be concluded in one agreement because both programmes are intertwined, GOVSATCOM being also the service centre for Secure Connectivity and because the same conditions apply to Iceland's participation in both programmes.

The implementation of this agreement will be monitored by the Union and Iceland through a Joint Committee set up under the Agreement.