Basic information

2025/0264(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Awaiting Parliament's vote
Association of the overseas countries and territories with the EU including EU/Greenland/Denmark relations Amending Decision 2021/1764 2018/0244(CNS) **Subject** 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DEVE Development	ANDREWS Barry (Renew)	05/11/2025
	Shadow rapporteur MANDL Lukas (EPP) MAIJ Marit (S&D) STORM Kristoffer (ECR) LÖVIN Isabella (Greens /EFA) CARÊME Damien (The Left) JONGEN Marc (ESN)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	PAET Urmas (Renew)	30/04/2025

Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	RZOŃCA Bogdan (ECR)	02/06/2026

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
International Partnerships	SÍKELA Jozef

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/09/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0599	Summary
15/12/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/10/2026	Vote in committee		
19/10/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0275/2026	

Forecasts

11/11/2026	Indicative plenary sitting date

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0264(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision 2021/1764 2018/0244(CNS)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 203
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's vote
Committee dossier	DEVE/10/03844

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE782.513	04/05/2026	
Committee opinion	AFET	PE785.248	06/05/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE788.989	26/05/2026	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE785.490	05/06/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0275/2026	19/10/2026	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0599	03/09/2025	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2025)0625	03/09/2025	
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2025)0626	03/09/2025	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
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Additional information		
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European Parliament	Briefing	16/01/2026
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	**Role**	**Committee**	**Date**	**Interest representatives**
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	30/07/2026	ministry of general affairs
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	24/07/2026	Island Commissioner
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	22/07/2026	Island Commissioner member of the Island Council Island Governor
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	13/07/2026	Minister Plenipotentiary Sint Maarten
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	01/07/2026	Oversees Countries and Territories Association (OCTA)
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	22/06/2026	Member of national parliament
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	22/05/2026	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	22/04/2026	Greenpeace European Unit World Wide Fund for Nature - Netherlands (WWF Netherlands) Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	16/04/2026	Europahuis
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	15/04/2026	Prime Minister of Aruba
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	27/03/2026	Dutch Ministry of Internal Affair and Kingdom Relations
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	27/03/2026	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
ANDREWS Barry	Rapporteur	DEVE	25/03/2026	Deputy EU representative for Aruba
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	20/03/2026	Stichting Hoger Beroepsonderwijs Haaglanden (The Hague University of Applied Sciences)
ANDREWS Barry	Rapporteur	DEVE	19/03/2026	Dutch Parliament Representative
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	19/03/2026	Member of Dutch Parliament
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	06/02/2026	Special Envoy Bonaire, Saba, Statia
ANDREWS Barry	Rapporteur	DEVE	05/02/2026	Head of Greenlandic Mission and Danish Ambassador to the EU
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	07/01/2026	Minister of Justice
MAIJ Marit	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	07/01/2026	Europe Direct

Association of the overseas countries and territories with the EU including EU/Greenland/Denmark relations

2025/0264(CNS) - 03/09/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Decision (EU) 2021/1764 to ensure the continuation of the partnership between the Union and the overseas countries and territories (OCTs) under the 2028-2034 multiannual financial framework (MFF).

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: this proposal is made in the context of the future multiannual financial framework (MFF) (2028-2034) which has the political ambition of delivering on the Union's priorities while acting with strength and unity on the global stage over the next decade.

One such priority is stepping up support under the Council Decision on the association of the OCTs with the European Union, including relations between the European Union on one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other (Decision on Overseas Association, including Greenland - DOAG), to which the Commission is proposing an amendment.

The 13 OCTs, linked to Denmark, France, and the Netherlands, represent approximately 1 million inhabitants and have the largest EEZ in the world (15 million km²). They are not part of the EU, the single market, or the Schengen area, but their inhabitants are European citizens.

Unlike the NDICI - Global Europe, which establishes a financing instrument (2021-2027), the DOAG is a Council decision that establishes (i) an association of the OCTs with the Union in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, and (ii) a financing programme for the association. The DOAG does not include a sunset clause linked to the duration of the MFF (with the exception of its financing programme). For this reason, it cannot be merged with Global Europe.

The objectives and mechanisms of the DOAG remain relevant and appropriate. However, given its sunset clause, the financing programme for the association must be resubmitted, including its financial envelope and implementation arrangements.

CONTENT: the proposal seeks to amend Decision (EU) 2021/1764 on the Association of the OCTs with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other.

General objective

The general objective of the amending decision is to promote the **sustainable economic and social development of the OCTs** and to **establish close economic relations** between them and the Union as a whole.

The association will pursue this general objective by:

- enhancing the OCTs' competitiveness,

- strengthening the OCTs' resilience,

- reducing their economic and environmental vulnerability and

- promoting cooperation between them and other partners.

Another aim of this amendment is to **preserve the existing ties** between the Union on the one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other, acknowledging the increased geostrategic position of Greenland in the Arctic, and to preserve existing ties between the Union and the other OCTs, acknowledging their geostrategic positions in the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, the Atlantic, and the Pacific.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of this decision are the following:

- to **foster and support cooperation with OCTs**, including in addressing their major challenges and reaching the sustainable development goals;

- to **support and to cooperate with Greenland in addressing its major challenges**, notably by raising the education level and strengthening the capacity of its public administration to formulate and implement national policies; and

- to **support the sustainable development of strategic sectors** - including critical raw materials, renewable energy, secured and trusted digital connectivity, and sustainable tourism - within the framework of a strengthened partnership between the EU and Greenland.

Boosting the strategic investment agenda under the Global Gateway

To bring the EU-OCTs partnership more in line with the commitments under the Global Gateway strategy, it is proposed to merge allocations for territorial (bilateral) and regional cooperation for OCTs, and prepare a separate financing envelope for Greenland, dividing financing between cooperation with the OCTs other than Greenland, and cooperation with Greenland, while providing for flexible implementation modalities.

Reinforcing coherence with the broader EU financing architecture

It is proposed to further reinforce the 'external' DOAG dimension specifying the eligibility and access of the OCTs to relevant Union programmes and external financing instruments by consistently applying related cross-references/mirror clauses across all relevant basic acts. The objective is to increase the complementarities of EU actions and strengthen the integration of the OCTs into the EU's competitiveness agenda.

Strengthening focus and improving the structure of the dialogue with the OCTs

- An 'OCTs-EU Forum' will meet every two years to bring together the OCTs' authorities, representatives of the Member States and the Commission. Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the EIB and representatives of the outermost regions will, where appropriate, be associated with the OCTs-EU Forum.

- Trilateral consultations between the Commission, the OCTs and the Member States to which they are linked will be organised at least three times a year on the initiative of the Commission or at the request of OCTs and of the Member States to which they are linked.

Multiannual indicative programmes, action plans and measures

The Commission will adopt, pursuant to this Decision, multiannual indicative programmes. Programming documents, action plans and measures will be adopted by means of implementing acts, with the exception of action plans and individual measures for which Union financing does not exceed EUR 2 million and special and support measures for which Union financing does not exceed EUR 5 million.

Budgetary implications

The European Commission proposes to allocate an indicative financial envelope of **EUR 999 million** (in current prices) to the association's funding programme for 2028-2034.