

DECISION No 1/2015 OF THE EU — BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

of 17 December 2015

creating subcommittees and special groups

THE STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE,

Having regard 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, and in particular Article 119 thereof,

Having regard to its rules of procedure, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

The subcommittees and special groups listed in Annex I are hereby created. Their terms of reference are set out in Annex II.

Done at Brussels, on 17 December 2015.

*For the Stabilisation and Association
Committee*

The Chair

ANNEX I

EU — BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Multidisciplinary Subcommittee Structure

Title	Issues	Agreement Article
1. Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation	Free Movement of Goods	Art. 18
	Industrial Products	Art. 19-23
	Commercial questions	Art. 32-46
	Standardisation, metrology, accreditation, certification, conformity assessment, and market surveillance	Art. 75
	Industrial co-operation	Art. 92
	SMEs	Art. 93
	Tourism	Art. 94
	Customs	Art. 97
	Taxation	Art. 98
	Rules of origin	Protocol 2
	Administrative assistance in customs matters	Protocol 5
2. Agriculture and Fisheries	Agricultural products sensu lato	Art. 24, 26(1), 26(2), 29, 30 and 33
	Agricultural products sensu stricto	Art. 27(1)(2) and 27(4)
	Fisheries products	Art. 26 and 28
	Processed agricultural products	Art. 25, Protocol 1
	Wine	Art. 27(5) and Protocol 7
	Protection of geographical indications for agricultural and fishery products and foodstuffs other than wine and spirits	Art. 31
	Agriculture and the agro-industrial sector, veterinary and phytosanitary matters	Art. 95
	Fisheries co-operation	Art. 96
	Food safety	Art. 95

Title	Issues	Agreement Article
3. Internal Market and Competition	Right of establishment	Art. 50-56
	Supply of services	Art. 57-59
	Other questions related to Title V of the Agreement	Art. 63-69
	Approximation of legislation and law enforcement	Art. 70
	Competition	Art. 71-72, Protocol 4
	Intellectual, industrial and commercial property	Art. 73
	Public procurement	Art. 74
	Banking, insurance and other financial services	Art. 89
	Consumer protection	Art. 76
	Public health	
4. Economic and financial issues and statistics	Capital movements and payments	Art. 60-62
	Economic policy	Art. 87
	Statistical co-operation	Art. 88
	Investment promotion and protection	Art. 91
	Financial co-operation	Art. 112-114
5. Justice, freedom and security	Judiciary and fundamental rights, including anti-discrimination	Art. 78
	Police co-operation and Judicial co-operation	Art. 78
	Rule of law	Art. 78
	Data protection	Art. 79
	Visa, border control, asylum and migration	Art. 80
	Illegal immigration and readmission	Art. 81
	Money laundering	Art. 82
	Drugs	Art. 83
	Counter terrorism	Art. 85
	Crime and other illegal activities	Art. 84

Title	Issues	Agreement Article
6. Innovation, information society, and social policy	Movement of workers	Art. 47-49
	Working conditions and equal opportunities	Art. 77
	Social co-operation	Art. 99
	Education and training	Art. 100
	Cultural co-operation	Art. 101
	Information and communication	Art. 105
	Co-operation in the audio-visual field	Art. 102
	Electronic communications networks and services	Art. 104
	Information society	Art. 103
	Research and technological development	Art. 109
7. Transport, energy, environment, and regional development ⁽¹⁾	Transport	Art. 53, 59, 106 and Protocol 3
	Energy	Art. 107
	Nuclear safety	Art. 107
	Environment	Art. 108
	Climate change	Art. 108
	Civil protection	Art. 108
	Regional and local development	110

⁽¹⁾ For the purposes of implementing Protocol 3 to the Agreement, this sub-committee shall act as the special sub-committee mentioned in Article 21 of this Protocol.

Structure of the Special groups

Title	Issues	Agreement Article
Special Group for reform of public administration	Public administration reform	Title VI Legal approximation and law enforcement, Art. 70 and Title VII, Justice and Home Affairs, Art. 78, Art. 111

ANNEX II

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EU — BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SUBCOMMITTEES AND SPECIAL GROUPS

Composition and Chairmanship

The subcommittees and the special group on public administration reform (PAR) shall be composed of representatives of the European Commission and representatives of the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They shall be chaired alternately by the two parties. The Member States will be informed and invited to the meetings of the subcommittees and the special group on PAR.

Secretariat

An official of the European Commission and an official of the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall act jointly as secretaries of each of the subcommittees and of the special group on PAR.

All communications concerning the subcommittees shall be forwarded to the secretaries of the relevant subcommittee and of the special group on PAR.

Meetings

The subcommittees and the special group on PAR shall meet whenever circumstances require, with the agreement of both Parties. Each meeting of a subcommittee or the special group on PAR shall be held at a time and place agreed by both Parties.

If both Parties agree, the subcommittees and the special group on PAR may invite experts to their meetings to provide the specific information requested.

Agenda and supporting documentation

The Chair and the secretaries shall draw up a provisional agenda for each meeting not later than 30 working days before the beginning of the meeting.

The provisional agenda shall include items in respect of which a request for inclusion has been received by the secretaries not later than 35 working days before the beginning of the meeting.

Following the agreement of the provisional agenda for each meeting and not later than 10 working days before the beginning of the meeting the secretary from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall submit to the secretary from the European Commission the necessary written documentation following the items agreed in the provisional agenda.

In case the deadline mentioned the third paragraph is not respected, the meeting shall be automatically cancelled without further notice.

Subject matters

The subcommittees shall discuss issues related to the areas of the Agreement as listed in the multidisciplinary subcommittee structure. Progress regarding the approximation, implementation and enforcement of legislation shall be assessed under all subject matters. The subcommittees shall examine any problems that may arise in their relevant sectors and shall suggest possible steps to be taken.

The subcommittees shall also serve as fora for the further clarification of the *acquis* and shall review progress made by Bosnia and Herzegovina in conforming to the *acquis* in line with commitments taken under the Agreement.

The special group on PAR shall discuss issues related to public administration reform and suggest possible steps to be taken.

Minutes

Minutes shall be taken for and agreed after each meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be forwarded by the secretary of the subcommittee or the special group on PAR to the Secretary of the Committee.

Publicity

Unless otherwise decided, the meetings of the subcommittees and of special groups on PAR shall not be public.
