

**For the information of the Council only**

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Decision N° 1/2015 of the EU – Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Committee of day month 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 DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*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 …………., on day month 2015.

*For the Stabilisation and Association Committee*

*The Chairman*

**Annex I**

**EU – BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT**

**Multidisciplinary Subcommittee Structure**

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| Title | Issues | SAA 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 |
| 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 SAA | 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 |
| 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]](#footnote-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 |

**Structure of the Special groups**

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| Title | Issues | SAA 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 Chair**

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 Chairman 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 on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall submit to the secretary on behalf of the European Commission the necessary written documentation following the items agreed in the provisional agenda.

In case the deadline mentioned in paragraph 3 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 SAA 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 SAA.

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 Stabilisation and Association Committee.

**Publicity**

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

1. For the purposes of implementing Protocol 3 to the SAA, this sub-committee shall act as the special sub-committee mentioned in Article 21 of this Protocol. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)