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<p><b>2020/0015(NLE)</b> NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement</p> <p>See also <a href="#">2001/0175(CNS)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>India</p>	Procedure completed

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">ITRE</span> Industry, Research and Energy	BUOI Cristian-Silviu (EPP)	08/04/2020
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Council of the European Union			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/01/2020	Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2020)0029</a> 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
26/03/2020	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">06104/2020</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
16/04/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/04/2020	Vote in committee		
30/04/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A9-0096/2020</a>	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0059/2020</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/06/2020	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/06/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/0015(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also <a href="#">2001/0175(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 186-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/9/02477

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE650.489</a>	20/04/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0096/2020</a>	30/04/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0059/2020</a>	13/05/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">06104/2020</a>	26/03/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2020)0029</a> 	30/01/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2020/0789</a> <a href="#">OJ L 193 17.06.2020, p. 0003</a>

## EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

2020/0015(NLE) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 663 votes to 16, with 11 abstentions a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India.

Following the recommendation of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, the European Parliament gave its consent to the renewal of the agreement.

The Council's draft concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India for an additional period of five years (from 17.5.2020 to 16.5.2025).

It is recalled that the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India was signed in New Delhi on 23 November 2001 and entered into force on 14 October 2002. The Agreement was renewed for additional five-year periods in 2009 and 2015 respectively. The current Agreement is due to expire on 17 May 2020.

## **EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement**

2020/0015(NLE) - 30/01/2020 - Preparatory document

**PURPOSE:** to renew the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India.

**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:** the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India was signed in New Delhi on 23 November 2001 and entered into force on 14 October 2002. The Agreement has been renewed for additional periods of five years, in 2009 and 2015 respectively. The current Agreement is due to expire on 17 May 2020.

The Commission believes that the Agreement provides an important framework for conducting and facilitating cooperation between the EU and India in common priority science and technology areas of mutual benefit.

In the past years, under the Horizon 2020 Programme,

- a joint call on water resulted in 7 selected projects for a total of EUR 30 million with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT);
- a joint call on new generation vaccines with DBT for a total of EUR 30 million resulted in 3 selected projects;
- two innovation initiatives were launched: an incubators network and an innovation platform, resulting on more than 20 innovation partnerships among its participants;
- an Implementing Arrangement between the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and the European Commission was signed to facilitate mobility of Indian researchers to European Research Council grantees teams;
- two cofunding mechanisms were set up by DBT and the Ministry of Earth Science (MoES) to fund successful Indian participants in more than 50 Horizon 2020 calls.

At the meeting of the India-EU Joint Steering Committee established by the Agreement, held in New Delhi on 1 March 2019, both Parties noted their intention to renew the Agreement for a further period of five years without any amendment.

**CONTENT:** the Commission proposes that the Council decide to approve, on behalf of the Union, the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India for an additional period of five years (i.e. from 17.5.2020 to 16.5.2025).

The Agreement allows for a frame to identify areas of cooperation on research and innovation of mutual interest and in line with the EU's agenda and strategy on international cooperation.

This Decision shall make it possible to:

- improve and intensify their cooperation in scientific and technological areas of common interest in line with the EU Strategy on India;
- foster additional exchange of specific knowledge and transfer of know-how to the benefit of the scientific communities, industry and citizens;
- provide a useful forum to assess past cooperation and determine future actions, including on topics making the cooperation effective such as open access and open innovation principle;
- to derive mutual benefit from the scientific and technological progress achieved through cooperative activities while enabling the Union and India to address global challenges together and the Union to contribute to India's sustainable modernisation.

The Commission shall regularly monitor all actions under the Agreement, including cooperative activities.

The budgetary impact (appropriations of an administrative nature) is estimated at EUR 0.360 million for the period 2020-2025.

## **EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement**

2020/0015(NLE) - 26/03/2020 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to renew the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council may adopt the act only if the European Parliament has given its consent.

CONTENT: the Council's draft concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the renewal of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India for an additional period of five years (17.5.2020 to 16.5.2025).

As a reminder, the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India was signed in New Delhi on 23 November 2001 and entered into force on 14 October 2002. The Agreement has been renewed for additional periods of five years, in 2009 and 2015 respectively. The current Agreement is due to expire on 17 May 2020.

The review carried out by the Commission services demonstrates that the Agreement provides an important framework to facilitate cooperation between the EU and India in common priority scientific and technological areas of mutual benefit to both parties. Both sides confirmed their intention to renew the Agreement for a further period of five years without amendment.

The President of the Council will designate the person(s) empowered to notify the Government of the Republic of India, on behalf of the Union, that the Union has completed its internal procedures necessary for the renewal of the Agreement.