


Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	1999/0106(AVC)	Procedure completed
EC/Switzerland agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, EC/Euratom 5th framework programme		
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements		
Geographical area Switzerland		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		14/10/1999
		PSE CARRARO Massimo	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2411	04/04/2002
	General Affairs	2192	21/06/1999
	General Affairs	2070	23/02/1998
	General Affairs	1943	16/07/1996
	General Affairs	1922	13/05/1996
	General Affairs	1891	04/12/1995
	Research	1833	10/03/1995
	Research	1776	27/06/1994
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations		

Key events			
27/06/1994	Debate in Council	1776	
19/10/1994	Additional information		Summary
10/03/1995	Debate in Council	1833	Summary
04/12/1995	Debate in Council	1891	Summary
13/05/1996	Debate in Council	1922	

16/07/1996	Debate in Council	1943	
23/02/1998	Debate in Council	2070	
04/05/1999	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0229	Summary
13/04/2000	Legislative proposal published	09751/1999	Summary
14/04/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/04/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
19/04/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0118/2000	
03/05/2000	Debate in Parliament		
04/05/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0192/2000	Summary
04/04/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/04/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/04/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0106(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal		COM(1999)0229	04/05/1999	EC	Summary
Supplementary legislative basic document		07260/2000	03/04/2000	CSL	Summary
Legislative proposal		09751/1999	13/04/2000	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0118/2000 OJ C 041 07.02.2001, p. 0005	19/04/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0192/2000 OJ C 041 07.02.2001, p. 0025-0042	04/05/2000	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act		22002A0430 OJ L 114 30.04.2002, p. 0006-0072	05/04/2002	EU	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2002/309](#)
[OJ L 114 30.04.2002, p. 0001](#) Summary

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PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP: One part of the 4th Framework Programme on Research and Development (R&D) for the EU is cooperation in the field of R&D. This scientific and technological cooperation in Europe is also extended to other scientific and technological cooperation frameworks in Europe outside the EU. The aim of this activity is to optimize research in Europe through appropriate cooperation, taking into account national efforts, both those of Member-States and those of EFTA-countries, as well as those of COST, EUREKA, and other European organizations. The objective of this cooperation is to promote the interest of the Community and to optimize the efforts made in the area of Research, Technological Development and Demonstration (RTD), by facilitating access to sources of science and technology of Third Countries. This approach was highly welcomed by the EP and the Council in its codecision on the Framework Programme. Concerning directly EU-Swiss Cooperation: In 1989 the Parliament gave its recommendation concerning the cooperation agreement between the Community and the Swiss Confederation on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (SCIENCE) (see point 9).

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The Commission made a report to the Council on the progress of negotiations, and in particular the main point of contention at present, namely Switzerland's request to participate as a full member in the specific programme committees.

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The Council heard an oral report by the Commission on the progress of the negotiations with Switzerland with a view to concluding new sectoral agreements in the fields of the free movement of people, research and technological development, agriculture, conformity assessment, public procurement and transport. At the end of its meeting, having noted the comments of the different delegations, the Council underlined the importance of these negotiations in the development of the close and mutually beneficial relations that had long existed between the European Union and Switzerland. It therefore called on the Commission to continue the current negotiations with energy and diligence, in accordance with the principles of integrity and appropriate parallelism contained in the negotiating directives adopted during its meetings on 31 October 1994 and 13/14 March 1995, and expressed its hope that progress would be achieved as soon as possible.

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PURPOSE: conclusion of an agreement with Switzerland on scientific and technological cooperation. CONTENT: In the context of the overall package of liberalisation agreements negotiated with Switzerland and initialled by the parties on 26.02.1999, the Commission is proposing an agreement regarding scientific and technological cooperation aimed at facilitating the participation of this country in the two Community Framework Programmes for RTD (1998-2002). The approach advocated by the Commission is a 'global' one integrating in each of the 7 agreements a common clause regarding simultaneous entry into force (this is to avoid that the referendum process in Switzerland applicable to the approval of these agreements does not give rise to a partial application of the agreements). Following the specific character of the research sector, the S&T Agreement shall apply for the period between its entry into force and the expiry of the two Framework Programmes. While research entities established in Switzerland may participate in the specific programmes of the two Framework Programmes, also research entities established in the EU may participate in research programmes and projects in Switzerland, which will guarantee the reciprocity of the activities. The financial contribution by Switzerland to the budgets of the research programmes is based on the ratio of Switzerland's GDP to that of the Member States of the EU. From an institutional perspective, the Agreement itself does not contain any provisions too set up co-operation committees for each specific programme. However, a 'horizontal' Council Declaration would provide for Swiss participation, as observers and for the points which concern them, in the research programme committees, including CREST.?

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The Council presented a consolidated version of the scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the EC, EURATOM and Switzerland, that also includes the final act and the signatures of all of the contracting parties. It should be recalled that this agreement will associate Switzerland with the European Community's Fifth Framework Programme (1998-2002) for research and technology and the corresponding EURATOM Fifth Framework programme (1998-2002). If research entities established in Switzerland are admitted to participate in the specific programmes of the two framework programmes, research entities in the European Community are also able to participate in research programmes and projects in Switzerland, which guarantees the reciprocity of activities as foreseen by the directives. The Swiss financial contribution to research programme budgets is based on the relation between the Swiss GDP and that of members of the EU.?

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The European Parliament adopted its resolution drafted by Mr. Massimo CARRARO (PES, Italy) and gave its assent to the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, and the Swiss Confederation on scientific and technical cooperation.?