

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2003/0211(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Morocco agreement: scientific and technological cooperation		
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements		
Geographical area Morocco		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		02/10/2003
		PSE BERENGUER FUSTER Luis	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration Environment	Meeting 2556	Date 22/12/2003
European Commission	Commission DG Research and Innovation	Commissioner	

Key events			
19/09/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0551	Summary
20/10/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
03/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0403/2003	
04/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0531/2003	Summary
22/12/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/12/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/02/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0211(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/5/20114

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2003)0551	19/09/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0403/2003	03/11/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0531/2003 OJ C 089 14.04.2004, p. 0029-0093 E	04/12/2003	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2004/126 OJ L 037 10.02.2004, p. 0008-0008 Summary

EC/Morocco agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

PURPOSE : to conclude a scientific and technological co-operation agreement with Morocco. **PROPOSED ACT** : Council Decision. **CONTENT** : the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Morocco entered into force on 1 March 2000. Article 47 of this Agreement identifies scientific and technological cooperation as an area of particular interest and potential, and provides, amongst other things, for the establishment of permanent links between the parties' scientific communities. In the context of the implementation of an ambitious international dimension for the European Research Area, the Commission underlined the need to strengthen relations with the Mediterranean partner countries in the fields of science, technology and innovation in order to promote the socio-economic progress of the whole Euro-Mediterranean area. The main objective is to stimulate cooperation between the European Community and Morocco in the areas covered by the RTD framework programmes: - the agreement is designed to enable the Community and Morocco to profit, on the basis of the principle of mutual benefit, from the scientific and technical progress achieved under their respective research programmes, by means of participation by the Moroccan scientific community and Moroccan industry in Community research projects and independent participation, without funding, by bodies established in the Community in Moroccan projects; - the beneficiaries in the EC and Morocco will be the scientific communities, industry and the general public, thanks to the direct and indirect effects of cooperation. More specifically, this Agreement will enable legal entities of the Kingdom of Morocco to participate in all the indirect activities of the specific programmes SP1 and SP2 of the 6th Framework Programme in accordance with the participation rules decided upon by the Council and the European Parliament. The Agreement is based on the following principles: - mutual benefit; - non-discrimination; - effective protection of intellectual property; - equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. It also provides for the organisation and extension of scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and Morocco through appropriate ways and means. The coordination and promotion of the activities covered by this agreement will be the responsibility of the EC-Morocco Joint Scientific and Technical Cooperation Committee composed of representatives of both parties. This Joint Committee will monitor the implementation and evaluate the impact of the agreement, and propose any appropriate measure aimed at improving and developing scientific and technological cooperation. Moreover, the dissemination and the utilisation of the information and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights arising from the joint research carried out under the Agreement will be subject to the conditions set out in Annex II to the Agreement ("Intellectual property rights"), which is an integral part of the Agreement. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** : - relevant budget headings : the costs associated with the activities of monitoring and implementing the agreement will be charged to the specific budget headings of the programmes under the Community RTD framework programme (Chapter B6-6013); -total cost : EUR 100 000/year; - duration : the agreement will be concluded for an unlimited period. It may be terminated at any time by either party upon six months' written notice; - type of expenditure : 100% financing of missions to Morocco by Commission officials; organisation of workshops, seminars and meetings in Europe and Morocco.?

EC/Morocco agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

The committee adopted the report by Luis BERENQUER FUSTER (PES, E) approving the proposal without amendment under the consultation procedure.?

EC/Morocco agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Luis BERENQUER FUSTER (PES, E) and approved the conclusion of the Agreement.?

EC/Morocco agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

PURPOSE : to conclude an Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation with Morocco. **LEGISLATIVE ACT** : Council Decision 2004/126/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Kingdom of Morocco. **CONTENT** : This Decision approves the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation with the Kingdom of Morocco, which was signed on behalf of the Community on 26 June 2003 in Thessaloniki. The main objective is to stimulate cooperation between the European Community and Morocco in the areas covered by the RTD framework programmes: - the agreement is designed to enable the Community and Morocco to profit, on the basis of the principle of mutual benefit, from the scientific and technical progress achieved under their respective research programmes, by means of participation by the Moroccan scientific community and Moroccan industry in Community research projects and independent participation, without funding, by bodies established in the Community in Moroccan projects; - the beneficiaries in the EC and Morocco will be the scientific communities, industry and the general public, thanks to the direct and indirect effects of cooperation. More specifically, this Agreement will enable legal entities of the Kingdom of Morocco to participate in all the indirect activities of the specific programmes SP1 and SP2 of the 6th Framework Programme in accordance with the participation rules decided upon by the Council and the European Parliament. The Agreement is based on the following principles: - mutual benefit; - non-discrimination; - effective protection of intellectual property; - equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. It also provides for the organisation and extension of scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and Morocco through appropriate ways and means. The coordination and promotion of the activities covered by this Agreement will be the responsibility of the EC-Morocco Joint Scientific and Technical Cooperation Committee composed of representatives of both parties. This Joint Committee will monitor the implementation and evaluate the impact of the agreement, and propose any appropriate measure aimed at improving and developing scientific and technological cooperation. Moreover, the dissemination and the utilisation of the information and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights arising from the joint research carried out under the Agreement will be subject to the conditions set out in Annex II to the Agreement ("Intellectual property rights"), which is an integral part of the Agreement. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : the Decision enters into force on 22.12.2003. The Agreement enters into force when the parties have completed the requisite formalities to this effect.?