

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2003/0213(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Tunisia agreement: scientific and technological cooperation agreement		
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements		
Geographical area Tunisia		

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

Key events			
19/09/2003	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0549</a>	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	<a href="#">A5-0404/2003</a>	
04/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0532/2003</a>	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	2003/0213(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/5/20130

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2003)0549</a>	19/09/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0404/2003</a>	03/11/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0532/2003</a> OJ C 089 14.04.2004, p. 0029-0093 E	04/12/2003	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2004/127</a> <a href="#">OJ L 037 10.02.2004, p. 0016-0016</a> Summary

## EC/Tunisia agreement: scientific and technological cooperation agreement

**PURPOSE** : to conclude the Agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the EC and the Tunisian Republic. **PROPOSED ACT** : Council Decision. **CONTENT** : the Commission has 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. Tunisia has asked for an Agreement in this field. It would be fully in the interest of the Community to respond positively to Tunisia's request. An Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation would be the appropriate instrument for supplementing current cooperation and expanding it at international and regional level. An agreement and the annexes were signed on 26 June 2003 in Thessaloniki. The Agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit, reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the draft Agreement, non-discrimination, the effective protection of intellectual property and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. This Agreement will enable legal entities of Tunisia 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. It also provides for the organisation and extension of scientific and technological cooperation between the EU and Tunisia. The coordination and promotion of the activities covered by this agreement will be the responsibility of the EC-Tunisia 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. Lastly, the Agreement will be concluded for an unlimited period, with the result that it can be implemented on the basis of several Community research and technological development programmes. The dissemination of 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"). The Commission asks the Council to approve the Agreement. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**: - 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). -Preparatory activities and review of cooperation activities: meetings of the steering Committee on S&T cooperation, exchanges of information, coordination activities, visits to Tunisia by officials and experts - EUR 40 000; -Scientific and technical workshops/meetings: EUR 60 000; Total: EUR 100 000 per year. The financing of the expenditure provided for only concerns the 6th Framework Programme. - Indicative schedule of appropriations: for each year between 2003 and 2006 inclusive, the amount involved is EUR 0.1 million.?

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

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

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PURPOSE : to conclude the Agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the EC and the Tunisian Republic. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/127/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Tunisian Republic. CONTENT : This Decision comes about since the Commission has 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. An Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation was signed on 26 June 2003 in Thessaloniki. The Agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit, reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the Agreement, non-discrimination, the effective protection of intellectual property and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. This Agreement will enable legal entities of Tunisia 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. It also provides for the organisation and extension of scientific and technological cooperation between the EU and Tunisia. The coordination and promotion of the activities covered by this Agreement will be the responsibility of the EC-Tunisia 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. Lastly, the Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period, with the result that it can be implemented on the basis of several Community research and technological development programmes. The dissemination of information and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights arising from the joint research carried out under the Agreement are subject to the conditions set out in Annex II to the agreement ("Intellectual property rights"). ENTRY INTO FORCE : The Decision entered into force on 22.12.2003. The Agreement enters into force when all the necessary procedures have been effected.?