


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2004/0216(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Brazil agreement for scientific and technological cooperation See also 2012/0059(NLE) See also 2017/0139(NLE)	
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements	
Geographical area Brazil	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	PPE-DE CHICHESTER Giles	24/11/2004
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2665	06/06/2005
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation		

Key events			
04/10/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0625	Summary
26/01/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
04/04/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0081/2005	
28/04/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
28/04/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0141/2005	Summary
06/06/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/06/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/0216(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2012/0059(NLE) See also 2017/0139(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/24346

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2004)0625	04/10/2004	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0081/2005	04/04/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0141/2005 OJ C 045 23.02.2006, p. 0014-0068 E	28/04/2005	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2005/781 OJ L 295 11.10.2005, p. 0037-0043 Summary

EC/Brazil agreement for scientific and technological cooperation

PURPOSE : to conclude the Agreement on scientific and technical cooperation with Brazil.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : On 14 February 2000, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate an Agreement for scientific and technological co-operation between the EC and Brazil. The negotiations resulted in the Agreement, initialled on 3 December 2002, in Brussels.

The Agreement was negotiated against the background of an upgraded and intensifying co-operation between Brazil and the EU, considering the importance of science and technology for economic and social development and the mutual wish to extend and strengthen the conduct of co-operative activities in areas of common interest as diverse as:

- biotechnology,
- information and communication technologies,
- bioinformatics,
- space,
- micro- and nanotechnologies,
- materials research,
- clean technologies,

- management and sustainable use of environmental resources,
- biosafety,
- health and medicine,
- aeronautics,
- metrology, standardisation and conformity assessment, and
- human sciences.

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. It will be concluded for an initial period of five years and will be renewable for additional periods of five years by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

The Agreement provides for :

- participation of Brazilian research and technological development entities in RTD projects of the framework programme and reciprocal participation of research and technological development entities established in the Community in Brazilian projects in similar sectors of RTD. Such a participation is subject to the rules and

procedures applicable in each Party;

- joint RTD projects;

- visits and exchanges of scientists, researchers and technical experts;

- joint organisation of scientific seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops, as well as the participation of experts in those activities;

- concerted actions such as the pooling of RTD projects already implemented in accordance with the procedures applicable to the RTD programmes of each Party and scientific networks;

- exchange and sharing of equipment and materials;

- exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations and programmes relevant to cooperation under this Agreement, including information on policy in the field of science and technology;

? any other arrangements recommended by the Steering Committee to be established pursuant to Article VI, which are deemed compliant with the policies and procedures applicable in both Parties. In principle, no transfer of funds will take place.

As regards dissemination and utilisation of information and management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights, resulting from joint research under the Agreement, they will be subject to the provisions of the annex to this Agreement entitled "Intellectual Property".

Closer collaboration with Brazil on science and technology will also contribute directly to strengthening ties between the two parties and will, in particular, bring substantial benefits for Europeans, by improving the Community's position in Brazil and, consequently, within MERCOSUR, with whom the EC is currently negotiating an Association Agreement.

EC/Brazil agreement for scientific and technological cooperation

The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED , UK), recommending that Parliament approve the conclusion of the Agreement (consultation procedure).

EC/Brazil agreement for scientific and technological cooperation

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED, UK) and approved the conclusion of the Agreement.

EC/Brazil agreement for scientific and technological cooperation

PURPOSE: the conclusion of a scientific and technical cooperation agreement with Brazil.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2005/781/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil

CONTENT : this Council Decision relates to the conclusion of a scientific and technological cooperation agreement with Brazil that seeks to extend and strengthen cooperation activities in the following areas of research that are of common interest :

- biotechnology
- information and communication technologies
- bio-informatics
- space
- micro- and nano-technologies
- materials research
- clean technologies

- sustainable management and use of environmental resources
- biosafety
- health and medicine
- aeronautics
- metrology, standardisation and conformity assessment
- human science.

The agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages; reciprocal access to the activities of research and technological development undertaken by each Party; timely exchange of information which may affect cooperative activities; and the appropriate protection of intellectual property rights. It is concluded for an initial period of five years and is renewable for periods of the same duration by the written agreement of the Parties. It provides for:

the participation of research entities in the cooperative activities covered by this Agreement, in accordance with their own internal policies and regulations, with a view to providing comparable opportunities for participation in their scientific research and technological development activities and making good use of the benefits thereof:

- visits and exchanges of scientists, researchers and technical experts;
- joint organisation of scientific seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops, as well as the participation of experts in those activities;
- concerted actions such as the pooling of RTD projects already implemented in accordance with the procedures applicable to the RTD programmes of each Party and scientific networks;
- exchange and sharing of equipment and materials;
- exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations and programmes relevant to cooperation under this Agreement, including information on policy in the field of science and technology;
- any other arrangements recommended by the Steering Committee to be established pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement, which are deemed compliant with the policies and procedures applicable in both Parties.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the agreement will enter into force once the necessary formalities to ensure this have completed.