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	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		25/06/2007	
		ALDE EK Lena		
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	BUDG Budgets		20/09/2004	
		PSE HAUG Jutta		
	CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		10/09/2007	
	PPE-DE VAN NISTELROOIJ Lambert			
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.			
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Legislative proposal		COM(2007)0315	13/06/2007	EC	Summary
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Committee draft report		PE394.133	20/09/2007	EP	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE393.962	11/10/2007	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE396.580	24/10/2007	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1443/2007	25/10/2007	ESC	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE394.192	13/11/2007	EP	
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Follow-up document		COM(2012)0190	27/04/2012	EC	Summary
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Follow-up document		COM(2012)0758	14/12/2012	EC	Summary
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Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
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Final act

[Regulation 2008/71](#)
[OJ L 030 04.02.2008, p. 0001](#) Summary

[Corrigendum to final act 32008R0071R\(02\)](#)
[OJ L 220 15.08.2008, p. 0035](#)

Research and aeronautics: setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking

PURPOSE: to set up a Joint Undertaking: 'Clean Sky'.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

BACKGROUND: the [7th Framework Programme](#) 2007-2013 sets up four Specific Programmes: Co-operation, Ideas, People and Capacities. This proposal relates directly to the Specific Programme [Co-operation](#) and one of its core themes: 'Transport' (Aeronautics).

Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs) were introduced for the first time under the Co-operation programme as a way of realising public-private partnership for large-scale research projects being developed at a European level. JTIs are born out of the 'European Technology Platforms', (ETPs), which already existed under the previous, 6th Framework Programme.

JTIs are being proposed in the form of Joint Undertakings that have a legal structure. They are being proposed in a limited number of sectors only, including: hydrogen and fuel cells, aeronautics and air transport, embedded computing systems, nanoelectronics and global monitoring for environment and security.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to create a 'Clean Sky' Joint Undertaking as a public-private partnership seeking to develop innovative technologies that reduce the negative impact of aeronautics on the environment.

The proposed objectives of Clean Sky are:

- to accelerate the development of clean Air Transport Technologies in the EU ? as soon as possible; and
- to create a radically innovative Air Transport System that integrates advanced technologies in order to reduce noise emissions, gas emissions and to improve the fuel efficiency of aircraft.

Clean Sky will be established in Brussels for an initial period lasting up to 31 December 2017, although the Community's financial contribution will cease as from 2013 in line with the EU's financial perspective. The members of Clean Sky will be the European Commission (acting on behalf of the Community) as well as leaders and associations from the private sector. They are listed in Annex to the proposal.

In terms of financing for the Clean Sky JU the proposed Regulation states that the Joint Undertaking will receive contributions from its Members and their participating affiliates. The Commission will contribute 50% of the total with the Members contributing the remaining 50%. The maximum Community contributions (covering both running costs and research costs) will be EUR 800 million. This amount will be paid from the budget appropriations allocated to the Theme 'Transport' from the Co-operation specific programme. The remaining members (i.e. ITD Leaders and Associates) will be expected to contribute the same amount as the Community ? although 75% of industry's contribution will be contributed in kind. The remaining 25% will be contributed in cash for the running costs of Clean Sky.

The main activities of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking will be: to award grants following calls for proposals; to ensure the provision of services and supply contract (where appropriate) through Calls for Tender; to mobilise the public and private sector funds; to liaise with national and international activities in the technical domain; to maintain a relationship with National State Representative Groups; and to notify those eligible to participate about potential borrowing opportunities from the EIB.

Specifically speaking, the Commission is proposing the establishment of ?Integrated Technology Demonstrator Steering Committees? responsible for steering six technology domains, referred to as Integrated Technology Demonstrators or ITD?s. For each ITD specific scientific targets are established. They are:

Smart Fixed Wing Aircraft: Receiving a proposed 24% of the Community?s contribution, this ITD is expected to focus on active wing technologies that sense the airflow and adapt their shape as required, as well as on new aircraft configurations to optimally incorporate these novel wing concepts.

Green Regional Aircraft: Receiving a proposed 11% of the Community?s contribution, this ITD is expected to focus on low-weight configurations and technologies using smart structures, low noise configurations and the integration of technology developed in other ITDs, such as engines, energy management and new configurations.

Green Rotorcraft: Receiving a proposed 10% of the Community?s contribution, this ITD is expected to focus on innovative rotor blades and engine installation for noise reduction, lower airframe drag, diesel engine and electrical systems for fuel consumption reduction and environmentally friendly flight paths.

Green and Sustainable Engines: Receiving a proposed 27% of the Community?s contribution, this ITD is expected to focus on integrating technologies for low noise and lightweight low pressure systems, high efficiency, low NOx and low weight core and novel configurations such as open rotors or intercoolers.

Systems for Green Operations: Receiving a proposed 19% of the Community?s contribution, this ITD is expected to focus on all electric aircraft equipment and systems architectures, thermal management, capabilities for ?green? trajectories and mission and improved ground operations.

Eco-design: Receiving a proposed 7% of the Community?s contribution, this ITD will address the full life cycle of materials and components, focusing on issues such as optimal use of raw materials, decreasing the use of non-renewable materials, natural resources, energy, the emission of noxious effluents and recycling.

Technology Evaluator: Receiving a proposed 2% of the Community?s contribution, this will be the first available European complete integrated tool delivering a direct link between advanced technologies and high-level local or global environment impact.

The intellectual property policy of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking will be incorporated in the grant agreements concluded by the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. Clean Sky will establish close links with the SESAR Joint Undertaking which is working on Air Traffic management (ATM) technologies in line with the Single Sky initiative

Once adopted it is expected that Clean Sky will have a positive impact in terms of: a lessened impact on the environment from the aviation sector on a global level; increased aviation efficiency; increased passenger satisfaction; and a competitive European aviation industry whose activities are based on the principle of sustainable development.

Lastly, the Community will contribute a total of EUR 800 million in cash to the Joint Undertaking. This amount will be split between operational costs on the one hand and running costs on the other. The other JU Members and their affiliates will commit EUR 776 million in kind and EUR 24 million in cash for the running costs. At the start of operations the ITD leaders have committed themselves to about 75% (equivalent to EUR 600 million) of the ?in-kind? contributions, with the Associates contributing the remaining 25% (equivalent to EUR 200 million).

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The Council held an exchange of views on four proposals aimed at establishing joint technology initiatives (JTIs) in the following fields:

- aeronautics and air transport ("CLEAN SKY")
- nano-electronics technologies ("ENIAC") ([CNS/2007/0122](#))
- innovative medicines ("IMI") ([CNS/2007/0089](#))
- embedded computing systems ("ARTEMIS") ([CNS/2007/0088](#))

The ministerial debate concentrated in horizontal issues with a view to adopting final decisions at the November Competitiveness Council meeting in order to enable a swift start to the four JTIs in 2008.

The Council underlined a number of important political elements which resulted from the

discussion:

- The JTIs should be set up under Community law as Community bodies. They should receive Community funding in order to implement the research programmes, notably by awarding funding to selected projects, following publication of calls for proposals.
- They will take the form of real public/private partnerships with a shared responsibility of industry in the management of the joint undertakings. EU member states and the Commission will exercise appropriate supervision over the use of public funds.
- They will have a limited duration of 10 years.
- They will not have the status of international organisations.
- They will have legal personality and will be established on the basis of articles 171 and 172 of the EC treaty.
- They will implement the research programmes by combining public and private funding.
- The Community will contribute to both the research activities and the running costs.
- The Council also tasked the preparatory bodies to continue further technical work based on the political guidelines agreed by the Council.

Under the Clean Sky initiative different areas will be addressed, such as an environmentally friendly and cost-efficient air transport system, and air traffic management in support of the Single European Sky policy.

The maximum of the Community contribution is estimated at EUR 800 million (up to 2017).

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The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Lena EK (ALDE, SE) amending, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council regulation setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking.

Creation of a Joint Undertaking: the report stipulates that it should be ensured that after the last call for proposals in 2013 projects still in progress are implemented, monitored and funded until 2017. The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking should also be considered as a Community body as referred to in Point 47 of the IIA of 17 May 2006.

Objectives: the Joint Undertaking shall: i) contribute to the implementation of the Seventh Framework Programme and in particular to the Theme 'Transport' (including Aeronautics) of the Specific Programme 'Cooperation'; ii) ensure coherent implementation of European research efforts aimed at environmental improvements in the field of air transport; iii) promote the involvement of SMEs in its activities in order to enable at least 15% of the funding available.

Financing: according to the MEPs, the running costs shall not exceed 3% of the total budget of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. Moreover, ITD Leaders and Associates shall contribute resources evaluated in accordance with the practices established under the Seventh Framework Programme. The evaluation and selection process, which shall be carried out with the assistance of external experts, shall ensure that the allocation of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking public funding follows the principles of excellence and competition.

Financial rules: the financial rules applicable to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking shall not depart from Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002, unless its specific operating needs so require and subject to the prior consent of the Commission. The budgetary authority shall be informed of any such derogation.

Staff: the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking shall recruit its staff in accordance with the rules established in its host country. The Commission may second to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking as many officials as it regards necessary.

Report: no later than 31 December 2010 and, thereafter, by 31 December 2015, the Commission shall conduct interim evaluations of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking with the assistance of independent experts. These evaluations shall cover the quality and efficiency of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking and its progress towards the objectives set. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations, accompanied by its observations and, where appropriate, proposals for the amendment of this Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council.

The committee also introduced the following amendments in the annexes:

- decisions of the Executive Board on accession of any other legal entity shall be made taking into account the relevance and potential added value of the applicant for the achievement of the objectives of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. For any new application for membership, the Commission shall provide timely information to the Council on the assessment and, where applicable, on the decision of the Executive Board;
- any Member may withdraw from the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. Withdrawal shall become effective and irrevocable six months after notification to the other Members;
- information on projects, including the names of the participants and the amount of the financial contribution of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking per participant shall be published;
- an Annual Report which shall present the progress made by the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking every calendar year, in particular in relation to the Annual Implementation Plan for that year. It shall be presented by the Executive Director together with the annual accounts and balance sheets. It shall include the participation of SMEs in the R&D activities of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking;
- the Annual Work Programme shall describe the scope and the budget of calls for proposals needed to implement the research agenda for a particular year;
- the report stipulates that the European Parliament needs to be consulted on any important changes to the JU's statutes;
- lastly, a host agreement shall be concluded between the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking and Belgium.

Research and aeronautics: setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking

The Council agreed on a "general approach" (substantial elements of the legal acts) on four proposals aimed at establishing joint technology initiatives (JTIs) in the following fields:

- Innovative medicines ("IMI")
- Embedded computing systems ("ARTEMIS")
- Nanoelectronic technologies ("ENIAC")
- Aeronautics and air transport ("CLEAN SKY")

The agreement on the general approach paves the way for adopting the final Decisions as soon as possible after receiving the European Parliament's opinions, in order to enable a swift start to the four JTIs in early 2008.

According to the agreement reached today, the JTIs would have the following common features:

- The JTIs should be set up under Community law as Community bodies. They should receive Community funding in order to implement the research programmes, notably by awarding funding to selected projects, following publication of calls for proposals.
- They will take the form of real public / private partnerships with a shared responsibility of industry in the management of the joint undertakings. EU Member States and the Commission will exercise appropriate supervision over the use of public funds.
- They will have a limited duration of 10 years.

- JTIs will not have the status of international organisations.
- JTIs will have legal personality and will be established on the basis of Articles 171 and 172 of the EC Treaty.
- They will implement the research programmes by combining public and private funding.
- The Community will contribute to both the research activities and the running costs.

Research and aeronautics: setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Lena EK (ALDE, SE) amending the proposal for a Council regulation setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking.

The main amendments were as follows:

Creation of a Joint Undertaking: the report stipulates that it should be ensured that after the last call for proposals in 2013 projects still in progress are implemented, monitored and funded until 2017. The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking is a body as referred to in Article 185 of the Financial Regulation and Point 47 of the IIA of 17 May 2006.

Objectives: the Joint Undertaking shall: i) contribute to the implementation of the Seventh Framework Programme and in particular to the Theme 'Transport' (including Aeronautics) of the Specific Programme 'Cooperation'; ii) ensure coherent implementation of European research efforts aimed at environmental improvements in the field of air transport; iii) promote the involvement of SMEs in its activities in order to enable at least 15% of the funding available to be granted to SMEs.

Financing: the running costs shall not exceed 3% of the total budget of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. Moreover, ITD Leaders and Associates shall contribute resources evaluated in accordance with the practices established under the Seventh Framework Programme. The evaluation and selection process, which shall be carried out with the assistance of external experts, shall ensure that the allocation of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking public funding follows the principles of excellence and competition.

Financial rules: the financial rules applicable to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking shall not depart from Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002, unless its specific operating needs so require and subject to the prior consent of the Commission. The budgetary authority shall be informed of any such derogation.

Staff: the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking shall recruit its staff in accordance with the rules established in its host country. The Commission may second to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking as many officials as it regards necessary. Parliament deleted references to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities being applicable to the Joint Undertaking.

Obligations: the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking shall be solely responsible for meeting its obligations.

Report: no later than 31 December 2010 and, thereafter, by 31 December 2015, the Commission shall conduct interim evaluations of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking with the assistance of independent experts. These evaluations shall cover the quality and efficiency of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking and its progress towards the objectives set. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations, accompanied by its observations and, where appropriate, proposals for the amendment of this Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council. The Regulation shall expire on 31 December 2017. It shall be ensured that after the last call for proposals in 2013 projects still in progress are implemented, monitored and funded until 2017.

Parliament also introduced the following amendments in the Annex:

- decisions of the Executive Board on accession of any other legal entity shall be made taking into account the relevance and potential added value of the applicant for the achievement of the objectives of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. For any new application for membership, the Commission shall provide timely information to the Council on the assessment and, where applicable, on the decision of the Executive Board;

- any Member may withdraw from the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. Withdrawal shall become effective and irrevocable six months after notification to the other Members, following which the former Member shall be discharged from any obligations other than those already undertaken through decisions of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking in accordance with these Statutes, prior to the Member's withdrawal;

- information on projects, including the names of the participants and the amount of the financial contribution of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking per participant shall be published;

- Parliament deleted references to the establishment of an Advisory Board;

- the Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board on the basis of a list of candidates proposed by the Commission, following a call for expression of interest published in the Official Journal of the European Union and in other periodicals or on the Internet;

- Parliament deleted a clause stating that the Integrated Technology Demonstrator Leaders will have a right of veto over any resolution of the Steering Committee of the Integrated Technology Demonstrator of which they are leaders;

- an amount of at least EUR 200 million shall be allocated to external partners [projects] selected via competitive calls for proposals. Particular attention shall be paid to ensuring adequate participation of SMEs in an amount equal to 15% of the total Community funding. The Community financial contribution shall comply with the upper funding limits of the total eligible costs, laid down by the Rules for participation in the Seventh Framework Programme;

- an Annual Report which shall present the progress made by the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking every calendar year, in particular in relation to the Annual Implementation Plan for that year. It shall be presented by the Executive Director together with the annual accounts and balance sheets. It shall include the participation of SMEs in the R&D activities of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking;

- the Annual Work Programme shall describe the scope and the budget of calls for proposals needed to implement the research agenda for a particular year;

- the Members shall not be liable for any obligations of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. The financial liability of the Members shall be an internal liability towards the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking only and shall be limited to their commitment to contribute to the resources as set out

in the Annex. Without prejudice to the financial contributions due to Project participants, the financial liability of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking for its debts shall be limited to the contributions made by the Members to the running costs as set out in the Annex;

- the report stipulates that the European Parliament needs to be consulted on any important changes to the JU's statutes;

- lastly, a host agreement shall be concluded between the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking and Belgium.

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PURPOSE: to set up a Joint Undertaking: ?Clean Sky?.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 71/2008 setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking.

CONTENT: for the implementation of the Joint Technology Initiative on Clean Sky, this Regulation sets up a Joint Undertaking for the period up to 31 December 2017 (Clean Sky Joint Undertaking). The Regulation states that the Clean Sky JTI must mitigate the various risks of market failure which discourage private investment in aeronautics research in general, and in clean Air Transport technologies in particular. It must provide integration and demonstration at the level of the system as a whole, thus decreasing the risk for private investment in developing new environmentally friendly aeronautics products. It must stimulate private R & D investment in environmentally friendly technologies in the EU. The Clean Sky JTI is public-private partnership associating all key stakeholders. Taking into account the long-term nature of this partnership, the necessary pooling and availability of financial resources, the high scientific and technical expertise required, including the management of a vast amount of knowledge, and appropriate intellectual property rules, it was vital to set up a legal entity capable of ensuring the coordinated use and efficient management of the funds assigned to the Clean Sky JTI. Accordingly the Clean Sky JU is established. It is a Community body with legal personality. In terms of liability, it will be solely responsible for meeting its obligations.

Objectives: the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking will contribute to the implementation of the Seventh Framework Programme and in particular Theme 7, Transport (including Aeronautics) of the Specific Programme Cooperation. Its objectives are:

1. accelerating in the EU the development, validation and demonstration of clean Air Transport technologies for earliest possible deployment;
2. ensuring coherent implementation of European research efforts aiming at environmental improvements in the field of Air Transport;
3. creating a radically innovative Air Transport System based on the integration of advanced technologies and full scale demonstrators, with the target of reducing the environmental
4. impact of air transport through significant reduction of noise and gaseous emissions, and improvement of the fuel economy of aircrafts;
5. accelerating the generation of new knowledge, innovation and the uptake of research proving the relevant technologies and fully integrated system of systems, in the appropriate operational environment, leading to strengthened industrial competitiveness.

Tasks and activities: the main tasks and activities will be the following:

1. bringing together a range of ITDs with the emphasis on innovative technologies and development of full scale demonstrators;
2. focusing efforts within ITDs on key deliverables that can help meet Europe's environmental and competitiveness goals;
3. enhancing the technology verification process in order to identify and remove obstacles to future market penetration;
4. pooling user requirements to guide investment in research and development towards operational and marketable solutions.

Community contribution: the maximum Community contribution to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking covering running costs and research activities shall be EUR 800 million paid from the budget appropriation allocated to the Theme ?Transport? of the Specific Programme Cooperation. Other Members of the JU shall contribute resources at least equal to the Community contribution, excluding those allocated through calls for proposals in order to carry out the research activities of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking.

Members: these are the EC represented by the Commission as public representative, the leaders of Integrated Technology Demonstrators (ITDs) and the Associate members of the individual ITDs. The Clean Sky JU is open to new members.

Seat: this is located in Brussels, Belgium.

Bodies: these will be the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the ITD Steering Committees, the Technology Evaluator Steering Committee, and the General Forum. A National States Representative Group shall be an external advisory body to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking. An Advisory Board will be established as appropriate by the Joint Undertaking to advise and issue recommendations to, the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking on managerial, financial and technical topics.

Report, evaluation and discharge: the Commission will present an annual report on progress. By 31 December 2010, as well as by 31 December 2013, it will carry out interim evaluations with the assistance of independent experts, and carry out a final evaluation not later than six months after the end of the JU with the assistance of independent experts. Discharge for the implementation of the budget will be given by the European Parliament, upon recommendation of the Council.

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