


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2007/0124(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Egypt agreement: scientific and technological cooperation	
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb	
Geographical area Egypt	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		17/07/2007
		PPE-DE NIEBLER Angelika	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2852	25/02/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation	POTOČNIK Janez	

Key events			
25/06/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0352	Summary
03/09/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
05/11/2007	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		Summary
07/11/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0429/2007	
29/11/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/11/2007	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0548/2007	Summary
25/02/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/02/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/03/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0124(CNS)

Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/50919

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2007)0352	25/06/2007	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0429/2007	07/11/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0548/2007	29/11/2007	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2008/180](#)
[OJ L 059 04.03.2008, p. 0012](#) Summary

2007/0124(CNS) - 25/06/2007 Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the other part, was signed on 25 June 2001 (see [AVC/2001/0092](#)). Article 43 of the 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.

On 14 November 2002, the Commission initiated the procedure for obtaining a negotiating mandate for such an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation and on 14 April 2003 the Council adopted a decision authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation with Egypt.

The negotiations culminated in the draft Agreement and Annexes attached hereto, which were signed on 21 June 2005 in Cairo.

CONTENT: the Parties shall encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative activities between the Community and Egypt in fields of common interest where they are pursuing research and development activities in science and technology.

Cooperative activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- promotion of a knowledge-based society to foster the social and economic development of both Parties;
- mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- reciprocal access to the activities of research programmes and projects undertaken by each Party;
- timely exchange of information which may affect cooperative activities.
- appropriate exchange and protection of intellectual property rights.

Participation of legal entities established in Egypt to indirect actions of the EC Framework programme shall follow the conditions laid down by the European Parliament and the Council according to Article 167 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.

It should also be noted that Regulation No 1/1958 obliges the European Community to draft documents of general application in the official languages of all the Member States. The Agreement should be concluded in such a way that the languages of the new Member States are authentic. This will be done via an exchange of letters.

The Agreement includes a series of annexes concerning:

1) Terms and conditions for the participation of legal entities of Member States of the European Union and of Egypt (including the terms and conditions for the participation of legal entities of Egypt to indirect actions of the EC Framework programme and terms and conditions for the participation of Member States of the European Union to Egypt research programmes and projects).

2) Principles on the allocation of intellectual property rights.

2007/0124(CNS) - 05/11/2007 Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted - according to the simplified procedure (Rule 43(1) of the Rules of Procedure) - the report by Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED, DE) approving, without amendment, the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

2007/0124(CNS) - 29/11/2007 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED, DE) and approved the proposal on the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and Egypt.

2007/0124(CNS) - 25/02/2008 Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and Egypt.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2008/180/EC concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

CONTENT: this Decision approves the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and Egypt, on behalf of the Community.

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. Participation in indirect actions of legal entities established in Egypt shall be subject to the terms and conditions for legal entities in third countries established by a decision taken by the European Parliament and the Council according to Article 167 of the Treaty, Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation and other applicable Community legislation.

It should also be noted that the European Community must draft documents of general application in the official languages of all the Member States. The President of the Council shall be authorised to approve with Egypt, via an Exchange of Letters, that the text of the Agreement is authentic in all the languages of the Member States following the accessions of 2004 and 2007.