


Procedure file

Basic information	
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EU/USA agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: extension	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		27/11/2013
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3308	14/04/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation	GEOGHEGAN-QUINN Máire	

Key events			
25/10/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0731	Summary
26/11/2013	Legislative proposal published	15854/2013	Summary
13/01/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/02/2014	Vote in committee		
18/02/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0126/2014	Summary
11/03/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/03/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0182/2014	Summary
14/04/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/04/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 1998/0095(CNS)

Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/7/14429

Documentation gateway					
Preparatory document		COM(2013)0731	25/10/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		15854/2013	26/11/2013	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE526.308	15/01/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0126/2014	18/02/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0182/2014	11/03/2014	EP	Summary

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2014/240 OJ L 128 30.04.2014, p. 0043 Summary

EU/USA agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: extension

PURPOSE: to extend the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the United States of America.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: [the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology](#) between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America was signed in Washington on 5 December 1997 and entered into force on 14 October 1998.

Article 12(b) of the Agreement provides that this Agreement may be extended with possible amendments, thereafter for additional period of five years by mutual written agreement by the Parties.

By [Council Decision 2009/306/EC](#) of 30 March 2009, the Agreement was extended for a further period of five years. The Agreement is due to expire on 14 October 2013.

Extension of the Agreement would be in the interest of both Parties so as to maintain continuity in the scientific and technological relations between the US and the European Union leading to socio-economic benefits for both Parties.

It is now necessary to extend this Agreement.

CONTENT: under this present proposal, it is provided to invite the Council to approve the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America for an additional period of five years.

The material content of the extended Agreement will be identical to that of the current Agreement.

At a later stage, however, the intellectual property rights annex may be reviewed following a request from the United States. The USA is preparing an official note identifying all the areas which they would like to negotiate. Such negotiations will require the Council to adopt a decision authorising the opening of negotiations upon the Commission's recommendation.

In the meantime, the current draft Agreement shall remain applicable.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the financial impact of the Agreement would cover the period 2013-2018 and includes a financial envelope estimated at EUR 875 000 from the EU budget (mainly appropriations from the DG Research).

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: by Decision 98/591/EC, the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States.

Article 12(b) of the Agreement provides that the Agreement is concluded for an initial period of five years and may be extended, with possible amendments, thereafter for additional periods of five years by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

By [Council Decision 2009/306/EC](#), the Agreement was extended for a further period of five years.

The extension of the Agreement should therefore be approved on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: this proposed Decision seeks to invite the Council to approve, on behalf of the Union, the extension, for an additional period of five years, of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the United States.

For further details of the provisions of the Agreement and its impact on the Unions budget, please refer to the summary of the Commissions initial legislative proposal dated 25/10/2013.

EU/USA agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: extension

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted, following the simplified procedure, the report by Amalia SARTORI (EPP, IT) in which it recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America.

The renewal of this Agreement seeks to enhance further bilateral relations in the fields of science and technology.

EU/USA agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: extension

The European Parliament adopted by 570 votes to 38, with 69 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America.

Parliament gave its consent to the extension of the Agreement.

EU/USA agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: extension

PURPOSE: to extend the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the United States of America.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/240/EU concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America.

BACKGROUND: by Decision 98/591/EC, the Council approved the conclusion of the [Agreement on cooperation in science and technology](#) between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America.

Article 12(b) of the Agreement provides that the Agreement is concluded for an initial period of five years and may be extended, with possible amendments, thereafter for additional periods of five years by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Council approves on behalf of the European Union, with the consent of the European Parliament, the renewal for an additional period of 5 years the science and technology agreement between the EU and the Government of the US.

The content of the extended Agreement is identical to the content of the existing Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 14.04.2014.