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Basic information		
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EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Industry, Research and Energy		02/04/2019
		 EHLER Christian	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	3693	22/05/2019
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation	MOEDAS Carlos	

Key events			
18/01/2019	Preparatory document	COM(2019)0007	
31/03/2019	Legislative proposal published	07683/2019	Summary
02/04/2019	Vote in committee		
03/04/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/04/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0188/2019	
17/04/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/04/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0413/2019	Summary
22/05/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/05/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2019/0005(NLE)

Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 1999/0133(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 186-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/15394

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		COM(2019)0007	18/01/2019	EC	
Legislative proposal		07683/2019	01/04/2019	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0188/2019	05/04/2019	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0413/2019	17/04/2019	EP	Summary

EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

PURPOSE: renewal of the Agreement on cooperation between the European Community and Russia in the field of science and technology.

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 Russia was signed in Brussels on 16 November 2000 and entered into force on 10 May 2001.

The Agreement is renewable by common agreement between the parties for additional periods of five-years. The Agreement has been renewed three times, in 2004, 2009 and 2014, for an additional period of five years each time. The current Agreement expired on 20 February 2019.

Both parties confirmed their intention to renew the agreement for an additional period of five years without any amendments.

CONTENT: under the draft Council Decision, the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation for an additional period of five years would be approved on behalf of the European Union.

The substance of the renewed Agreement will be identical to that of the current Agreement as discussed and agreed with the Russian counterparts. It will not create new rights and obligations for the EU, but instead it will extend in time the legal regime already existing between the Parties in the field of science and technology cooperation.

The renewal of the Agreement fits within the EU's approach based on the five guiding principles to manage the EUs current relations with Russia, agreed upon at the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 14 March 2016 and confirmed at the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 16 April 2018.

The Agreement provides a framework to enhance people-to-people contacts and science, technology and innovation cooperation in areas of EU strategic interest in the years to come, countering the trend of decreasing intensity of scientific collaboration between EU and Russian participants.

EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Christian EHLER (EPP, DE) on the draft Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the renewal of the Agreement.

As a reminder, the current Agreement expired on 20 February 2019. The renewed Agreement seeks to continue to facilitate cooperation with the Russian Federation in common science and technology priority areas leading to benefits for both Parties.

EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

The European Parliament adopted by 527 votes to 26, with 55 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation.

The European Parliament has given its consent to the renewal of the agreement.