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Research and training, Euratom programmes: participation of undertakings, research centres and universities		
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Modified legislative proposal		COM(1994)0242	07/06/1994	EC	Summary

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Decision 1994/761 OJ L 306 30.11.1994, p. 0001 Summary

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This proposal for a decision sets out the rules governing the involvement of enterprises, research centres and universities in the specific research and teaching programmes of the European Atomic Energy Community. It applies to all types of legal entities, including the Joint Research Centre (JRC). As far as the geographical conditions of eligibility are concerned, participation in projects is open to all legal entities established or exercising RTD activities in the Community or in third countries with association agreements with the Community and to the JCR. In order to step up international cooperation on RTD, there are more flexible terms of eligibility for entities located in third countries which have concluded scientific and technical cooperation agreements with the Community and international organisations. Participation in RTD projects is also open to technology users and entities wanting research carried out on their behalf in the form of "cooperative research". As a rule, projects will be selected on the basis of calls for proposals published in the Official Journal of the European Communities and, in certain cases, on the basis of restricted calls for proposals. Activities in the controlled thermonuclear sector will be carried out under the terms of association contracts or agreements (NET, ITER, JET etc. agreements or projects). The general selection criteria are set out in the proposal. The principle whereby Community RTD projects must be undertaken by at least two independent entities established in two different Member States has been maintained. However, there are specific provisions for European economic interest groups and SMEs in receipt of feasibility awards for the exploratory phase prior to a detailed RTD project. Finally, in order to control costs when managing RTD projects, the proposal sets out guidelines for the mechanisms to be used in order to evaluate the reimbursable costs and pay the Community contribution. The Commission may calculate reimbursements on the basis, depending on the circumstances, of negotiated costs, scales or tariffs set in advance, sums linked to the results of quantifiable research or inclusive sums for small-scale projects.?

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The modified proposal put forward by the Commission incorporates the three amendments proposed by Parliament relating to the rules of

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The Council decision laid down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in specific research and training programmes of the European Atomic Energy Community. - The decision applied to activities under the Fourth Framework Programme for RTD for the period 1994-1998; - Participation in the actions was open to legal entities established in or carrying out RTD in the Community or in a third country associated with the programme through an agreement concluded with the Community, as well as to the Joint Research Centre (JRC); - The opportunity to participate was open to entities situated in third countries, other than states associated with the programme, and to international organisations, on condition that such participation was in the interest of Community policies and that it took place in cooperation with a minimum number of participants from the Community; - As a general rule, the participation of international organisations and entities from third countries would not benefit from Community financing under the framework programme; - Community RTD activities should be carried out by at least two independent entities established in two different Member States or at least one legal entity and the JRC; - In general, activities in the field of nuclear fission safety would be selected on the basis of calls for proposals published in the OJ and, in certain cases, on the basis of limited calls for tenders; - Activities in the area of controlled thermonuclear fusion would be implemented in the framework of contracts of association or agreements: the NET (Next European Torus) and ITER agreements, the JET (Joint European Torus) Joint Undertaking, etc.; - General criteria for the selection of proposals: innovativeness; effective transnational collaboration; synergy between various categories of participants (and particularly SMEs); cost effectiveness; competence of the participants to manage transnational activities; perspectives for effective dissemination of the RTD results and their exploitation; - Small and medium-sized enterprises established in the Community or in a state associated with the programmes could: . participate in cooperative research activities enabling them to engage other legal entities to carry out RTD on their behalf; . receive support for the search for partners and the preparation of proposals; . receive financial support to carry out, on a collaborative basis, the exploratory phase of a project (feasibility study); - Finally, the decision set out the guidelines for the mechanisms to be used in assessing the costs to be reimbursed and paying the Community's contribution. Thus, the Commission could determine the proportion to be reimbursed by taking account, according to the case, of negotiated costs, rates or tariffs agreed in advance, amounts linked to quantifiable research results, or overall fixed amounts for small-scale projects. ?