Establishment of the "ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking" to implement a Joint Technology Initiative in Embedded Computing Systems

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PURPOSE: to set up a Joint Undertaking “ARTEMIS” to implement a JTI in Embedded Computing Systems.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) N° 74/2008.

CONTENT: for the implementation of the Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) on Embedded Computing Systems, this Regulation sets up a Joint Undertaking ("ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking) within the meaning of Article 171 of the Treaty, for a period up to 31 December 2017. The ARTEMIS JU is a Community body and having legal personality. In terms of liability, the ARTEMIS JU will be solely responsible for meeting its obligations.

Objectives: the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking will contribute to the implementation of the Seventh Framework Programme and the Theme "Information and Communication Technologies" of the Specific Programme "Cooperation". It will in particular:

1. define and implement a "Research Agenda" for the development of key technologies for Embedded Computing Systems across different application areas in order to strengthen European competitiveness and sustainability, and allow the emergence of new markets and societal applications. Activities for the implementation of the Research Agenda are referred to as "R & D Activities";
2. support the implementation of the R&D Activities notably by awarding funding to participants in selected projects following competitive calls for proposals;
3. promote a public-private partnership aimed at mobilising and pooling Community, national and private efforts, increasing overall R&D investments in the field of Embedded Computing Systems, and fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors;
4. achieve synergy and coordination of European R&D efforts into the field of Embedded Computing Systems including, when added value can be created, the progressive integration in the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking of the related activities in this field currently implemented through intergovernmental R&D schemes (Eureka);
5. promote the involvement of SMEs in its activities in line with the objectives of the Seventh Framework Programme.

Tasks and activities: these arethe following:

1. to ensure the establishment and sustainable management of the JTI on Embedded Computing Systems;
2. to define and make any necessary adjustment to the Multiannual Strategic Plan including the Research Agenda;
3. to define and carry out Annual Implementation Plans for executing the Multiannual Strategic Plan;
4. to initiate calls for proposals, to evaluate proposals, and award funding to projects selected through open procedures, within the limits of available funds;
5. to develop close cooperation and ensure coordination with European, in particular the Seventh Framework Programme, national and trans national activities, bodies and stakeholders, aiming at

fostering a fertile innovation environment in Europe and better synergies and exploitation of research and development results in the area of Embedded Computing Systems;
6. to monitor progress towards the objectives of the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking;
7. to undertake communication and dissemination activities;
8. to publish information on the projects, including the name of the participants and the amount of the financial contribution of the ARTEMIS JU per participant;
9. to carry out any other activity needed to achieve the objectives.

Founding members of the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking are the Community, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France , Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Finland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and ARTEMISIA, an association representing companies and other R&D organisations active in the field of Embedded Computing Systems in Europe. The ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking is open to new members.

Community contribution: the maximum Community contribution to the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking covering running costs and R&D Activities is EUR 420 million paid from the appropriations in the general budget of the EU allocated to the Theme "Information and Communication Technologies" of the Specific Programme "Cooperation".

Seat: the seat will be located in Brussels, Belgium.

Bodies of the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking: these will bethe Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Public Authorities Board, and the Industry and Research Committee.

Report, evaluation and discharge: the Commission will present an annual report on the progress achieved by the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking. By 31 December 2010, as well as by 31 December 2013, the Commission must carry out an interim evaluation with the assistance of independent experts. No later than six months after the winding-up of the Joint Undertaking, the Commission must conduct a final evaluation 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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