

# **EC/Israel Agreement: scientific and technical cooperation. Renewal of the Agreement**

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**PURPOSE:** to associate Israel with the EU's 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme through the conclusion of an Agreement on Scientific and Technical Co-operation.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2008/181/EC concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel.

**CONTENT:** this Decision approves the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the EC and Israel, on behalf of the Community. It was signed on 16 July 2007 in Brussels.

The Agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit, reciprocal opportunities for participation and activities in the field of activities covered by the Agreement – i.e. non-discrimination, effective protection of intellectual property and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. In other measures the Agreement provides:

-for the possible participation of Israel in the legal structures created by Articles 169 and Article 171 of the Treaty on European Union;

-that the EU/Israel Research Committee (set up under Article 4 of the Agreement) will decide on the applicability of these rules in Israel;

-that the EU/Israel Research Committee will be responsible for identifying those regions in Israel that qualify for research actions under the “Research Potential” work programme, which is set up by Capacities;

-that the Agreement will apply provisionally from 1 January 2007 so that it coincides with the application of the 7<sup>th</sup> Research Programme;

-a Joint Declaration of the contracting parties on a close dialogue vis-à-vis the new structures implementing Article 169 and 171 of the EC-Treaty.