

EC/Ukraine agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, renewal

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This is a **reconsultation** on the Council Decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and Ukraine.

By [Decision 2003/96/EC](#), the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and Ukraine. The Agreement provided that it would be concluded for an initial period ending on 31 December 2002 and would be renewable by common agreement between the Parties for additional periods of five years.

By a [Decision of 22 September 2003](#) which entered into force on 8 November 2004, the Council approved the renewal of the Agreement for a further period of five years.

Subsequently, at the third meeting of the EU-Ukraine Sub-Committee N° 7, held in November 2008 in Kyiv, both Parties confirmed their interest in a renewal of the abovementioned Agreement for a further five years.

The material content of the renewed Agreement is identical with the material content of the Agreement which expired on 7 November 2009. As a consequence of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community.

This draft Decision proposes the approval of the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and Ukraine should be approved on behalf of the Union. A European Parliament should be reconsulted as a consequence of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009. From this date, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community and from that date exercises all rights and assumes all obligations of the European Community. Therefore, references to "the European Community" in the text of the Agreement are, where appropriate, to be read as "the European Union".