EU/Switzerland Agreement: participation of Switzerland in the ‘Youth in Action' programme and in the action programme in the field of lifelong learning (2007-2013)

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PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the EU and the Swiss Confederation regarding the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the ‘Youth in Action’ programme and in the action programme in the field of lifelong learning (2007-2013).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the European Union, the agreement between the EU and Switzerland, laying down the terms and conditions for the participation of this country in the Youth in Action programme and in the action programme in the field of lifelong learning.

The agreement was signed in the name of the Union on 15 February 2010 pending the conclusion at a later date, in accordance with Council Decision 2010/195/EU. It is now possible to conclude this agreement in the name of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASE: Articles 165(4) and 166(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof.

CONTENT: with this proposed decision, the agreement between the European Union and Switzerland, establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of Switzerland in the Youth in Action programme and in the action programme in the field of lifelong learning is approved in the name of the European Union.

The Agreement is linked to the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the free movement of persons concluded by Decision 2002/309/EC, Euratom of the Council and of the Commission.

For further details about the content of the agreement, please refer to the summary of the document annexed to the procedure dated 19/01/2010.

Technical provisions are also laid down to govern decision-making within the Joint Committee on the Free Movement of Persons which will also be responsible for ensuring the management of this agreement in those areas that concern it.