

# EU/USA Memorandum of Cooperation: civil aviation research and development

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude a Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the European Union and the United States of America in civil aviation research and development.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**BACKGROUND:** the Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Union the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union in civil aviation research and development.

The Memorandum was signed on 3 March 2011.

The Memorandum should now be approved by the Union.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** no impact assessment was carried out.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Article 100(2), in conjunction with point (a) of Article 218(6), Article 218(7) and the first subparagraph of Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

**CONTENT:** by this proposal, the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Memorandum is attached the proposed Decision. For further details of the content of this Memorandum, please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 04/02/2011.

The Memorandum of Cooperation consists of:

- new Annexes and Appendices to the Annexes, in accordance with the Memorandum;
- amendments to the Annexes and Appendices to the Annexes.

It lays down procedural arrangements for the participation of the Union in the Joint Committee established by the Memorandum, and the resolution of disagreements.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:** this proposal has no implication for the EU budget.