

Euratom Framework Programme 2012-2013: nuclear research and training activities

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Following a **public debate**, the Council took note of a progress report submitted by the Presidency on the proposal for extending, for a two-year period, the current European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) framework programme, which expires at the end of 2011. A number of delegations asked to continue efforts in order to achieve an agreement on the proposal **as soon as possible**.

The proposal will extend the Euratom programme in order to align it with the end of the EU's current financial cycle in 2013. Euratom programmes are limited by the Euratom Treaty to five years, whereas the general 7th framework programme for research, which runs until end 2013, lasts for seven years.