Euratom Framework Programme 2012-2013: nuclear waste management, nuclear safety and security; specific programme for direct actions of the JRC

2011/0044(NLE) - 19/12/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to adopt the specific programme, to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre, implementing the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for nuclear research and training activities (2012 to 2013).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2012/95/Euratom concerning the specific programme, to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre, implementing the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for nuclear research and training activities (2012-2013).

CONTENT: the Council extended, for a **two-year period**, the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) framework programme for nuclear research and training activities. The Euratom programme, which expires at the end of 2011, has been extended in order to align it with the end of the EU's current financial cycle in 2013.

It should be noted that this Decision is closely linked to the proposal on the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for nuclear research (2012 -2013), the proposal on the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in indirect actions under the Framework Programme and the specific programme, to be carried out by means of direct actions, implementing the Framework Programme.

The Council Decision concerns the adoption of the specific programme, to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), implementing the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for nuclear research and training activities (2012 to 2013). The programme is to be adopted for the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013.

Thematic areas: the specific programme shall establish the activities for the nuclear actions of the JRC, supporting the whole range of research actions carried out in trans-national cooperation in the following thematic areas:

1. nuclear waste management, environmental impact and basic knowledge;
2. nuclear safety of reactor systems of relevance to Europe;
3. nuclear security (including nuclear safeguards, non-proliferation, combating illicit trafficking and nuclear forensics).

This specific programme should be implemented in a **flexible, efficient and transparent manner**, taking into account the relevant needs of the JRC users and Union policies, while protecting the Union financial interests. The research activities carried out under this specific programme should be adapted where appropriate to these needs and to scientific and technological developments and aim to achieve scientific excellence.

In the context of enlargement and integration activities, the JRC aims to promote the integration of the organisations and researchers of new Member States within its activities in particular for implementing of the science and technology components of the Union acquis, as well as increased cooperation with organisations and researchers from accession and candidate countries. A progressive opening should also be envisaged towards the neighbouring countries, specifically on priority topics of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Ethical issues: research activities carried out within this specific programme should respect fundamental ethical principles, including those reflected in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Financial envelope: the maximum amount for the execution of the specific programme is **EUR 233 216 000**.

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