

EU/Lebanon Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

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PURPOSE: to allow Lebanon to participate in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/826 on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

CONTENT: [Decision \(EU\) 2017/1324](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States.

As a reminder, Lebanon expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) participating in PRIMA.

In accordance with EU Decision 2017/1324, Lebanon is to become a Participating State in PRIMA, subject to the conclusion of an international agreement on scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for Lebanon's participation in PRIMA.

With this decision, the Agreement for **scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and Lebanon** laying down the terms and conditions for Lebanon's participation in the Mediterranean Research and Innovation Partnership (PRIMA) is now approved on behalf of the Union.

PRIMA's strategic objective is to build research and innovation capacities and to develop common knowledge and innovative solutions for agro-food systems in order to make them sustainable, as well as for an integrated water supply and management in the Mediterranean area.

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