RTD 5th Euratom framework programme 1998-2002: participation of undertakings, research centres and universities

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OBJECTIVE: to determine the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in the implementation of the fifth Euratom framework programme (1998-2002). SUBSTANCE: alongside the framework programmes and specific programmes, the rules on participation laid down in this proposal for a decision will complete the legislative architecture of Community policy on research and technological development. The proposal follows the lines of the existing rules and experience gained in managing the 4th Framework Programme of RTD. It also takes account of the conclusions of the assessment by the Davignon panel and the structure and priorities of the 5th Framework Programme. In the eyes of the Commission, it is an operation of the 'innovation within continuity' kind, and it has been carried out with a concern to make the proposed rules transparent and comprehensible. The rules mainly concern: - the number of participants in indirect RTD actions; - conditions for the participation of legal entities from the Member States and associated States; - conditions for the participation of legal entities from third countries and international organizations; - conditions for the participation of the Joint Research Centre (JRC); - conditions relating to resources; - procedures to be applied; - selection criteria and conditions applicable in accordance with the type of procedure; - Community financial participation in eligible costs; - contracts; - any provisions in the programme of research and teaching relating to controlled thermonuclear fusion and energy systems using nuclear fission.