Research RTD, 6th framework programme 2002-2006: results dissemination, participation of undertakings and universities

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL (EPP-ED, Germany) on the rules for participation in the Sixth Framework Programme (research 2002-2006). The compromise amendments were reached with the Spanish Presidency. (Please refer to the document dated 28/05/02.) Instead of a decision, Parliament wants the legislation to be passed as a Regulation. It also stated that all proposals submitted for indirect actions must be treated confidentially by the Commission. The principle of confidentiality must be upheld in all the procedures and this binds independent experts. Unless otherwise specified in the call for proposals, there shall be no anonymous evaluation. Participants in an indirect action must conclude a consortium agreement, unless otherwise specified in the call for proposals. The Commission will publish non-binding guidelines on points that may be addressed by the consortium agreement, such as the internal organisation of the consortium, the intellectual property rights arrangements and the settlement of internal disputes. There are provisions inserted by Parliament, relating to technical implementation of the indirect action and cases where the contract is breached.