RTD Euratom framework programme 2002-2006: participation of undertakings, research centres and universities

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL (EPP-ED, Germany) on the rules for participation in the Euratom framework programme 2002-2006. (Please refer to the document dated 28/05/02.) Parliament wanted the form of the legislation to be changed from a decision to a regulation. Criteria for evaluation of indirect actions must include European added value, critical mass of resources mobilised and contribution to Community policies, as well as plans for the management of intellectual property. Additional criteria can be taken into account including synergies with education, capacity to engage with actors beyond the research community and the public as a whole and activities to increase the role of women in research. Participants in an indirect action must conclude a consortium agreement, unless otherwise specified in a call for proposals. The Commission will publish non-binding guidelines on points to be addressed in a consortium agreement such as the internal organisation of the consortium and the settlement of internal disputes. Parliament inserted provisions regarding the technical implementation of the indirect action, and action that might follow a breach of the contract between the consortium and the Commission.