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

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PURPOSE : to establish rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities, in and for the dissemination of research results for, the implementation of the European Community Sixth Framework Programme 2002-2006. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Regulation 2321/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT : the Council adopted the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in the European Community sixth research framework programme (2002-06) and for the dissemination of research results, approving all the amendments voted by the European Parliament in first reading. The decision was taken by qualified majority, with the Portuguese delegation abstaining. This Regulation establishes rules for the participation of enterprises, research centres and universities in, and rules for the dissemination of results from research carried out under the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Community for, research, technological development and demonstration activities contributing to the creation of the European Research Area and to innovation (2002-2006). The provisions shall fit into a coherent and transparent framework which takes full account of the objectives and characteristics of the instruments defined in Annex III to the Sixth Framework Programme in order to guarantee the most efficient implementation possible, taking into account the need for easy access of participants through simplified procedures. This will especially be the case for small or medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), owing to the participation of enterprise groupings. Adoption of this Regulation and of the rules for participation in the Euratom research programme will ensure the timely implementation of the two new framework programmes, as requested by the European Council, so as to promote the creation of a European Research Area and to strengthen innovation in the European Union. The overall budget provided for under the EC and Euratom framework programmes amounts to EUR 17 500 million, of which EUR 16 270 million are earmarked for the EC programme. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 02/01/2003.