

Nuclear research: 7th framework programme

Euratom for nuclear research and training activities, 2007-2011

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PURPOSE: adoption of the seventh framework programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) for nuclear research and training activities (2007-2011).

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision of the Council.

CONTENT: The proposal for the Euratom Framework Programme, which covers the period 2007-2011, is based on article 7 of the Euratom Treaty. In accordance with this Article, the research programmes are drawn up for a period of not more than five years. Hence, the Commission's proposal for the Euratom framework programme is not for the same duration as for the EC framework programme. The Commission proposes that, unless extenuating circumstances arise, this framework programme can be renewed for the period 2012-2013, in accordance with the foreseen legislative procedure.

The EURATOM Framework Programme is organised in two specific programmes.

One covers two areas:

- **Fusion energy research:** to develop the technology for a safe, sustainable, environmentally responsible and economically viable energy source.
- **Nuclear fission and radiation protection:** to promote the safe use and exploitation of nuclear fission and other uses of radiation in industry and medicine.

The other covers the activities of the Joint Research Centre in the field of nuclear energy. In this area, the objective is to provide scientific and technical support to the policy making process in the nuclear field, while ensuring stability of support to the implementation of existing policies and adapting to changing policy demands.

For further information concerning the financial implications of this measure, please refer to the financial statement.