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Key players

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Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	MANN Erika (PSE)	19/09/2000

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BUDG Budgets	WYNN Terence (PSE)	19/07/2000

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Key events

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20/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/01/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
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Technical information

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European Commission

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Regulation 2001/0382
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2000/0165(CNS) - 01/02/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Erika Mann (PES, D). (Please refer to the previous document). In addition, amendments designed to strengthen parliamentary involvement in the monitoring of projects and to eliminate unnecessary bureacracy were also approved.

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2000/0165(CNS) - 15/12/2004 - Follow-up document

PURPOSE: to report on the implementation of Council Regulation 382/2001/EC concerning the implementation of projects and programmes promoting cooperation and commercial relations between the European Union and the industrialised countries of North America, the Far East and Australasia.

CONTENT: this report covers implementation from 2001 to 2003 of Council Regulation 382/2001/EC which provides a legal framework for the development of cooperation and the consolidation of the EU's trade relations with the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

The Community's activities can be broken down into two main areas:

- Cooperation activities potentially cover a large range of areas for each of the six partner countries: education, information, cultural and academic links, environment, transport, energy, customs, science and technology etc. The general objective here is to foster a climate conducive to the strengthening and expansion of relations between the EU and its partners in line with the objectives laid down by the various bilateral instruments that give structure to those relations (e.g. cooperation agreements, joint political declarations, action plans etc.)

- Activities aimed at promoting trade relations that relate only to Japan and Korea. The objective is to take action that complements Member States' initiatives, in such a way as to improve the market presence of European companies in Japan and Korea and boost their exports to those countries.

The Regulation makes it possible to take an integrated approach to programmes promoting trade relations and a whole range of cooperation activities with the industrialised countries, resulting more often than not in pilot projects with no separate legal basis.

A programme evaluation was carried out in 2004. It focussed on the EU centres, the ETP and "Gateway to Japan", which together account for more than 90% of EU funding under Regulation 382/2001/EC. The main lessons are as follows:

- For the EU centres in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, the initiative is developing satisfactorily as a whole and delivers a good return on investment. It should be continued and, if possible, the idea of EU centres should be extended to other countries and regions.

- Executive Training Programme and Gateway to Japan: both these programmes serve to increase European exports to Japan and Korea and they are deemed to be sufficiently effective on the whole. Although conditions and practices on the Japanese and Korean markets have changed, special support for European businesses is still warranted. These Community initiatives complement initiatives at Member State level and enlargement has created new scope for developing them. Both of these programmes are seen as being relevant and worth continuing.

The Commission has begun to implement the recommendations resulting from the evaluation on how to take the programmes and initiatives forwards and develop them further.

The ratio of cooperation activities to trade-promotion activities (around 1:3) is broadly the same as before 2001. The total budget over the three years in question was EUR 48 065 000. The average implementation rate was 98.70%.

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2000/0165(CNS) - 26/02/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to present a proposal to support the implementation of EU policies in the field of cooperation and the promotion of commercial relations with the industrialised countries of North America, the Far East and Australasia. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 382/2001/EC concerning the implementing of projects promoting the cooperation and commercial relations between the EU and the industrialised countries of Northern America, the Far East and Australasia and repealing regulation 1035/1999/EC. CONTENT : The countries concerned are the United States,

Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand. The number of projects in the realm of cooperation and the promotion of commercial relations has grown over recent years. This is the logical consequence of the various bilateral arrangements signed over the past decade between the EU and these countries. It is now necessary to create a solid legal and budgetary framework to underpin these actions. EU financing in the field of cooperation will cover the following types of activities : - education and information of the public on the bilateral relations between the EU and the partner countries, with particular reference to decision-makers, opinion formers and their multipliers; - strengthening cultural, academic and people to people links -promotion of the dialogue between political, economic and social partners and NGO's in various relevant sectors' research work and studies' cooperative projects in science and technology, energy, transport and environmental matters enhancing customs cooperation - enhancing the visibility of the EU in the partner countries - pilot schemes, which could subsequently lead to new regular activities to be financed. Commercial relations - actions will be aimed in particular at the development of closer trade and investment relations between the EU and partner countries, creating an environment more favourable for Community enterprises, notably SME's on the markets of partner countries. There are special provisions for Japan and Korea. EU financing will cover in particular: - training programmes to build up pools of European executives able to communicate and operate in the Japanese and Korean business environment (Executive Training programme), - the recruitment, training, pre-mission preparation of groups of European business executives, notably from SMEs, to participate in actions in Japan aimed at improving their commercial presence on the Japanese market (the Gateway to Japan campaign), - a study on the feasibility of the Gateway to Korea campaign. The amount of Community funding needed will be established by the budgetary authority on an annual basis. The Commission shall ensure the implementation of these programmes. It shall provide, on request by any actor in the Community and in the partner countries, comprehensive documentation and all necessary information on programmes and on the conditions of participation. The results of the invitation to tender including information on the number of received tenders, the date of the award of the contract, the name and address of the successful tenderer, shall be published on the Internet. Moreover, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council every two years a report on the implementation of this Regulation. An evaluation shall be made within three years of the entry into force of the Regulation. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 19/03/2001. The Regulation expires on 31/12/2005.

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2000/0165(CNS) - 23/06/2000 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present a proposal to support the implementation of EU policies in the field of cooperation and the promotion of commercial relations with the industrialised countries of North America, the Far East and Australasia. CONTENT : The countries concerned are the United States, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand. The number of projects in the realm of cooperation and the promotion of commercial relations has grown over recent years. This is the logical consequence of the various bilateral arrangements signed over the past decade between the EU and these countries. It is now necessary to create a solid legal and budgetary framework to underpin these actions. EU financing in the field of cooperation will cover the following types of activities : -education and information of the public on the bilateral relations between the EU and the partner countries, with particular reference to decision-makers, opinion formers and their multipliers. -strengthening cultural, academic and people to people links -promotion of the dialogue between political, economic and social partners and NGO's in various relevant sectors -research work and studies -cooperative projects in science and technology, energy, transport and environmental matters -enhancing customs cooperation -enhancing the visibility of the EU in the partner countries -pilot schemes, which could subsequently lead to new regular activities to be financed. Commercial relations - actions will be aimed in particular at the development of closer trade and investment relations between the EU and partner countries, creating an environment more favourable for Community enterprises, notably SME's on the markets of partner countries. There are special provisions for Japan and Korea. EU financing will cover in particular: -training programmes to build up pools of European executives able to communicate and operate in the Japanese and Korean business environment (Executive Training programme), -the recruitment, training, pre-mission preparation of groups of European business executives, notably from SMEs, to participate in actions in Japan aimed at improving their commercial presence on the Japanese market (the Gateway to Japan campaign), -a study on the feasibility of the Gateway to Korea campaign. The amount of Community funding needed will be established by the budgetary authority on an annual basis.