Basic information

2001/0054(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
European research area: research and training activities, framework programme EURATOM 2002-2006 **Subject** 3.50.02.02 Euratom framework programme, research and training programmes 3.60.04 Nuclear energy, industry and safety	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	CAUDRON Gérard (PSE)	09/01/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	RÜHLE Heide (V/ALE)	22/03/2001
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	11/04/2001
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	22/03/2001

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2431	2002-06-03
Research	2380	2001-10-30
Research	2398	2001-12-10
Research	2363	2001-06-26

Commission DG	Commissioner

European Commission	Research and Innovation	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/02/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0094	Summary
14/05/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/06/2001	Debate in Council		Summary
16/10/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
16/10/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0355/2001	
30/10/2001	Debate in Council		
14/11/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0601/2001	Summary
14/11/2001	Debate in Parliament		
22/11/2001	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0709	Summary
03/06/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
03/06/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/08/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	ITRE/5/14498

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0355/2001	16/10/2001	
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European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0094	21/02/2001	Summary
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Other institutions and bodies

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EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0921/2001 OJ C 260 17.09.2001, p. 0003	11/07/2001	

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2002/0668
OJ L 232 29.08.2002, p. 0034-0042 Summary

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2001/0054(CNS) - 21/02/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a Council Decision concerning the multiannual framework programme for 2002-2006 of the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) for research and training activities aimed at contributing towards the creation of the European Research Area. CONTENT : in the space of just over a year, the European Research Area (ERA) has become the reference framework for research policy issues in Europe. The EU has a specific role to play through its legal instruments, such as for example, the Community patent and also its financial instrument for promoting research and the European cooperation in this area, namely the framework programme. The raison d'être of this new framework programme is to help to make a reality of the European Research Area with a view to stepping up innovation in Europe, in conjunction with all the efforts made to this end at national, regional and European level. The new framework programme will be based on the following main principles: - concentrating on a selected number of research areas in which EU action can add the greatest possible value; - defining the various acitivites in such a way as to enable them to exert a more structuring effect on the research activities conducted in Europe thanks to a stronger link with national, regional and other European initiatives; - simplifying and streamlining the implementation arrangements, on the basis of the intervention methods defined and the decentralised management procedures envisaged. Two fundamental aspects of this new framework programme are the opportunity for the candidate countries to participate fully in all the activities as countries associated with its implementation, and the fact that to a large extent it opens up EU research activities to the rest of the world. This proposal lays down that the multiannual framework programme for research and training activities in the field of nuclear energy (2002-2006) shall comprise all research, technological development, international cooperation, dissemination and exploitation activities as well as training in the following fields: - treatment and storage of waste; - controlled thermonuclear fusion; - other Euratom activities; - the Joint research Centre's Euratom activities. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this framework programme for the period 2002-2006 shall be EUR 1 230 million, of which EUR 150 million for the treatment and storage of waste, EUR 700 million for controlled thermonuclear fusion, EUR 50 million for other Euratom activities, and EUR 330 million for the Joint Research Centre's activities. The framework programme is open to the participation of: - the EEA countries, in accordance with the conditions established in the EEA agreements; - the central and eastern European candidate countries (CEEC), in accordance with the conditions established in the Europe Agreements, in the additional protocols thereto and in the decisions of the respective Association Councils; - Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, on the basis of bilateral agreements to be concluded

with these countries; - Switzerland and Israel, on the basis of bilateral agreements to be concluded with these countries. To enable this new framework programme to be implemented on schedule, the aim is that it should be adopted no later than the first half of 2002.

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2001/0054(CNS) - 03/06/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : the adoption of the sixth framework programme for nuclear research and training activities. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/688/Euratom concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) for nuclear research and training activities, also contributing to the creation of the European Research Area (2002 to 2006). CONTENT : this is a multiannual framework programme for nuclear research and training activities. It comprises Community research, technological development, international co-operation, dissemination and exploitation activities as well as training under the following headings: - controlled thermonuclear fusion, - management of radioactive waste, - radiation protection, - other activities in the field of nuclear activities and safety, - nuclear activities of the Joint Research Centre. Annex I sets out the scientific and technological objectives and the related priorities and indicates the broad lines of the activities envisaged. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the programme is EUR 1230 million. The proportion assigned to each activity is fixed by Annex II.

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2001/0054(CNS) - 14/11/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Gerard CAUDRON (PES, France) and made a number of amendments to the Commission proposal for the Euratom Framework Programme for 2002-2006. (Please refer to previous document). With regard to the Joint research Centre, Parliament stated that the main objective will be to further develop collaboration through networking, leading to broad consensus on a range of issues at European and world level. Special attention will be given to cooperation with candidate countries.

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2001/0054(CNS) - 22/11/2001 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission did not accept an increased amount for thermonuclear fusion, and the original amount of EUR 700 million is reinstated. There is no mention in the modified proposal, of a programming report on activities to be financed under Heading 3 of the financial perspective, nor of advising the budgetary authority of an intent to depart from the breakdown of expenditure. Progress on implementation of the framework programme, including its financial aspects, will be presented in a report to be published by the Commission each year. The modified proposal states that equality of opportunity, irrespective of gender, will be respected. It accepts the wording of the Parliament on the main objectives of the Joint Research Centre.

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2001/0054(CNS) - 26/06/2001

The Council had a first orientation debate on the Commission's proposals for Framework Programmes on Research for 2002-2006 (EC and Euratom). On the basis of preparatory work by the Council bodies and the Presidency, the Ministers had an exchange of views on a broad range of issues relating to the framework programmes, in particular on the seven thematic priorities proposed for the EC. The 8th priority on anticipating the EU's scientific and technological needs. The proposed instruments for the implementation of the major part of the Framework Programmes and the use of Article 169 allows the Community to participate in R&D programmes undertaken by several Member States. On the basis of the debate and the conclusions reached by the Swedish Presidency, discussions will continue within the Council with a view to adopting a common position on the EC Framework Programme during the autumn, taking into account the opinion of the European Parliament. The President concluded the debate by stating that : Concerning the scientific and technological priorities, Ministers agreed that the programme should aim at focussing Community research on a limited number of areas. The seven thematic priorities proposed by the Commission to this effect received broad support. Two of these priorities, i.e. sustainable development and global change, and food safety and health risks, need further work to be undertaken on them to underline certain aspects (such as transport, energy, agriculture including fisheries and forestry, marine sciences). Ministers generally agreed on the fact that the eighth priority should include research activities in support of Community policies. Ministers stressed the importance of breaking the eighth priority down into its various components with a budget allocation to each one. On the instruments, Ministers shared the Commission·s objective of using integrated projects and networks of excellence to achieve in the most effective manner the overall objectives of the programme, bringing together a critical mass of scientific expertise. However, the operational modalities require further clarification so as to ensure transparency of selection procedures and equitable participation of all research actors, including the smaller players. Long-term research should also be catered for. It was considered that these instruments should be implemented in a flexible manner. A substantial number of delegations, moreover, considered that these instruments should be implemented alongside existing instruments so as to ensure a smooth transition between the Fifth and Sixth Framework Programmes. Regarding the

use of Article 169 of the Treaty, clear interest was expressed in examining this modality in more depth in relation to all areas of the Framework Programme. Ministers expressed broad support for the horizontal measures proposed under the headings "Structuring the European Research Area" and "Strengthening the foundations of ERA". As regards possible financial support for the creation of new large-scale European research infrastructures, a large majority felt that this should not be allocated via the Framework Programme, but was rather a national responsibility, although financial support for feasibility studies could be envisaged. Lastly, Ministers consider that international collaboration should have a high degree of visibility in the programmes, with particular emphasis being put on the integration of candidate countries.