

Basic information	
2008/0066(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/New Zealand agreement: scientific and technological cooperation Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements 6.40.09 Relations with Oceanian countries Geographical area New Zealand	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		NIEBLER Angelika (PPE-DE)	06/05/2008
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2918	2009-01-19
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2881	2008-06-23
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation		POTOČNIK Janez	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/04/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0170 	Summary
02/09/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/09/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
24/09/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0367/2008	

21/10/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0478/2008	Summary
21/10/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/01/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/01/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/07/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0066(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/61595

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE412.030	03/09/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0367/2008	24/09/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0478/2008	21/10/2008	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2008)0170 	04/04/2008	Summary	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

EC/New Zealand agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2008/0066(CNS) - 21/10/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 633 votes to 8 with 15 abstentions, a legislative resolution under the consultation procedure, and approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community of the one part and the Government of New Zealand of the other part. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy.

EC/New Zealand agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2008/0066(CNS) - 19/01/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude on behalf of the European Community, the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the EC and New Zealand.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/502/EC on the conclusion on behalf of the Community of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of New Zealand.

CONTENT: the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of New Zealand, signed on 16 July 2008 in Brussels, has been approved on behalf of the Community.

The Cooperative Activities included in this Agreement shall be carried out on the basis of the following principles: (a) **mutual and equitable contributions and benefits**; (b) mutual access for Participants to research programmes or projects operated or funded by the other Party; (c) timely exchange of information which may concern Cooperative Activities; (d) promotion of knowledge-based societies for the economic and social development of both Parties; and (e) protection of intellectual property rights.

The Agreement also provides for a set of technical provisions laying down the main axes for scientific and technical cooperation between the Parties, in particular direct and indirect cooperative activities.

Practical provisions are also set out in order to facilitate the daily management of the Agreement and to regulate the financial support provided by the Parties.

Lastly, measures are provided to ensure the appropriate use of information arising from and relating to Cooperative Activities. The treatment of this information shall be consistent with the relevant laws and regulations and international conventions, including the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Agreement shall enter into force once all the necessary procedures have been completed.

EC/New Zealand agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2008/0066(CNS) - 04/04/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude on behalf of the European Community, the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the EC and New Zealand.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the Council

CONTENT: New Zealand is the only non European industrialised country with which the EC still does not have a Science and Technology agreement in force. Currently the cooperation between the Community and New Zealand is based on a Technical Arrangement for Cooperation in Science and Technology between the Commission and the Government of New Zealand which entered into force on 17 May 1991. This arrangement does not provide for an institutionalised coordination of cooperative activities nor does it provide for specific rules covering the treatment and protection of intellectual property rights. The New Zealand government has repeatedly stated its wish to upgrade the above "Science and Technology arrangement" to a formal agreement. Furthermore, in a letter of 17 October 2006 the New Zealand Minister for Research, Science and Technology stated the case for an upgrade more concretely. The letter identified a number of priority areas of interest for New Zealand, where they would like to strengthen collaboration, notably through the Framework Programme. These areas are: food, agriculture and biotechnology, information and communication technologies, health, environment and researcher mobility. They fully correspond to the areas that the Commission services consider interesting and promising for future collaboration.

The draft Agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit, reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the Agreement, non-discrimination, the effective protection of intellectual property and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. It provides that the Joint Committee established by the two executive agents of the Parties may make, subject to each Party's domestic approval

processes, technical amendments to the Agreement as may be required. The two negotiating sides agreed that these technical amendments should be restricted to the modification of technical terms and references that might be altered in the course of change from one Framework Programme to the other. In order to ensure a quick implementation of these technical amendments and with a view to avoiding an onerous procedure for amendments which leave the substance of the Agreement untouched, the Commission requests the Council to authorise it, according to Article 300 (4) EC Treaty, to approve the modifications on behalf of the Community

The Agreement will be concluded for an initial period of five years and continue in force after this initial period unless either Party notifies the other that it shall be terminated.

In light of the above consideration, the Commission proposes that the Council approve the proposals on signature and conclusion.