Basic information

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EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013) **Subject** 3.50.02.01 EC, EU framework programme 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements **Geographical area** Faroes	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	REUL Herbert (PPE)	29/09/2010

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	3074	2011-03-09
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3001	2010-03-11

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Research and Innovation	GEOGHEGAN-QUINN Máire

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
22/10/2009	Preparatory document	COM(2009)0566	Summary
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
02/07/2010	Legislative proposal published	11365/2010	Summary
07/09/2010	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
09/11/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0303/2010	
23/11/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0413/2010	Summary

23/11/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/03/2011	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
09/03/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/04/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/0160(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 186-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/7/01477

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE438.283	11/10/2010	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0303/2010	09/11/2010	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0413/2010	23/11/2010	Summary

Council of the EU

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Document attached to the procedure	05475/2010	09/02/2010	Summary
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2011/0218 OJ L 093 07.04.2011, p. 0001	Summary

EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

2009/0160(NLE) - 02/07/2010 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude and Agreement between the EU and the Faroes on scientific and technological cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement with the Government of the Faroes on scientific and technological cooperation. The Agreement was signed by the representatives of the Parties on 3 June 2010 in Brussels, and was made provisionally applicable as from 1 January 2010, pending its conclusion at a later date.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASE: Article 186 in conjunction with point (v) of Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: this proposal aims to approve the Agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the EU and the Faroe Islands.

For details of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the document annexed to the procedure dated 09/02/2010.

EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

2009/0160(NLE) - 22/10/2009 - Document attached to the procedure

The Commission presented a proposal for a decision on the **signature**, on behalf of the European Community, of a scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the European Community and the Faroe Islands, associating the latter to the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013).

For more details of the content, see the summary of the proposal for a Council decision on the **conclusion** of the agreement.

EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

2009/0160(NLE) - 09/02/2010 - Document attached to the procedure

This document sets out the content of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Faroes on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013).

The negotiations between the Parties resulted in the Agreement initialled on 13 July 2009. Provisional application shall be from **1 January 2010**.

Scope of the application and the Agreement: the Agreement aims to associate the Faroes to the activities laid down in the 7th Framework Programme.

The Agreement shall respect the following principles:

- mutual benefit,
- reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the agreement,
- non-discrimination,
- effective protection of intellectual property, and
- equitable sharing of intellectual property rights.

The agreement will open to legal entities from the Faroe Islands the same participation and funding rights and obligations as legal entities established in the EU Member States.

In addition, cooperation may include, intern alia: (a) regular discussions on the orientations and priorities for research policies and planning in the Faroes and the Union, (b) discussions on cooperation prospects and development, (c) visits and exchanges of research workers, engineers and technicians, etc.

Free movement and residence of research workers: the Parties will make every effort, within the framework of their applicable legislation, to facilitate the free movement and residence of research workers participating in the activities covered by this Agreement and to facilitate cross-border movement of goods intended for use in such activities. The Parties will ensure that no fiscal charge or levy shall be imposed upon the transferring of funds between the Union and the Faroes, when said funds are needed for the operation of activities covered by this Agreement.

Financing: the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Framework Programme shall be established on a yearly basis in proportion to, and in addition to, the amount available each year in the annual budget of the Union for commitment appropriations needed for the implementation, management and operation of the Framework Programme. The rules governing the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Framework Programme is set out in an Annex.

Institutional framework: the Agreement will help to structure and enhance the scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and the Faroes, through regular meetings of its Joint Committee, in which specific cooperation activities can be planned. Furthermore, it envisages the participation of representatives of the Faroe Islands as observers with no voting rights in the Seventh Framework Programme Committees and in the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre. A joint committee called the "EU-Faroes Research Committee" shall be established, whose functions shall include ensuring, evaluating and reviewing the implementation of this Agreement and examining any measure of a nature to improve and develop cooperation.

When the Union adopts a new multi-annual framework programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities, a new agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions, at the request of either of the Parties.

Annexes: the Agreement includes several annexes which deal with, respectively:

- terms and conditions for the participation of legal entities of Member States of the Union and of the Faroes;
- principles on the allocation of intellectual property rights;
- rules governing the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Framework Programme;
- financial control of the Faroese participants in the Union programmes covered by this Agreement.

EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

2009/0160(NLE) - 23/11/2010 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution in which it gives its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Faroes on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013).

EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

2009/0160(NLE) - 22/10/2009 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude a scientific and technological agreement between the European Community and the Faroe Islands with a view to associating the latter to the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (1007-2013).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 15 June 2009, the Council authorised the European Commission to negotiate an Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Faroes on scientific and technological cooperation, associating the Faroes to the Seventh (EC) Framework Programme for Research and Development (2007-2013).

The negotiations between the two parties were completed and resulted in a draft agreement, which was initialled on 13 July 2009 and which is in line with the negotiation directives issued by the Council.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: not applicable.

CONTENT: the proposal related to the **conclusion** in the name of the Community an agreement to associate the Faroe Islands to the Community's Seventh Framework Programme for Research.

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,
- effective protection of intellectual property, and
- equitable sharing of intellectual property rights.

The agreement will open to legal entities from the Faroe Islands the same participation and funding rights and obligations as legal entities established in the EU Member States.

Institutional framework: the draft agreement will help to structure and enhance the scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and the Faroes, through regular meetings of its Joint Committee, in which specific cooperation activities can be planned. Furthermore, its text envisages the participation of representatives of the Faroe Islands as observers with no voting rights in the Seventh Framework Programme Committees and in the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre.

Anticipated entry into force: the agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the parties exchange diplomatic notes informing each other that their respective internal procedures necessary for its entry into force have been completed and shall remain in force for the remaining duration of the Seventh EC Framework Programme. It is proposed that this Agreement should apply provisionally as of **1 January 2010,** subject to conclusion at a later date.

Annexes: the Agreement contains several annexes which deal with, respectively: i) terms and conditions with respect to the association of the Faroes, ii) principles on the allocation of intellectual property rights, iii) rules governing the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Seventh EC Framework Programme, and iv) financial control of Faroese participants in the Community programmes covered by the agreement.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the conclusion of the agreement would impact on expenditure only in terms of technical and administrative assistance for the management of the agreement from the Community's side. The envisaged amount would be **EUR 117 000/year** from 2010 to 2013 (in other words, a total amount of EUR 468 000 for the period in question.

EC/Faroe Islands agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

2009/0160(NLE) - 09/03/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the EU and the Faroes on scientific and technological cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013).

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2011/218/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Faeroe Islands on scientific and technological cooperation, associating the Faeroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007 to 2013).

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement with the Government of the Faeroe Islands on scientific and technological cooperation associating the Faeroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007 to 2013). The Agreement was signed by the representatives of the Parties on 3 June 2010 in Brussels, and was made provisionally applicable as from 1 January 2010, pending its conclusion at a later date.

The Agreement must now be concluded on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: this Decision approves the Agreement between the EU and the Government of the Faeroe Islands on scientific and technological cooperation associating the Faeroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007 to 2013) on behalf of the Union.

The Agreement shall respect the following principles:

- mutual benefit,
- reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the agreement,
- non-discrimination,
- effective protection of intellectual property, and
- equitable sharing of intellectual property rights.

The agreement will open to legal entities from the Faroe Islands the same participation and funding rights and obligations as legal entities established in the EU Member States.

In addition, cooperation may include regular discussions on the orientations and priorities for research policies and planning in the Faroes and the Union, as well as discussions on cooperation prospects and development, and visits and exchanges of research workers, engineers and technicians.

Modes of cooperation: the Agreement makes provision setting out the terms and conditions for legal entities in the Faroes to participate in the Framework Programme. Legal entities of the Faroes shall participate in indirect actions and in activities of the Joint Research Centre of the Framework Programme under the same conditions as those applicable to legal entities of Member States of the Union. Legal entities of the Union shall participate in the Faroes' research programmes and projects in themes equivalent to those of the Framework Programme under the same conditions as those applicable to legal entities of the Faroes.

Free movement and residence of research workers: the Parties will make every effort, within the framework of their applicable legislation, to facilitate the free movement and residence of research workers participating in the activities covered by the Agreement and to facilitate cross-border movement of goods intended for use in such activities. The Parties will ensure that no fiscal charge or levy shall be imposed upon the transferring of funds between the Union and the Faroes, when said funds are needed for the operation of activities covered by this Agreement.

Financing: the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Framework Programme shall be established on a yearly basis in proportion to, and in addition to, the amount available each year in the annual budget of the Union for commitment appropriations needed for the implementation, management and operation of the Framework Programme. The rules governing the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Framework Programme is set out in an Annex.

Institutional framework: the Agreement will help to structure and enhance the scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and the Faroes, through regular meetings of its Joint Committee, in which specific cooperation activities can be planned. Furthermore, it envisages the participation of representatives of the Faroe Islands as observers with no voting rights in the Seventh Framework Programme Committees and in the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre. A joint committee called the "EU-Faroes Research Committee" shall be established, whose functions shall include ensuring, evaluating and reviewing the implementation of this Agreement and examining any measure of a nature to improve and develop cooperation.

When the Union adopts a new multi-annual framework programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities, a new agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions, at the request of either of the Parties.

Annexes: the Agreement includes several annexes which deal with, respectively:

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- principles on the allocation of intellectual property rights;
- rules governing the financial contribution of the Faroes to the Framework Programme;
- financial control of the Faroese participants in the Union programmes covered by this Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision will enter into force on 9 March 2011. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which both Parties have notified each other of the completion of their procedures for that purpose. It shall be provisionally applied as of 1 January 2010. This Agreement is concluded for the remaining duration of the Framework.