Basic information

2011/0175(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation **Subject** 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements **Geographical area** Algeria	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	SARTORI Amalia (PPE)	23/04/2012

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
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	3190	2012-10-10

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Research and Innovation	GEOGHEGAN-QUINN Máire

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/07/2011	Preparatory document	COM(2011)0395	Summary
25/04/2012	Legislative proposal published	08283/2012	Summary
22/05/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/09/2012	Vote in committee		
06/09/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0267/2012	Summary
13/09/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0338/2012	Summary

13/09/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/10/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/10/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/10/2012	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/0175(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-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 186-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/7/06513

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE489.563	07/06/2012	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0267/2012	06/09/2012	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0338/2012	13/09/2012	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	17318/2011	06/12/2011	
Legislative proposal	08283/2012	25/04/2012	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2011)0395	07/07/2011	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2012/0645 OJ L 287 18.10.2012, p. 0003	Summary

EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2011/0175(NLE) - 25/04/2012 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on cooperation in science and technology.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States and Algeria was signed on 22 April 2002. This Agreement identifies cooperation in scientific and technological research as an area of particular interest and potential and provides for the establishment of permanent links between the two parties' scientific communities.

The European Neighbourhood Policy, to which Algeria is not party but which provides a framework for relations between the European Union and its neighbours, establishes a new framework for implementing the association agreement. In line with the European Neighbourhood Policy, a strategy document for 2007-13 describes scientific research as an essential element that contributes to building a knowledge society and to reducing unemployment as the economy becomes more open.

In a letter of 30 May 2006 the Algerian authorities expressed their interest in launching negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement between the EC and Algeria on cooperation in science and technology. The negotiations resulted in the attached draft agreement text initialled on 14 October 2010.

On 16 November 2009, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement between the EU and Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation. It was initialled on 14 October 2010. The Agreement was signed on 19 March 2012, subject to its conclusion at a later date, and provisionally applied upon its signature pursuant to Article 218(5) of the Treaty.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this proposal for a Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Main provisions of the Agreement may be summarised as follows:

Means of cooperation: such cooperation would promote the development and competitiveness of Algeria and the entire region and would create closer ties between the two parties, to the benefit of the European Union.

A science and technology cooperation agreement would be the most appropriate tool for reinforcing Algeria's cooperation with and participation in the framework programme and for intensifying dialogue related to science and technology.

Cooperation principles: cooperation activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- promotion of a knowledge-based society to foster the social and economic development of both Parties;
- mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- reciprocal access to the activities of research programmes and technological developments undertaken by each Party;
- timely exchange of information which may facilitate cooperative activities;
- appropriate exchange and protection of intellectual property rights;
- participation and funding in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Parties.

Cooperation may also take the following forms: (i) regular discussions on the guidelines and priorities for research policies and planning in Algeria and the Union; (ii) discussions on cooperation, developments and future prospects; (iii) the timely provision of information concerning the implementation of programmes and research projects of Algeria and of the Union, and concerning the results of work undertaken within the framework of this Agreement;

(iv) joint meetings; (v) visits and exchanges of research workers, engineers and technicians, including for training purposes; (vi) participation of experts in seminars, symposia and workshops; (vii) exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations, and programmes relevant to cooperation under this Agreement; (viii) reciprocal access to scientific and technologic information in the framework of this cooperation; (iv) examining the possibility of cooperation in setting up incubators and nurseries and the start-up and creation of research centres, (v) promoting cooperation by means of research and development projects.

Management of the Agreement: technical measures are provided to set the framework for the management of the Agreement (particularly the establishment of a Joint Cooperation Committee).

Financing: provisions are also provided as regards the financing of the research activities.

Dissemination and use of the results and information: lastly, the dissemination and the use of the results and information obtained and/or exchanged and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights resulting from the research activities undertaken under this Agreement shall be subject to the conditions provided for in the Annex.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2011/0175(NLE) - 07/07/2011 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on cooperation in science and technology.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States and Algeria was signed on 22 April 2002. This Agreement identifies cooperation in scientific and technological research as an area of particular interest and potential and provides for the establishment of permanent links between the two parties' scientific communities.

The European Neighbourhood Policy, to which Algeria is not party but which provides a framework for relations between the European Union and its neighbours, establishes a new framework for implementing the association agreement. In line with the European Neighbourhood Policy, a strategy document for 2007-13 describes scientific research as an essential element that contributes to building a knowledge society and to reducing unemployment as the economy becomes more open.

In a letter of 30 May 2006 the Algerian authorities expressed their interest in launching negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement between the EC and Algeria on cooperation in science and technology. The negotiations resulted in the attached draft agreement text initialled on 14 October 2010.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this proposal for a Decision, the Commission invites the Council to adopt the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, on the one hand, and Algeria, on the other, on cooperation in science and technology.

Concluding an agreement in the field of science and technology would serve the mutual interests of the European Union and Algeria, as it would enable continuing and strengthening cooperation with that country.

Means of cooperation: such cooperation would promote the development and competitiveness of Algeria and the entire region and would create closer ties between the two parties, to the benefit of the European Union.

A science and technology cooperation agreement would be the most appropriate tool for reinforcing Algeria's cooperation with and participation in the framework programme and for intensifying dialogue related to science and technology.

Cooperation principles: cooperation activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- promotion of a knowledge-based society to foster the social and economic development of both Parties;
- mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- reciprocal access to the activities of research programmes and technological developments undertaken by each Party;
- timely exchange of information which may facilitate cooperative activities;
- appropriate exchange and protection of intellectual property rights;
- participation and funding in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Parties.

Cooperation may also take the following forms: (i) regular discussions on the guidelines and priorities for research policies and planning in Algeria and the Union; (ii) discussions on cooperation, developments and future prospects; (iii) the timely provision of information concerning the implementation of programmes and research projects of Algeria and of the Union, and concerning the results of work undertaken within the framework of this Agreement; (iv) joint meetings; (v) visits and exchanges of research workers, engineers and technicians, including for training purposes; (vi) participation of experts in seminars, symposia and workshops; (vii) exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations, and programmes relevant to cooperation under

this Agreement; (viii) reciprocal access to scientific and technologic information in the framework of this cooperation; (iv) examining the possibility of cooperation in setting up incubators and nurseries and the start-up and creation of research centres, (v) promoting cooperation by means of research and development projects.

Management of the Agreement: technical measures are provided to set the framework for the management of the Agreement (particularly the establishment of a Joint Cooperation Committee).

Financing: provisions are also provided as regards the financing of the research activities.

Dissemination and use of the results and information: lastly, the dissemination and the use of the results and information obtained and/or exchanged and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights resulting from the research activities undertaken under this Agreement shall be subject to the conditions provided for in the Annex.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2011/0175(NLE) - 06/09/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted, under the simplified procedure, the report drafted by Amalia SARTORI (EPP, IT) recommending that the European Parliament gives its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Algeria.

EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2011/0175(NLE) - 13/09/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation.

The European Parliament consents to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2011/0175(NLE) - 07/07/2011

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on cooperation in science and technology.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States and Algeria was signed on 22 April 2002. This Agreement identifies cooperation in scientific and technological research as an area of particular interest and potential and provides for the establishment of permanent links between the two parties' scientific communities.

The European Neighbourhood Policy, to which Algeria is not party but which provides a framework for relations between the European Union and its neighbours, establishes a new framework for implementing the association agreement. In line with the European Neighbourhood Policy, a strategy document for 2007-13 describes scientific research as an essential element that contributes to building a knowledge society and to reducing unemployment as the economy becomes more open.

In a letter of 30 May 2006 the Algerian authorities expressed their interest in launching negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement between the EC and Algeria on cooperation in science and technology. The negotiations resulted in the attached draft agreement text initialled on 14 October 2010.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this proposal for a Decision, the Commission invites the Council to adopt the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, on the one hand, and Algeria, on the other, on cooperation in science and technology.

Concluding an agreement in the field of science and technology would serve the mutual interests of the European Union and Algeria, as it would enable continuing and strengthening cooperation with that country.

Means of cooperation: such cooperation would promote the development and competitiveness of Algeria and the entire region and would create closer ties between the two parties, to the benefit of the European Union.

A science and technology cooperation agreement would be the most appropriate tool for reinforcing Algeria's cooperation with and participation in the framework programme and for intensifying dialogue related to science and technology.

Cooperation principles: cooperation activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- promotion of a knowledge-based society to foster the social and economic development of both Parties;
- mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- reciprocal access to the activities of research programmes and technological developments undertaken by each Party;
- timely exchange of information which may facilitate cooperative activities;
- appropriate exchange and protection of intellectual property rights;
- participation and funding in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Parties.

Cooperation may also take the following forms: (i) regular discussions on the guidelines and priorities for research policies and planning in Algeria and the Union; (ii) discussions on cooperation, developments and future prospects; (iii) the timely provision of information concerning the implementation of programmes and research projects of Algeria and of the Union, and concerning the results of work undertaken within the framework of this Agreement; (iv) joint meetings; (v) visits and exchanges of research workers, engineers and technicians, including for training purposes; (vi) participation of experts in seminars, symposia and workshops; (vii) exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations, and programmes relevant to cooperation under this Agreement; (viii) reciprocal access to scientific and technologic information in the framework of this cooperation; (iv) examining the possibility of cooperation in setting up incubators and nurseries and the start-up and creation of research centres, (v) promoting cooperation by means of research and development projects.

Management of the Agreement: technical measures are provided to set the framework for the management of the Agreement (particularly the establishment of a Joint Cooperation Committee).

Financing: provisions are also provided as regards the financing of the research activities.

Dissemination and use of the results and information: lastly, the dissemination and the use of the results and information obtained and/or exchanged and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights resulting from the research activities undertaken under this Agreement shall be subject to the conditions provided for in the Annex.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Algeria Agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

2011/0175(NLE) - 10/10/2012 - Final act

PURPOSE: the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2012/645/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation.

BACKGROUND: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the other, was signed on 22 April 2002. This Agreement identifies cooperation in scientific and technological research as an area of particular interest and potential and, in particular, provides for the establishment of permanent links between the two parties’ scientific communities.

The European Neighbourhood Policy, to which Algeria is not party but which provides a framework for relations between the European Union and its neighbours, establishes a new framework for implementing the association agreement and cites scientific research as an essential element that contributes to building a knowledge society and to reducing unemployment as the economy becomes more open.

On 16 November 2009 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, an agreement on cooperation in science and technology with the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, subject to its conclusion at a later date, and provisionally applied upon its signature, pursuant to Article 218(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

It is now appropriate to conclude the agreement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation is concluded on behalf of the European Union.

Its main provisions are as follows:

Means of cooperation: such cooperation would promote the development and competitiveness of Algeria and the entire region and would create closer ties between the two parties, to the benefit of the European Union.

A science and technology cooperation agreement would be the most appropriate tool for reinforcing Algeria's cooperation with and participation in the framework programme and for intensifying dialogue related to science and technology.

Cooperation principles: cooperation activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- promotion of a knowledge-based society to foster the social and economic development of both Parties;
- mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- reciprocal access to the activities of research programmes and technological developments undertaken by each Party;

- timely exchange of information which may facilitate cooperative activities;
- appropriate exchange and protection of intellectual property rights;
- participation and funding in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Parties.

Cooperation may also take the following forms: (i) regular discussions on the guidelines and priorities for research policies and planning in Algeria and the Union; (ii) discussions on cooperation, developments and future prospects; (iii) the timely provision of information concerning the implementation of programmes and research projects of Algeria and of the Union, and concerning the results of work undertaken within the framework of this Agreement; (iv) joint meetings; (v) visits and exchanges of research workers, engineers and technicians, including for training purposes; (vi) participation of experts in seminars, symposia and workshops; (vii) exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations, and programmes relevant to cooperation under this Agreement; (viii) reciprocal access to scientific and technologic information in the framework of this cooperation; (iv) examining the possibility of cooperation in setting up incubators and nurseries and the start-up and creation of research centres, (v) promoting cooperation by means of research and development projects.

Management of the Agreement: technical measures are provided to set the framework for the management of the Agreement (particularly the establishment of a Joint Cooperation Committee).

Financing: provisions are also provided as regards the financing of the research activities.

Dissemination and use of the results and information: lastly, the dissemination and the use of the results and information obtained and/or exchanged and the management, allocation and exercise of intellectual property rights resulting from the research activities undertaken under this Agreement shall be subject to the conditions provided for in the Annex.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 10.10.2012. The Agreement will enter into force once all of the necessary procedures have been completed.