

Basic information	
2017/0196(NLE)	Procedure completed
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	
EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)	
See also 2016/0325(COD)	
Subject	
3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements	
Geographical area	
Egypt	

Key players			
	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	SAKORAFA Sofia (GUE/NGL)	11/10/2017
		Shadow rapporteur AYUSO Pilar (PPE) TOIA Patrizia (S&D) MARIAS Notis (ECR) TELIČKA Pavel (ALDE) RIVASI Michèle (Verts/ALE) BORRELLI David (EFDD)	
	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
	General Affairs	3560	2017-09-25
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation	MOEDAS Carlos	

Key events				
Date	Event	Reference	Summary	
11/08/2017	Preparatory document	COM(2017)0430 	Summary	
19/09/2017	Legislative proposal published	11965/2017	Summary	
23/10/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament			
06/11/2017	Vote in committee			
14/11/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0353/2017	Summary	
30/11/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0461/2017	Summary	
30/11/2017	Results of vote in Parliament			
18/12/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament			
18/12/2017	End of procedure in Parliament			
29/12/2017	Final act published in Official Journal			

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/0196(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 2016/0325(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 186-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/10573

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE612.162	12/10/2017	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0353/2017	14/11/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0461/2017	30/11/2017	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	11926/2017	19/09/2017		

Legislative proposal	11965/2017	19/09/2017	Summary
European Commission			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2017)0429	11/08/2017	

Final act
Decision 2017/2457 OJ L 348 29.12.2017, p. 0025 Summary

EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0196(NLE) - 30/11/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 596 votes to 33, with 18 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

In line with the recommendation by the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

PRIMA will be launched on 1 January 2018 for a period of ten years with the aim of developing and adopting innovative and integrated solutions for the sustainable management of water provision and agro-food systems in the Mediterranean area.

EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0196(NLE) - 11/08/2017 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to allow Egypt to participate in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: [Decision \(EU\) 2017/1324](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

The strategic objective of PRIMA is to build research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and **common innovative solutions for agro-food systems** in order to make them sustainable, as well as for an integrated water supply and management in the Mediterranean area.

PRIMA will be jointly undertaken by a number of Member States and third countries with a high level of commitment to scientific, management and financial integration and under the same terms and conditions.

Egypt expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and pledged to commit a financial contribution of **EUR 33 million** to the initiative.

The negotiations started on 26 June 2017 and were successfully completed on 27 July 2017, when the text of the draft Agreement was initialled by representatives from each of the future Parties.

In order to ensure that Egypt participates in PRIMA on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020, an International Agreement with the Union is required to extend the scope of the legal regime established by Decision (EU) 2017/1324 to Egypt.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council **conclude the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and Egypt** setting out the terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

The present initiative will **allow Egypt to become a Participating State in PRIMA**, and thus engaged on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020. Egyptian legal entities would be automatically eligible to apply for EU funding in projects funded from the EU budget.

In order to ensure the **protection of Union financial interests**, particularly the powers of the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors and the PRIMA Implementation Structure (PRIMA-IS) to carry out audits and investigations, the Agreement and obliges the Parties to provide all necessary assistance to ensure their implementation and agree on detailed arrangements for assistance.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the impact on expenditure is estimated at **EUR 82 800** for the period 2018-2020.

EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0196(NLE) - 19/09/2017 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to allow Egypt to participate in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with [Decision \(EU\) 2017/1324](#), Egypt is to become a Participating State in **PRIMA** subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Egypt in PRIMA.

Egypt expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) participating in PRIMA.

The Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Egypt laying down the terms and conditions for Egypt's participation in PRIMA was signed subject to its conclusion at a later date. The Agreement must now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision seeks the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the **Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Union and Egypt** setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

For further details on the objectives and content of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial legislative proposal dated 11.8.2017.

EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0196(NLE) - 11/08/2017

PURPOSE: to allow Egypt to participate in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: [Decision \(EU\) 2017/1324](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

The strategic objective of PRIMA is to build research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and **common innovative solutions for agro-food systems** in order to make them sustainable, as well as for an integrated water supply and management in the Mediterranean area.

PRIMA will be jointly undertaken by a number of Member States and third countries with a high level of commitment to scientific, management and financial integration and under the same terms and conditions.

Egypt expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and pledged to commit a financial contribution of **EUR 33 million** to the initiative.

The negotiations started on 26 June 2017 and were successfully completed on 27 July 2017, when the text of the draft Agreement was initialled by representatives from each of the future Parties.

In order to ensure that Egypt participates in PRIMA on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020, an International Agreement with the Union is required to extend the scope of the legal regime established by Decision (EU) 2017/1324 to Egypt.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council **conclude the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and Egypt** setting out the terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

The present initiative will **allow Egypt to become a Participating State in PRIMA**, and thus engaged on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020. Egyptian legal entities would be automatically eligible to apply for EU funding in projects funded from the EU budget.

In order to ensure the **protection of Union financial interests**, particularly the powers of the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors and the PRIMA Implementation Structure (PRIMA-IS) to carry out audits and investigations, the Agreement and obliges the Parties to provide all necessary assistance to ensure their implementation and agree on detailed arrangements for assistance.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the impact on expenditure is estimated at **EUR 82 800** for the period 2018-2020.

EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0196(NLE) - 14/11/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Sofia SAKORAFA (GUE/NGL, EL) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt setting out the terms and conditions for Egypt's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

The committee recommended that the European Parliament **give its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

As stated in the explanatory memorandum accompanying the recommendation, in July 2017 the European Parliament adopted the new Partnership on Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (**PRIMA**). This is the first ever Public-to-Public Partnership under Article 185 TFEU to target a specific geographical area, the Mediterranean Basin, including the participation of neighbouring EU countries.

PRIMA will be launched on 1 January 2018 for a period of ten years with the aim of developing and adopting **innovative and integrated solutions for the sustainable management of water provision and agro-food systems** in the Mediterranean area.

This partnership is, so far, the most ambitious Euro-Mediterranean research and innovation initiative in this field. It represents one of the few attempts by the EU science diplomacy that could also help to resolve the issue of forced displacement of Mediterranean residents and thus address some of the root causes of migration.

19 countries are jointly undertaking PRIMA: 11 Member States, three associated countries to Horizon 2020 and five third countries with which the international agreements for scientific and technological cooperation need to be concluded.

In this context, the rapporteur welcomed the Commission proposal on the agreements already concluded with [Algeria](#), [Jordan](#) and [Lebanon](#) following the adoption of PRIMA.

EU/Egypt Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0196(NLE) - 18/12/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to enable Egypt to participate in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/2457 on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

CONTENT: [Decision \(EU\) 2017/1324](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States.

As a reminder, Egypt expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) participating in PRIMA.

In accordance with Decision (EU) 2017/1324, Egypt is to become a Participating State in PRIMA subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Egypt in PRIMA.

By this Decision, the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EU and Egypt setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The strategic objective of PRIMA is to build research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for agro-food systems in order to make them sustainable, as well as for an integrated water supply and management in the Mediterranean area.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 08.12.2017.