Basic information

2017/0200(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Jordan Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Jordan 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** Jordan	

Key players

European Parliament

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)0434	Summary
19/09/2017	Legislative proposal published	11966/2017	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	A8-0355/2017	Summary
30/11/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0463/2017	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	2017/0200(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 European Union TFEU 186-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/10577

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE612.166	12/10/2017	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0355/2017	14/11/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0463/2017	30/11/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	11927/2017	19/09/2017	

Legislative proposal	11966/2017	19/09/2017	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2017)0434	11/08/2017	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2017)0436	11/08/2017	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2017/2458
OJ L 348 29.12.2017, p. 0027 Summary

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

2017/0200(NLE) - 30/11/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 596 votes to 29, with 22 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

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

As a reminder, 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.

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

2017/0200(NLE) - 19/09/2017 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to allow Jordan 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, Jordan 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 Jordan in PRIMA.

Jordan 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 Jordan laying down the terms and conditions for Jordan'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 Jordan** setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Jordan 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/Jordan Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Jordan in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0200(NLE) - 11/08/2017 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to allow Jordan 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.

Jordan expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and pledged to commit a financial contribution of **EUR 30 million** to the initiative.

The negotiations started on 26 June 2017 and were successfully completed on 10 July 2017, when the text of the draft Agreement was initialled by representatives from each of the future Parties.

In order to ensure that Jordan 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 Jordan.

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

The present initiative will **allow Jordan to become a Participating State in PRIMA**, and thus engaged on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020. Jordanian 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/Jordan Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Jordan in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0200(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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan setting out the terms and conditions for Jordan'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 Egypt, Algeria and Lebanon following the adoption of PRIMA.

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

2017/0200(NLE) - 11/08/2017

PURPOSE: to allow Jordan 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.

Jordan expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and pledged to commit a financial contribution of **EUR 30 million** to the initiative.

The negotiations started on 26 June 2017 and were successfully completed on 10 July 2017, when the text of the draft Agreement was initialled by representatives from each of the future Parties.

In order to ensure that Jordan 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 Jordan.

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

The present initiative will **allow Jordan to become a Participating State in PRIMA**, and thus engaged on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020. Jordanian 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/Jordan Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: terms and conditions for participation of Jordan in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2017/0200(NLE) - 18/12/2017 - Final act

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

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/2458 on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 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, Jordan 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, Jordan 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 Jordan setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of this country 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.

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