Basic information

2019/0005(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal See also 1999/0133(CNS) **Subject** 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements **Geographical area** Russian Federation	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	EHLER Christian (PPE)	02/04/2019

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	3693	2019-05-22

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Research and Innovation	MOEDAS Carlos

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/01/2019	Preparatory document	COM(2019)0007	
01/04/2019	Legislative proposal published	07683/2019	Summary

02/04/2019	Vote in committee		
03/04/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/04/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0188/2019	Summary
17/04/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0413/2019	Summary
17/04/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/05/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/05/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2019/0005(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 1999/0133(CNS)
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, awaiting publication in Official Journal
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/15394

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0188/2019	05/04/2019	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0413/2019	17/04/2019	Summary

Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	07683/2019	01/04/2019	Summary

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Additional information

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EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

2019/0005(NLE) - 18/01/2019

PURPOSE: to renew the agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation.

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: the agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation was signed in Brussels on 16 November 2000 and entered into force on 10 May 2001. Since then, the agreement has been renewed three times in 2004, 2009 and 2014 for an additional period of 5 years each time.

The Commission recalled that Russia is the most important Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) actor in the neighbourhood of the EU that is not associated to Horizon 2020. Cooperation in STI between the EU and Russia has traditionally been very active, notably in the fields of research infrastructures, transport and environment.

Among all non-associated countries, Russia currently ranks 6th in terms of participations in collaborative projects of Horizon 2020. Moreover, the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 20182020 aims to intensify cooperation with Russia on topics of mutual interest and common benefit. In particular, apart from the general openness of Horizon 2020 to entities from all over the world including Russia, there are two major flagship bilateral cooperation initiatives with Russia, in research infrastructures and health, and one flagship multilateral cooperation initiative on aeronautics that targets also Russia.

The Commission stated that science diplomacy can be a powerful tool in the relations with Russia as it provides a positive cooperation agenda and is a source of 'soft power' that can be particularly instrumental in catalysing and opening channels of communication and building trust between the two societies.

It is for this reason that the cooperation agreement should be renewed.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council approve, on behalf of the Union, the renewal of the agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation for an additional period of five years (20 February 2019 to 19 February 2024).

The substance of the renewed agreement will be identical to that of the current agreement as discussed and agreed with the Russian counterparts. It will not create new rights and obligations for the EU, but instead it will extend in time the legal regime already existing between the Parties in the field of S&T cooperation.

The agreement provides a framework for strengthening people-to-people contacts and STI cooperation in areas of strategic EU interest in the coming years, in order to counter the downward trend in the intensity of scientific collaboration between EU and Russian participants.

EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

2019/0005(NLE) - 01/04/2019 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: renewal of the Agreement on cooperation between the European Community and Russia in the field of science and technology.

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: the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Russia was signed in Brussels on 16 November 2000 and entered into force on 10 May 2001.

The Agreement is renewable by common agreement between the parties for additional periods of five-years. The Agreement has been renewed three times, in 2004, 2009 and 2014, for an additional period of five years each time. The current Agreement expired on 20 February 2019.

Both parties confirmed their intention to renew the agreement for an additional period of five years without any amendments.

CONTENT: under the draft Council Decision, the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation for an additional period of five years would be approved on behalf of the European Union.

The substance of the renewed Agreement will be identical to that of the current Agreement as discussed and agreed with the Russian counterparts. It will not create new rights and obligations for the EU, but instead it will extend in time the legal regime already existing between the Parties in the field of science and technology cooperation.

The renewal of the Agreement fits within the EU's approach based on the five guiding principles to manage the EU’s current relations with Russia, agreed upon at the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 14 March 2016 and confirmed at the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 16 April 2018.

The Agreement provides a framework to enhance people-to-people contacts and science, technology and innovation cooperation in areas of EU strategic interest in the years to come, countering the trend of decreasing intensity of scientific collaboration between EU and Russian participants.

EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

2019/0005(NLE) - 05/04/2019 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Christian EHLER (EPP, DE) on the draft Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the renewal of the Agreement.

As a reminder, the current Agreement expired on 20 February 2019. The renewed Agreement seeks to continue to facilitate cooperation with the Russian Federation in common science and technology priority areas leading to benefits for both Parties.

EC/Russia agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal

2019/0005(NLE) - 17/04/2019 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 527 votes to 26, with 55 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation.

The European Parliament has given its consent to the renewal of the agreement.