Basic information

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EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement **Subject** 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements **Geographical area** India	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Council of the European Union			
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/03/2025	Preparatory document	COM(2025)0128	
23/05/2025	Legislative proposal published	08080/2025	Summary
19/06/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/07/2025	Vote in committee		
16/07/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0145/2025	
10/09/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0183/2025	Summary
10/09/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	ITRE/10/02725

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE775.447	02/07/2025	
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0183/2025	10/09/2025	Summary

Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	08080/2025	23/05/2025	Summary

European Commission

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Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

2025/0066(NLE) - 10/09/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 624 votes to 9, with 32 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the renewal of the agreement.

The strategically important renewal of the European Union-India Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement allows for continued collaboration in key areas such as clean energy, health, AI, and sustainable development, with proven mutual benefits.

The ongoing cooperation, which has already resulted in major joint projects and significant exchanges of researchers, improves market access for EU companies. This agreement supports the EU's interests, strengthens ties established through the Trade and Technology Council, and boosts Europe's international competitiveness through joint funding, joint research, and India's market access.

The substance of the renewed agreement is identical to that of the current agreement. It will not create new rights and obligations for the EU, but instead it will extend in time the existing framework between the Parties under the Agreement.

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The European Parliament adopted by 528 votes to 89, with 48 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision to on the accession of Vanuatu the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the accession of Vanuatu to the Agreement.

The accession of Vanuatu to the interim EPA between the EU, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Islands, which is an asymmetric and WTO-compatible trade agreement, reinforces the legal framework of the EU trade relations with Pacific partner countries and facilitates reciprocal trade. It also incorporates Vanuatu into the regime of joint rules and institutions established by the interim EPA.

The interim EPA is a development-oriented trade agreement that provides asymmetrical access to Vanuatu's market and allows the country to protect sensitive sectors from liberalisation, while also providing for a number of safeguards and an infant industry protection clause. It also contains rules of origin provisions that facilitate Vanuatu's exports to the EU.

Following Vanuatu’s classification by the World Bank as an upper middle-income country, the country will be removed from the list of Everything But Arms (EBA) beneficiary countries under the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP), and will no longer benefit from the tariff preferences (duty-free and quota-free access to the EU market) provided under the special arrangement EBA for the least-developed countries as of 1 January 2025.

EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

2025/0066(NLE) - 23/05/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: renewal of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the Council.

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

BACKGROUND: the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India was signed in New Delhi on 23 November 2001 and entered into force on 14 October 2002. The Agreement has already been renewed three times, in 2009, 2015 and 2020, for a further period of five years each time. The current Agreement is due to expire on 17 May 2025.

The Commission's evaluation demonstrates that the Agreement continues to provide an important framework for facilitating cooperation between the Union and the Republic of India in common priority scientific and technological areas of mutual benefit. It is therefore in the Union's interest to renew the Agreement for a further period of five years. Both Parties have confirmed their intention to renew the Agreement for a further period of five years without amendment.

CONTENT: the Council's draft aims to approve, on behalf of the Union, **the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India** for a further period of five years.

This Decision will enable both sides to improve intensify their cooperation in scientific and technological areas of common interest in line with the EU Strategy on India and the EU-India Strategic Partnership Roadmap.

It will allow a further exchange of specific knowledge and a transfer of know-how to the benefit of the scientific communities, industry and citizens. A useful forum will continue to be offered to assess past cooperation and determine future actions, to address global challenges and to promote reciprocal access to programmes and funding.

The substance of the renewed Agreement will be identical to that of the current Agreement, as discussed and agreed with the Indian counterparts. It will not create new rights and obligations for the EU. The renewal of the agreement has retroactive effect as of 17 May 2025.