

Basic information	
<p>2025/0387(NLE)</p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU–Morocco agreement amending and supplementing the agreement setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)</p> <p>See also 2018/0036(NLE)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Morocco</p>	Awaiting committee decision

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	BORCHIA Paolo (P/E)	23/04/2026
		Shadow rapporteur DE LA HOZ QUINTANO Raúl (EPP) TRAMACERE Georgia (S&D)	
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/12/2025	Preparatory document	COM(2025)0754	
31/03/2026	Legislative proposal published	05480/2026	Summary
27/04/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/06/2026	Vote in committee		

Forecasts	
06/07/2026	Indicative plenary sitting date

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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/0387(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 2018/0036(NLE)
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting committee decision
Committee dossier	ITRE/10/04799

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE788.796	12/05/2026	
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	05480/2026	31/03/2026	Summary	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2025)0753	15/12/2025		
Preparatory document	COM(2025)0754	15/12/2025		

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

EU–Morocco agreement amending and supplementing the agreement setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

2025/0387(NLE) - 31/03/2026 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco 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 established the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon 2020 – Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020), for a period until 31 December 2028.

Morocco is one of the 19 Participating States of PRIMA, having concluded an agreement for scientific and technological cooperation setting out the terms and conditions for its participation in the partnership (the 'PRIMA Agreement'). The purpose of the PRIMA Agreement is to set out the terms and conditions for the participation of Morocco in PRIMA.

Decision (EU) 2024/1167 of the European Parliament and of the Council extended PRIMA's overall duration under Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation ('Horizon Europe'), established by Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council, until 31 December 2031. It also provides for Morocco to continue to participate in PRIMA under Horizon Europe, subject to the conclusion of an agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, amending and supplementing the PRIMA Agreement.

Since Morocco has expressed its interest in continuing to participate in PRIMA under Horizon Europe, it should formally accept the updated terms and conditions for such participation.

To that end, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2023/2621, authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, amending and supplementing the PRIMA Agreement and setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Morocco in PRIMA under Horizon Europe. The negotiations were successfully concluded by the initialling of the Agreement on 8 September 2025. The agreement was signed subject to its conclusion at a later date and now require approval.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision aims to approve the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

As a reminder, PRIMA's strategic objective is to build research and innovation capacities and develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for agri-food systems to make them renewable, as well as for water management and supply in the Mediterranean area.