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## **RECOMMENDATION**

on the draft Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation  
(13152/2013 – C7-0370/2013 – 2013/0282(NLE))

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Amalia Sartori

(Simplified procedure – Rule 46(1) of the Rules of Procedure)

***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- \*\*\*II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- \*\*\*III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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## **DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**

**on the draft Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation**

**(13152/2013 – C7-0370/2013 – 2013/0282(NLE))**

**(Consent)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation (13152/2013),
  - having regard to Council Decision 2000/742/EC of 16 November 2000 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation,
  - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 186 and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a) (v), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C7-0370/2013),
  - having regard to Rules 81 and 90(7) and Rule 46(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the opinions of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Budgets (A7-0473/2013),
1. Consents to the renewal of the Agreement;
  2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Russian Federation.

12.12.2013

## **OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation  
(13152/2013 – C7-0370/2013 – 2013/0282(NLE))

Rapporteur: Libor Rouček

### **SHORT JUSTIFICATION**

Science and technology is one of the most dynamic sectors of cooperation between the European Union and the Russia, and is based on shared interests in promoting innovation and economic competitiveness. Intensive collaboration in research and technology, including a solid track record of joint projects and other cooperative activities, is a vital element of the EU-Russia strategic partnership and contributes to the objectives of the Partnership on Modernisation.

The legal framework for cooperation is laid down in the EU-Russia S&T Agreement, concluded in 2000 and renewed for five years by Decision 2009/313/EC of 30 March 2009.

The proposed decision on further renewal of the Agreement for an additional five years, in its current form, will enable the EU and Russia to further intensify bilateral relations in the field of science and technology.

Renewal of the S&T Agreement is also significant in the context of the on-going negotiations on a Visa Facilitation Agreement between the EU and Russia. Prospective simplification of visa procedures would positively affect mobility in the area of research and science and facilitate efficient implementation of the S&T Agreement, while also contributing to the broader goal of stronger political, economic and cultural ties between the EU and Russia.

The positive record of cooperation in the field of science and technology testifies to the potential of the EU-Russia partnership to deliver tangible and mutually beneficial results. Hence, renewal of the S&T in its current form could also provide a much-needed impetus to the on-going negotiations on a comprehensive New EU-Russia Agreement, foreseen to replace the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament give its consent.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	12.12.2013
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 34 -: 1 0: 6
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Hiltrud Breyer, Elmar Brok, Jerzy Buzek, Arnaud Danjean, Mário David, Mark Demesmaeker, Michael Gahler, Marietta Giannakou, Andrzej Grzyb, Anna Ibrisagic, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Tunne Kelam, Paweł Robert Kowal, Eduard Kukan, Vytautas Landsbergis, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Krzysztof Lisek, Marusya Lyubcheva, Willy Meyer, Francisco José Millán Mon, Raimon Obiols, Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Alojz Peterle, Tonino Picula, Bernd Posselt, Hans-Gert Pöttering, Cristian Dan Preda, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, György Schöpflin, Werner Schulz, Sophocles Sophocleous, Laurence J.A.J. Stassen, Charles Tannock, Eleni Theoharous, Geoffrey Van Orden, Nikola Vuljanić, Sir Graham Watson, Boris Zala
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Ivo Vajgl
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Andrea Cozzolino, Ivare Padar



28.11.2013

## **OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS**

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the draft Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation  
(13152/2013 – C7-0370/2013 – 2013/0282(NLE))

Rapporteur: Rolandas Paksas

### **SHORT JUSTIFICATION**

On 16 November 2000<sup>1</sup> the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation. The Agreement was concluded to encourage, develop and facilitate cooperation between the parties in research and technology development area. Furthermore, the Council approved the renewals of the Agreement for an additional period of five years in 2003<sup>2</sup> and 2009<sup>3</sup> in its current form.

In its Proposal for a Council Decision<sup>4</sup>, dated 14 August 2013, the Commission proposes the renewal of the Agreement for an additional period of five years with the content of the renewed Agreement being identical to the content of the Agreement which expires on 20 February 2014. On 18 October 2013 the Council requests the Parliament to give its consent to the renewal of the agreement<sup>5</sup>.

The current renewal takes into account recommendations issued by independent experts from

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 2000/742/EC of 16 November 2000 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation (OJ L 299, 28.11.2000, p. 14)

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision 2003/798/EC of 18 November 2003 (OJ L 299, 18.11.2003, p. 20))

<sup>3</sup> Council Decision 2009/313/EC of 30 March 2009 (OJ L 92, 4.4.2009, p.3)

<sup>4</sup> Proposal for a Council Decision ref. 2013/0282 (NLE) – COM(2013)0583 final of 14 August 2013

<sup>5</sup> Council request of 18 October 2013 addressed to Parliament to approve a draft decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement, ref. 13152/2013 RECH 385 COEST 240.

the European Union and the Russian Federation. The review<sup>1</sup> was performed by two experts from the European Commission and two experts from the Russian Ministry of Education and Science between November 2012 and March 2013. The experts state that science and technology cooperation between EU and Russia should be continued and further intensified and they recommend the prolongation of the Agreement for the next term without any changes to its text. In addition, the prolongation of the Agreement is linked to the official start of the “EU-Russia Year of Science 2014”.

Total planned expenditure for the period of five years (2014-2019) is EUR 0.550 million. This expenditure is intended mainly to finance the servicing of the Agreement as well as workshops, seminars and joint meetings of officials and experts from both parties in Europe and Russia. Although the Committee on Budgets does not see any impediments to the renewal of the Agreement, it would like to insist that the Commission monitors carefully that the funds are spent in accordance with principles of sound financial management, namely principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and that actual scientists and researchers are actively participating in the programme and not only research administrators.

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The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament give its consent to the renewal of the Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Review of the S&T Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Russia of 08 April 2013, ref. Ares(2013)2859814 – 09/08/2013

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	27.11.2013
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 27 -: 1 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Marta Andreasen, Zuzana Brzobohatá, Jean-Luc Dehaene, James Elles, Göran Färm, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Jens Geier, Ingeborg Gräßle, Lucas Hartong, Jutta Haug, Monika Hohlmeier, Sidonia Elżbieta Jędrzejewska, Ivailo Kalfin, Sergej Kozlik, Jan Kozłowski, George Lyon, Jan Mulder, Vojtěch Mynář, Juan Andrés Naranjo Escobar, Dominique Riquet, Oleg Valjalo, Angelika Werthmann
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Jürgen Klute, Paul Rübig
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Juozas Imbrasas

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Simplified procedure - date of decision</b>	25.9.2013
<b>Date adopted</b>	16.12.2013