



Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the participation of the European Union in a Partnership for Research and
Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several
Member States

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

Water management, and the attendant task of ensuring food security, is a challenge that the European Union needs to address. Water poverty, defined as ‘the condition of not having access to sufficient water, or water of an adequate quality, to meet one’s basic needs,’ affects, according to the European Commission, some 180 million people in the Mediterranean region, something that harms the health and stability of the populations on both sides. The EU therefore needs to promote the PRIMA initiative and begin its implementation as soon as possible.

Pressures on water resources have grown in many areas and river basins, as a result of both demand from populations and an increase in irrigated areas, threatening some small-scale local economies and conservation areas.

This is why a holistic approach should be taken in deploying PRIMA, to ensure the efficiency of irrigated areas, crop cultivations and urban pipelines and protect natural areas, wetlands and conservation, in accordance with both with European legislation in general and the Water Framework Directive in particular.

As part of the PRIMA initiative, dialogue between the north and south shores of the Mediterranean can be used as a way to mitigate the impact of climate change and to address parallel challenges, such as desertification. To this end, the involvement of the Union for the Mediterranean, which already has a wealth of experience, should be stressed, both in developing and managing the management of the partnership.

Nevertheless, a few aspects of the decision establishing PRIMA need to be altered to ensure best possible governance and better and more efficient use of funding allocated for research and development projects under the programme, as well as to pave the way for economic growth and the creation of decent jobs in the Mediterranean countries, which have been hardest hit by the economic crisis, and suffer high levels of unemployment, particularly among young people.

The debate in plenary in Strasbourg on 15 December 2014 removed any doubts as to the importance of EU involvement in PRIMA, given the economic boost and added value it would bring. It also stressed the significance of water resources in developing countries and the need for projects to impart the necessary know-how to ensure the proper use of renewable energies in water infrastructure, water pumping equipment for instance, to develop more sustainable crops.

Ensuring food security and water resources is also one of the EU’s obligations, and should be a key element of neighbourhood policy so as to ensure, among other objectives, the stability of, and development in, its neighbouring countries. And the partnership forged at the Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Research and Innovation in Barcelona in April 2012 may be a pillar on which to build it.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee

on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a decision Article 1 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Any third country not associated to Horizon 2020 other than those listed in paragraph 2 may participate in PRIMA provided that:

- (a) it fulfils the condition laid down in point (c) of Article 4(1) of this Decision;
- (b) the PRIMA-IS approves its participation in PRIMA after examining the relevance of its participation for achieving the objectives of PRIMA; and
- (c) it concludes an international agreement with the Union setting out the terms and conditions of its participation in PRIMA.

If the country complies with the requirements set out in *the first subparagraph*, it shall be regarded as a Participating State for the purposes of this Decision.

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- (c) it concludes an international agreement with the Union setting out the terms and conditions of its participation in PRIMA.

If the country complies with the requirements set out in *this paragraph*, it shall be regarded as a Participating State for the purposes of this Decision.

Or. es

Amendment 2

Proposal for a decision Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to develop *the fully piloted and demonstrated* common innovative solutions for water *provision* and *food* systems in the Mediterranean region, to

Amendment

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make them more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable, and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.

systems in the Mediterranean region, to make them more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable, and to contribute to solving ***water-scarcity, food-security***, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.

Or. es

Amendment 3

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) the formulation of a ***stable***, long-term, common strategic agenda in the area of ***water provision and food*** systems;

Amendment

(i) the formulation of a long-term, common strategic agenda in the area of systems ***for the management, production and supply of water and agri-food products***;

Or. es

Amendment 4

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) the orientation of ***all*** national R&I programmes towards the implementation of the strategic agenda;

Amendment

(ii) the orientation of ***relevant*** national R&I programmes towards the implementation of the strategic agenda;

Or. es

Amendment 5

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) the **structural** involvement of all relevant public and private sector actors in implementing the strategic agenda by pooling knowledge and financial resources to achieve the necessary critical mass;

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 6

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall assess the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States, in particular through the first two PRIMA annual work plans. Following that assessment the maximum Union contribution referred to in Article 3(1) **shall** be reviewed in accordance with Article 9.

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Or. es

Amendment 7

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) where appropriate, financial contributions to the PRIMA-IS in view of funding indirect actions referred to in

Amendment

(a) where appropriate, financial **or in kind** contributions to the PRIMA-IS in view of funding indirect actions referred to

Article 6(1)(a);

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Or. es

Amendment 8

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) financial or in kind contributions in implementing activities referred to in Article 6(1)(b); and

Amendment

(b) financial or in kind contributions in implementing activities referred to in Article 6(1)(a) **and** (b); and

Or. es

Amendment 9

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) financial contributions to the administrative budget of the PRIMA-IS not covered by the Union contribution as set out in Article 3(3)(b).

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 10

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In-kind contributions referred to in point (b) of paragraph 2 of this Article

Amendment

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shall consist of costs incurred by the Participating States through their national funding bodies in implementing activities referred to in Article 6(1)(b), less any direct or indirect Union financial contribution to those costs.

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Or. es

Amendment 11

Proposal for a decision Article 5 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Contributions referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 2 counting as contributions from Participating States shall be made after the entry into force of this Decision for the activities included in the first PRIMA annual work plan, and ***after adoption*** of the subsequent annual work plans by the PRIMA-IS.

Amendment

5. Contributions referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 2 counting as contributions from Participating States shall be made after the entry into force of this Decision for the activities included in the first PRIMA annual work plan, and ***during the annual time frame (1 January-31 December)*** of the subsequent annual work plans by the PRIMA-IS.

Or. es

Amendment 12

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. PRIMA shall support ***the following activities***:

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 13

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (a) *indirect actions within the meaning of Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 funded by the PRIMA-IS in accordance with Article 7, mainly in the form of grants following transnational open and competitive calls for proposals organised by the PRIMA-IS, including:*
- (i) *research and innovation actions, as well as innovation actions, including demonstrators, pilot plants, testing, pre-commercial deployment, addressing in particular the higher Technology Readiness Levels;*
- (ii) *coordination and support actions focussing on dissemination and outreach to promote PRIMA and maximise its impacts;*
- deleted*

Or. es

Amendment 14

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – letter b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (b) activities funded by the Participating States *through their national funding bodies* without Union contribution, *addressing increasingly also the higher Technology Readiness Levels and consisting in:*
- (b) activities funded by the Participating States, without Union contribution;

Amendment 15

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) activities under the national programmes of the Participating States.

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 16

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The activities shall include research and innovation actions, as well as innovation actions, including innovative demonstrators, pilot plants, testing, pre-commercial deployment, addressing in particular the higher technology readiness levels, by means of small and medium-sized projects, in terms of budget and number of participants.

They shall also include coordination and support actions focusing on dissemination and outreach to promote PRIMA and maximise its impacts;

Or. es

Amendment 17

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. PRIMA shall be implemented on the basis of annual work plans, to be adopted by the PRIMA-IS, after obtaining approval by the Commission, by the end of the previous year. As an exception, the PRIMA annual work plan for 2018 *may* be ***adopted*** by 31 March 2018. The PRIMA-IS shall make the annual work plan publicly available.

Amendment

2. PRIMA shall be implemented on the basis of annual work plans, to be adopted by the PRIMA-IS, after obtaining approval by the Commission. ***The PRIMA-IS shall forward these plans to the Commission*** by the end of the previous year. As an exception, the PRIMA annual work plan for 2018 ***must*** be ***sent*** by 31 March 2018. The PRIMA-IS shall make the annual work plan publicly available.

Or. es

Amendment 18

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Activities may only be funded under PRIMA if they are set out in the PRIMA annual work plan. The PRIMA annual work plan shall distinguish between the activities referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1, the activities referred to in point (b) of that paragraph, as well as the administrative costs of the PRIMA-IS. ***It shall provide for their corresponding expenditure estimates as well as for the budget allocation to activities funded with Union contribution and to activities funded by the Participating States through their national funding bodies without Union contribution.*** The PRIMA annual work plan shall also include the estimated value of the Participating States' in kind contributions referred to in Article

Amendment

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Activities to be funded by the Participating States through their national funding bodies without Union contribution may only be included in the PRIMA annual work plan following *the* positive *outcome of their* external independent *evaluation by international* peer review *with regard to the objectives of PRIMA, as organised by the PRIMA-IS*.

Amendment

5. Activities to be funded by the Participating States through their national funding bodies without Union contribution may only be included in the PRIMA annual work plan following *a* positive *assessment by the PRIMA-IS of their contribution with regard to the objectives of PRIMA; in the event of doubt, the PRIMA-IS may request an* external independent peer review.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Activities included in the PRIMA annual work plan *that are funded by the Participating States through their national funding bodies without Union contribution* shall be implemented in compliance with common principles to be adopted by the PRIMA-IS, after obtaining approval by the Commission. The common principles shall take into account the principles set out in this Decision, in Title VI of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Regulation (EU) No

Amendment

6. Activities included in the PRIMA annual work plan shall be implemented in compliance with common principles to be adopted by the PRIMA-IS, after obtaining approval by the Commission. The common principles shall take into account *the balance between the interests of the northern and southern shores of the Mediterranean and* the principles set out in this Decision, in Title VI of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013, in

1290/2013, in particular the principles of equal treatment, transparency, independent peer review evaluation and selection. The PRIMA-IS shall also adopt, after obtaining approval by the Commission, the reporting requirements of the Participating States to the PRIMA-IS, including with regard to indicators inserted into each of those activities.

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Or. es

Amendment 21

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 7 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) The proposals shall be for transnational projects, with minimum participation of at least three independent legal entities established in three different Participating States, of which:

deleted

(i) one established in a Member State or in a country associated to Horizon 2020, and

(ii) one established in a third country considered as a Participating State in accordance with this Decision by the submission deadline under the relevant call for proposals.

Or. es

Amendment 22

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 7 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) The proposals shall be selected following transnational calls for proposals ***and through a two-step procedure. Step 1 shall consist of a review at national or transnational level of proposals submitted by legal entities eligible for funding under the relevant national programmes. Step 2 shall consist of a single independent international peer review organised by the PRIMA-IS. Under step 2, the*** proposals shall be evaluated with the assistance of at least three independent experts, on the basis of the following award criteria: excellence, impact, quality and efficiency of the implementation.

Amendment

(b) The proposals shall be selected following transnational calls for proposals. ***The*** proposals shall be evaluated with the assistance of at least three independent experts, on the basis of the following award criteria: excellence, impact, quality and efficiency of the implementation.

Or. es

Amendment 23

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 7 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Proposals shall be ranked according to the evaluation results. The selection shall be made by the PRIMA-IS on the basis of this ranking. The Participating States shall agree on an adequate ***funding*** mode that allows maximising the number of proposals to be funded on the basis of this ranking, in particular by providing reserve amounts to the national contributions for calls for proposals.

Amendment

(c) Proposals shall be ranked according to the evaluation results. The selection shall be made by the PRIMA-IS on the basis of this ranking. The Participating States shall agree on an adequate ***selection*** mode that allows maximising the number of proposals to be funded on the basis of this ranking, in particular by providing reserve amounts to the national contributions for calls for proposals. ***In the event that one or more projects cannot be financed owing to a lack of budgetary resources, the following projects may be selected.***

Or. es

Amendment 24

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. By way of derogation from point (b) of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013, the minimum number of participants shall be three legal entities established in three different Participating States of which:

Amendment

2. By way of derogation from point (b) of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013, the minimum number of participants shall be three legal entities established in three different ***countries considered to be*** Participating States ***in accordance with this decision, before the submission deadline under the relevant call for proposals,*** of which:

Or. es

Amendment 25

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) one established in ***a*** Member State ***or in a country associated to Horizon 2020,*** and

Amendment

(a) one established in ***Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco or Tunisia, or in any other member of the Union for the Mediterranean that is not an EU*** Member State

Or. es

Amendment 26

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) one established in a ***third*** country ***considered as a Participating State in***

Amendment

(b) one established in a country ***not***

accordance with this Decision by the submission deadline under the relevant call for proposals.

covered by the previous point.

Or. es

Amendment 27

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. *In addition to the participants eligible for funding under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013, **any** legal entity established in a Participating State shall be eligible for funding.*

Amendment

4. *By way of derogation from Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013, **only** legal entities established in a Participating State may be eligible for funding. By way of derogation from Article 24 of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013, activities covered by Article 6(1)(a) of this decision shall be coordinated by a beneficiary established in a Participating State.*

Or. es

Amendment 28

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. *Notwithstanding the above provisions, calls for PRIMA proposals may be open to entities established in a Member State of the Union for the Mediterranean or in a country associated to Horizon 2020, provided that cofinancing to the tune of at least 50% is provided by its country or national funding body. In this event, these bodies shall be eligible for EU funding.*

Amendment 29**Proposal for a decision
Article 8 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Subject to a positive ex-ante assessment of the PRIMA-IS in accordance with Article 61(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and provision of adequate financial guarantees in accordance with **article 58(1)(c)(vi) thereof**, the Commission, on behalf of the Union, shall conclude a delegation agreement and annual transfer of funds agreements with the PRIMA-IS.

Amendment

1. Subject to a positive ex-ante assessment of the PRIMA-IS in accordance with Article 61(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and provision of adequate financial guarantees in accordance with **Article 11(a) of this Decision**, the Commission, on behalf of the Union, shall conclude a delegation agreement and annual transfer of funds agreements with the PRIMA-IS.

Or. es

Amendment 30**Proposal for a decision
Article 11 – paragraph 5***Text proposed by the Commission*

5. In implementing PRIMA, the Participating States shall take the legislative, regulatory, administrative and other measures necessary for protecting the Union's financial interests, in particular, to ensure full recovery of any amounts due to the Union in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Amendment

5. In implementing PRIMA, the Participating States shall take the legislative, regulatory, administrative and other measures necessary for protecting the Union's financial interests, in particular, to ensure full recovery of any amounts due to the Union in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. **No more than EUR 200 million may be recovered in this manner. Each Participating State shall be liable only for the amount of funds received by entities established on their territory and for no more than its total contribution to the PRIMA**

programme. Participating State shall not be liable for funding received by any entity established in countries not participating in PRIMA.

Or. es

Amendment 31

Proposal for a decision Article 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 11a

Liability of the PRIMA-IS vis-à-vis the Union

- 1. The Horizon 2020 programme guarantee fund shall cover any debts the PRIMA-IS may owe the Union in respect of to any activities undertaken by the PRIMA-IS in implementing this decision.***
- 2. Five per cent of the Union contribution referred to in Article 3(1) shall be transferred to this fund.***

Or. es

Amendment 32

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (a) the ***General Assembly***;

- (a) the ***Steering Committee, which shall have a presidency and a vice-presidency***;

Or. es

Amendment 33

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the **Management** Board;

Amendment

(b) the **Governing** Board;

Or. es

Amendment 34

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the Secretariat;

Amendment

(c) the Secretariat, **governed by the Director**;

Or. es

Amendment 35

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The PRIMA-IS shall be governed by the **General Assembly**, in which all Participating States are represented. The **General Assembly** shall be the decision-making body of PRIMA-IS.

Amendment

2. The PRIMA-IS shall be governed by the **Steering Committee**, in which all Participating States are represented. The **Steering Committee** shall be the decision-making body of PRIMA-IS.

Or. es

Amendment 36

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The **General Assembly** shall adopt, after obtaining approval from the Commission:

Amendment

The **Steering Committee** shall adopt, after obtaining approval from the Commission:

Or. es

Amendment 37

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The **General Assembly** shall approve the participation in PRIMA of any **third** country **not** associated to Horizon 2020 **other than those listed in Article 1(2)** after examining the relevance of its participation for achieving the objectives of PRIMA.

Amendment

The **Steering Committee** shall approve the participation in PRIMA of any country **neither a Member State of Union for the Mediterranean nor** associated to Horizon 2020, after examining the relevance of its participation for achieving the objectives of PRIMA.

Or. es

Amendment 38

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Each Participating State shall have one vote in the **General Assembly**. The decisions shall be taken by consensus. Failing that, the **General Assembly** shall take its decisions by a majority of at least 75% of the votes. **Approval of the participation in PRIMA of any third**

Amendment

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country not associated to Horizon 2020 other than those listed in Article 1(2) shall be by unanimity.

Or. es

Amendment 39

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The Union, represented by the Commission, shall be invited to all the meetings of the **General Assembly** as an observer, and may take part in the discussions. It shall receive all necessary documents.

Amendment

The Union, represented by the Commission, shall be invited to all the meetings of the **Steering Committee** as an observer, and may take part in the discussions. It shall receive all necessary documents.

Or. es

Amendment 40

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The **General Assembly** shall determine the number of **Management** Board members, which shall not be less than five, and shall appoint them. The **Management** Board shall supervise the Secretariat of the PRIMA-IS.

Amendment

3. The **Steering Committee** shall determine the number of **Governing** Board members, which shall not be less than five, and shall appoint them. The **Governing** Board shall supervise the Secretariat of the PRIMA-IS.

Or. es

Amendment 41

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The **General Assembly shall establish the** Secretariat of the PRIMA-IS **as** the executive body of PRIMA.

Amendment

4. The Secretariat of the PRIMA-IS **shall be** the executive body of PRIMA.

Or. es

Amendment 42

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The **General Assembly** shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Board consisting of independent experts **from the Participating States**, competent in areas relevant to PRIMA. The **General Assembly** shall establish the number of Scientific Advisory Board members, **their voting rights** and the arrangements for their appointment in accordance with Article 40 of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013.

Amendment

5. The **Steering Committee** shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Board consisting of independent experts competent in areas relevant to PRIMA, **not only in academia but also in the areas of practical science, innovation, knowledge transfer and other fields relevant to PRIMA**. The **Steering Committee** shall establish the number of Scientific Advisory Board members and the arrangements for their appointment in accordance with Article 40 of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013.

Or. es