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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the specific programme to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre under the 7th Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013)  
(COM(2005)0439 – C6-0380/2005 – 2005/0184(CNS))

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## SHORT JUSTIFICATION

### 1. Main elements of the proposal

This specific programme will establish the activities for the non-nuclear actions of the Joint Research Centre, providing customer-driven scientific and technical support to the EU policy-making process, ensuring support to the implementation and monitoring of existing policies and responding to new policy demands.

### 2. Recommendations by the draftswoman

For reasons of coherence, the draftswoman proposes the same set of amendments to all 7 specific research programmes.

A standard amendment refers to the multiannual financial framework and the need to respect the ceiling of heading 1 a.

The following proposed amendments include the idea of sound financial management and efficient implementation of the actions financed under the specific programme.

In order to improve the financial monitoring of Community financed research activities, the draftswoman considers that the Commission should inform the budgetary authority on the implementation of the specific programmes on a regular basis and provide prior information whenever it intends to depart from the breakdown of expenditure stated in the general budget.

## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

### Draft legislative resolution

#### Amendment 1 Paragraph 1 a (new)

- 1a. Considers that the indicative financial reference amount indicated in the legislative proposal must be compatible with the ceiling of heading 1a of the new multiannual financial framework (MFF) and points out that the annual amount will be decided within the annual budgetary procedure in accordance with the provisions of point 38 of the IIA of 17 May 2006;***

*Justification*

*Standard amendment.*

**Proposal for a decision**

Text proposed by the Commission<sup>1</sup>

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Amendments by Parliament

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Amendment 2  
Article 3, paragraph 1 a (new)

***The Commission shall take all necessary steps to verify that the actions financed are carried out effectively and in compliance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation.***

Amendment 3  
Article 3, paragraph 1 b (new)

***The overall administrative expenditure of the programme including internal and management expenditure for the Executive Agency should be proportional to the tasks provided for in the programme concerned and is subject to the decision of the budgetary and legislative authorities.***

*Justification*

*The appropriations allocated to the Executive Agency should comply with the provisions of the Code of conduct on the setting up of an Executive agency and Council Regulation N°58/2003 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programs. This will ensure appropriate financing of the actions of the programme.*

Amendment 4  
Article 3, paragraph 1 c (new)

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 49, 28.2.2006, p. 37.

***Budget appropriations shall be used in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, namely in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as well as the principle of proportionality.***

Amendment 5  
Article 5 a (new)

***Article 5a***

***The Commission shall provide prior information to the budgetary authority whenever it intends to depart from the breakdown of expenditure stated in the remarks and annex of the annual budget.***

*Justification*

*This procedure was introduced as a result of an agreement between the Committee on Budgets and the Commission in October 1999. The draftsman considers that the procedure should be maintained to improve the follow-up of the use of funds in the specific programmes of FP7.*

Amendment 6  
Article 7, paragraph 1 a (new)

***The evaluation report shall contain an assessment of the soundness of financial management. It shall contain an evaluation of the efficiency and regularity of the budgetary and economic management of the programme.***

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Proposal for a Council decision concerning the specific programme to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre under the 7th Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013)
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