

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2073

of 25 September 2023

concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) By means of Decision 98/591/EC ⁽²⁾, the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America ⁽³⁾ ('the Agreement'). The Agreement was signed in Washington, DC, on 5 December 1997 and entered into force on 14 October 1998.
- (2) In accordance with Article 12, point (b), of the Agreement, the Agreement was concluded for an initial period of five years. Subject to review by the Parties in the final year of each successive period, the Agreement can be extended, with possible amendments, for additional periods of five years by mutual written agreement between the Parties.
- (3) By means of Decisions 2004/756/EC ⁽⁴⁾, 2009/306/EC ⁽⁵⁾, 2014/240/EU ⁽⁶⁾ and (EU) 2018/1578 ⁽⁷⁾, the Council approved the extension of the Agreement for successive additional periods of five years. The Agreement is due to expire on 14 October 2023.
- (4) The assessment carried out by the Commission demonstrates that the Agreement provides an important framework for facilitating cooperation between the Union and the United States of America in common priority areas for science and technology, leading to mutual benefits. It is therefore in the Union's interest to extend the Agreement for an additional period of five years.
- (5) The Exchange of Letters between the Parties, dated 7 November 2022 and 13 December 2022, confirmed their interest in extending the Agreement for an additional period of five years.

⁽¹⁾ Consent of 13 September 2023 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 98/591/EC of 13 October 1998 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 284, 22.10.1998, p. 35).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 284, 22.10.1998, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision 2004/756/EC of 4 October 2004 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 335, 11.11.2004, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Decision 2009/306/EC of 30 March 2009 concerning the extension and amendment of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 90, 2.4.2009, p. 20).

⁽⁶⁾ Council Decision 2014/240/EU of 14 April 2014 concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 128, 30.4.2014, p. 43).

⁽⁷⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2018/1578 of 18 September 2018 concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 263, 22.10.2018, p. 1).

(6) The extension of the Agreement should therefore be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America, for an additional period of five years, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification to the Government of the United States of America that the Union has completed its internal procedures necessary for the extension of the Agreement in accordance with Article 12, point (b), of the Agreement.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council
The President
H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ
