



SCREENING CHAPTER 25 SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIFIC RESEARCH ACTIONS – ARTICLE 169 INITIATIVE

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OPINION ON ARTICLE 169 INITIATIVE



- As an associated country to the 6th Framework Programme, Turkey already is a full partner of the EU in science and research, and makes substantial financial contribution to FP6 as a result of its GDP.
- On the other hand, participation to a project under Article 169 of the Treaty requires approval of the Parliament and the Council. As Turkey pays its due contribution to FP6, wishes to benefit from the implementation of Article 169 of the Treaty in this regard.



- Turkey committed herself to the Article 169 - Research Performing SME Initiative with most of the other Eureka Member States, to take part in the proposal, namely Eurostar, to the Commission.
- Turkey would like to increase her participation in the Technology Platforms. Therefore, more information is required from the Commission.
- Turkey is involved in the European Defence Agency and European Space and Technology Platform. Turkey wants to participate in Security Research Sub-programme within the FP7 which is directly related to the works of these organisations.