

Screening Chapter 25 Science and Research

International Science and Technical Cooperation Agreements

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International Dimension of Science and Research Policy

- About 30 International Cooperation Agreements on S&T with third countries;
- Agreements are based on Article 300 of EC Treaty:
 - negotiating mandate from Council to Commission;
 - decision by Council (qualified majority)
 - EP consulted/opinion.

Objectives

- Standard agreements aiming at raising awareness to increase research opportunities;
- Exchange information on state of art in research and capacities;
- Cooperation on identified subjects; priority areas: can be broader than scope of F/W programmes;
- Basis for funding.

Type of Cooperation Agreements

(see complete list distributed)

- Association Agreements with candidate: Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey (and soon also Croatia);
- Association Agreements with non-candidate countries: EEA countries (Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein);
- Association Agreements with third countries: Israel, Switzerland
- Science and Technology bilateral Agreements (US, Australia, Chile, Egypt etc.).

Implications for Candidate Countries

- All Agreements are part of Acquis: thus extended to new Member States;
- Contributing to funding:
- Increased cooperation opportunities.