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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the Faroe Islands for an agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Faroe Islands in Union programmes and on the association of the Faroe Islands to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2021-2027

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/...**

**of ...**

**authorising the opening of negotiations with the Faroe Islands  
for an agreement on the general principles for the participation  
of the Faroe Islands in Union programmes and on the association of the Faroe Islands  
to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2021-2027**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular  
Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Faroe Islands in Union programmes and on the association of the Faroe Islands to Horizon Europe, established by Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170, 12.5.21, p. 1).

### *Article 1*

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the Faroe Islands, on behalf of the Union, for an agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Faroe Islands in Union programmes and on the association of the Faroe Islands to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2021-2027.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

### *Article 2*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the EFTA Working Party for matters related to the general conditions for the participation of the Faroe Islands in any Union programmes and with the Research Working Party for matters related to the specific conditions for the participation of the Faroe Islands to the Horizon Europe programme.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the European Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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