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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the participation of Australia in Union programmes

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/...

of ...

**on the conclusion of the Agreement
between the European Union and Australia
on the participation of Australia in Union programmes**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 186 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

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

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2026/...²⁺, the Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the participation of Australia in Union programmes (the ‘Agreement’) was signed on behalf of the Union on ...⁺⁺, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The Union Programme Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2021-2027, was established by Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council³.
- (3) As authorised by the Council, the Protocol on the association of Australia to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) was negotiated in parallel to the Agreement and, pursuant to Article 15(14) of the Agreement, forms an integral part thereof.

² Council Decision (EU) 2026/... of ... on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the participation of Australia in Union programmes (OJ L, ..., ELI: ...).

⁺ OJ: please insert in the text the number of the Decision contained in document ST 12768/26 and complete the corresponding footnote.

⁺⁺ OJ: please insert the date of the signature of the Agreement contained in document ST 12770/26.

³ 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, 12.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>).

(4) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the participation of Australia in Union programmes is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption⁴.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President

⁴ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.