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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	<p>Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, for the period 2028-2034 laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2021/695</p> <p>Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2028-2034, laying down the rules for participation and dissemination under that Programme, and repealing Decision (EU) 2021/764</p> <p>- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions</p> <p>Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION establishing the research and training programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2028-2032, complementing Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and providing for the Community's contribution to the ITER project, and repealing Regulation (Euratom) 2025/1304</p> <p>- Optional consultation of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee¹</p>

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

1. On 17 July 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council the following proposals:
 - a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing Horizon Europe, The **Framework Programme** for Research and Innovation, for the period 2028-2034 laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2021/695².
 - b) Proposal for a Council Decision on establishing the **Specific Programme** implementing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2028-2034, laying down the rules for participation and dissemination under that Programme, and repealing Decision (EU) 2021/764³.
2. On 3 September 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council the Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the **Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community** for the period 2028-2032 complementing Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and providing for the Community's contribution to the ITER project, and repealing Regulation (Euratom) 2025/1304⁴.
3. The proposal for a Regulation establishing the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation is based on the TFEU Articles 173, 182, 183, 188 and 322.
4. The proposal for a Decision establishing the Specific Programme that will implement the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, is based on the TFEU Article 182.
5. The proposal for a Regulation establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community and providing for the contribution to the ITER project is based on Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty.

² 11765/1/25 REV 1

³ 11749/25

⁴ 12496/25 + ADD1

6. The legal bases of the Framework Programme proposal provides for the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Court of Auditors. The legal base of the Specific Programme proposal provides for the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee. The opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required for these two proposals. However, it should be recalled that the Committee of the Regions was consulted deliberately at the initiative of the Council on the proposal for the Framework Programme 2021-2027⁵ and its Specific Programme⁶. For the sake of consistency, it therefore appears appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on the present proposals.
7. Following Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty, the Community research and training programme is to be adopted unanimously by the Council. Thus, the opinions of other institutions or bodies are not required. However, it should be recalled that the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee were consulted deliberately at the initiative of the Council on the proposals for a Regulation establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025⁷, and for the period 2026-2027⁸ complementing Framework Programme 2021-2027. For the sake of consistency, it therefore appears appropriate to also consult the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on the present proposal.
8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult:
- the Committee of the Regions on the proposals on the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, for the period 2028-2034, and on the Specific Programme implementing the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2028-2034;
 - the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on the proposal on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community;

⁵ OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 79

⁶ OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 79

⁷ OJ C 411, 27.11.2020, p. 552; OJ C 110, 22.03.2019, p. 132

⁸ Opinion of 22.05.2025 (not yet published in the OJ); OJ C 2968, 16.06.2025, p.1

and to request the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions to give their opinions as soon as possible.
