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Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and COST third States on five concerted action projects in the field of biotechnology (Specific Research and Technological Development Programme “BRIDGE”) (with annexes). Done at Brussels on 22 June 1992

Authentic texts: Spanish, Danish, German, Greek, English, French, Italian, Dutch and Portuguese.

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Accord de coopération entre la Communauté économique européenne et des Etats tiers membres de COST relatif à cinq actions concertées dans le domaine de la biotechnologie (Programme spécifique de recherche et de développement technologique « BRIDGE ») [avec annexes]. Fait à Bruxelles le 22 juin 1992

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Enregistré par la Communauté économique européenne le 1^{er} avril 1993.

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND COST THIRD STATES ON FIVE CONCERTED ACTION PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (SPECIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME "BRIDGE")

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

hereinafter called "the Community", and

THE SIGNATORY STATES TO THIS AGREEMENT,

hereinafter called "the participating non-Member States",

both hereinafter called "the Contracting Parties",

WHEREAS two Community-COST concertation agreements on two concerted action projects in the research sectors of aquatic primary biomass (COST 48) and plant in vitro culture (COST 87) were concluded by the Council on 14 July 1986 ⁽¹⁾ and signed respectively by Norway (COST 48) and Finland, Sweden and Switzerland (COST 87);

WHEREAS a memorandum of understanding in the framework of COST for carrying out a European research project on vesicular-arbuscular mycorrhizae (VA-MYCORRHIZAE) (COST 810) entered into force on 26 January 1989 for a

(1) OJ No L 216, 5.8.1986, pages 13 and 19.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1992 in respect of COST projects 87, 88, 89, and 810 for the European Economic Community and the following State, i.e., the first day of the month following that in which the Community and at least one of the participating non-member States had notified the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities of the completion of the procedures necessary under their internal provisions for the implementation of the Agreement, in accordance with article 5 (3):

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of the notification</i>
European Economic Community.....	22 June 1992
Switzerland.....	26 June 1992

Subsequently, it came into force on 1 January 1993 in respect of COST project 48 for the European Economic Community and the following State, in accordance with article 5 (3):

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of the notification</i>
European Economic Community.....	22 June 1992
Sweden.....	22 December 1992

Furthermore, it came into force on 1 February 1993 (in respect of COST projects 87, 88, 89 and 810) for Finland and Sweden, in accordance with article 5 (3):

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of the notification</i>
Finland.....	17 December 1992
Sweden.....	22 December 1992

period extending until 25 January 1994 and was signed by Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Spain, Austria, Finland and Switzerland;

WHEREAS a memorandum of understanding in the framework of COST for carrying out a European research project on methods for early detection and identification of plant diseases (COST 88) entered into force on 27 November 1986 for a period extending until 26 November 1991 and was signed by Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Spain, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey;

WHEREAS a memorandum of understanding in the framework of COST for carrying out a European research project on coccidiosis and development of vaccines (COST 89) entered into force on 22 March 1989 for a period extending until 21 March 1994 and was signed by Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland;

WHEREAS a memorandum of understanding in the framework of COST may expire on the entry into force of a "Community-COST" Agreement between the Contracting Parties having the same aim as that of the memorandum of understanding;

WHEREAS, by its Decision of 27 November 1989 ⁽¹⁾, the Council of the European Communities adopted a specific research and technological development programme in the field of biotechnology ("BRIDGE") for the period 1990 to 1994, hereinafter called "the Community programme", covering among other possibilities, the implementation of concerted action projects;

WHEREAS the Member States of the Community and the participating non-Member States intend, subject to the rules and procedures applicable to their national programmes, to carry out the research described in Annex A and are prepared to integrate such research into a process of concertation which they consider will be of mutual benefit,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) OJ No L 360, 9.12.1989, p. 32.

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall participate for a period extending until 31 December 1993 in one or several of the following concerted action projects:

- COST 48: Aquatic primary biomass (Marine Macroalgae)
- COST 810: Vesicular-arbuscular mycorrhizae (VA-Mycorrhizae)
- COST 87: In vitro cultures for the purification and propagation of plants
- COST 88: Methods for early detection and identifications of plant diseases
- COST 89: Coccidiosis and Development of Vaccines

The said projects consist in concertation between the Community concerted action projects and the corresponding programmes of the participating non-Member States. The content of research topics covered by this Agreement is specified in Annex A.

The Member and non-Member States of the Community shall remain entirely responsible for the research carried out by their own institutions or bodies.

ARTICLE 2

The estimated financial contributions of the Contracting Parties to the co-ordination costs for the period referred to in the first paragraph of Article 1 shall be, for each of the five concerted action projects:

- COST 48: ECU 400 000 from the Community
ECU 34 000 from each participating non-Member State
- COST 810: ECU 400 000 from the Community
ECU 34 000 from each participating non-Member State
- COST 87: ECU 400 000 from the Community
ECU 34 000 from each participating non-Member State

- COST 88: ECU 400 000 from the Community
ECU 34 000 from each participating non-Member State

- COST 89: ECU 400 000 from the Community
ECU 34 000 from each participating non-Member State.

The rules governing the financing of this Agreement and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

ARTICLE 3

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, a Co-operation Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", is hereby established to assist the Commission in the implementation of the concerted action projects of the specific research and technological development programme in the field of biotechnology ("BRIDGE" programme), adopted by Decision of the Council of the European Communities of 27 November 1989.

2. The Committee shall consist of representatives of the Community and the participating non-Member States for the implementation of the concerted action projects.

3. The Committee shall be consulted on all the matters concerning the implementation of this Agreement. For this purpose, it shall make recommendations.

4. The representative of the Community shall take the appropriate steps to ensure co-ordination between the implementation of this Agreement and the decisions taken by the Community in respect of the implementation of the Community programme.

5. For the purpose of the proper implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall exchange information, and at the request of any of the parties, hold consultations within the Committee.

6. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall meet, at the request of any of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with the conditions to be laid down in its rules of procedure.

ARTICLE 4

1. The Contracting Parties shall regularly exchange all useful information resulting from the carrying out of the research covered by the concerted action projects. They shall also endeavour to provide information on similar research planned or carried out by other bodies. Any information shall be treated as confidential if the Contracting Party which provides it so requests.

2. The scientific results of the concerted action projects shall be published by the Commission, except in so far as they are declared confidential by one of the Contracting Parties.

3. The Commission shall prepare activity reports on the basis of the information supplied and shall forward them to the Member and non-Member States of the Community.

4. At the end of the period of the BRIDGE programme, the Commission shall forward to the Member and non-Member States of the Community the general reports on the execution and results of these concerted action projects.

ARTICLE 5

1. This Agreement shall be open for signature by the Community and by the participating non-Member States which took part in the ministerial conference held in Brussels on 22 and 23 November 1971.

2. As a prerequisite to its participation in the concerted action projects defined in Article 1, each of the Contracting Parties shall, when signing this Agreement, have notified the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities of the concerted action projects in which it intends to participate and, after signing this Agreement, have notified the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities of the completion of the procedures necessary under its internal provisions for the implementation of this Agreement.

3. For the Contracting Parties which transmit the latter notification, provided for in paragraph 2, this Agreement shall come into force on the first

day of the month following that in which the Community and at least one of the participating non-Member States transmitted these notifications.

For those Contracting Parties which transmit the notification after the entry into force of this Agreement, it shall come into force on the first day of the second month following that in which the notification was transmitted. Contracting Parties which have not transmitted this notification when this Agreement comes into force shall be able to take part in the work of the Committees without voting rights.

4. The Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities shall inform each of the Contracting Parties of the notifications made pursuant to paragraph 2 and of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

1. This Agreement shall be concluded for the duration of the Community programme. Should the Community revise the Community programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions between the Contracting Parties.

2. Where the Community adopts a new R&D programme in the field of biotechnology, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, any of the Contracting Parties may at any time terminate this Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territories of the participating non-Member States.

ARTICLE 8

This Agreement, drawn up in a single original in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Sapanish languages, each text being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities which shall transmit a certified copy to each of the Contracting Parties.

[For the testimonium and signatures, see p. 121 of this volume.]

Por la Comunidad Económica Europea:
For Det Europæiske Økonomiske Fællesskab:
Für die Europäische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft:
Για την Ευρωπαϊκή Οικονομική Κοινότητα:
For the European Economic Community:
Pour la Communauté économique européenne :
Per la Comunità Economica Europea:
Voor de Europese Economische Gemeenschap:
Pela Comunidade Económica Europeia:

[VALENTE]¹

[FASELLA]

22. VI. 1992

For the Government of the Republic of Finland:

[LIIKANEN]

30. X. 1992

Cost 87, 88, 810

For the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden:

[BRATTSTRÖM]

22. VI. 1992

Cost 48, 87 and 88

Für die Regierung der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft:
Pour le Gouvernement de la Confédération suisse :
Per il Governo della Confederazione svizzera:

[VON TSCHARNER]

23. VI. 1992

Cost 87, 88, 89, 810

¹ The names of signatories appearing between brackets were not legible and have been supplied by the European Economic Community — Les noms des signataires données entre crochets étaient illisibles et ont été fournis par la Communauté économique européenne.

ΕΡΓΟ COST 810

"ΜΥΚΟΠΠΙΖΑ (VESICULAR-ARBUSCULAR (VA))"

Σηµασία των ενδοµυκορριζών σε ένα τύπο εδάφους, οι επιπτώσεις τους στη διατροφή των φυτών, αντοχή σε καταπονήσεις και δοµή τύπου εδάφους.

Η αλληλεπίδραση μεταξύ µυκόρριζας VA και άλλων οργανισµών του εδάφους.

Μικροπολλαπλασιασµός, µορφολογία των ριζών και µολύνσεις της µυκόρριζας VA.

ΕΡΓΟ COST 87 :

"ΚΑΛΛΙΕΡΓΕΙΕΣ ΙΝ VITRO ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΚΑΘΑΡΙΣΜΟ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΛΛΑΠΛΑΣΙΑΣΜΟ ΤΩΝ ΦΥΤΩΝ"

Οι κύριοι στόχοι αυτής της έρευνας συνίστανται στην ανάπτυξη µεθόδων ιστοκαλλιέργειας για :

- τον ταχύ πολλαπλασιασµό υγιών φυτών,
- την απαλλαγή των φυτών από παθογόνους µικροοργανισµούς,
- την ασφαλή µακροπρόθεσµη αποθήκευση των φυτοκαλλιεργειών.

Τα φυτά που επιλέχθηκαν ως υποδείγµατα είναι :

Εµβόλιο µηλιάς M26, *Betula* και *Quercus*, *Gerbera*, *Pelargonium*.

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COST PROJECT 88:

"METHODS FOR EARLY DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATIONS OF PLANT DISEASES"

The main objective of COST 88 is to co-ordinate research on the early detection and identification of plant diseases in Europe, in particular in the following fields:

Molecular hybridization techniques;

Advanced immunochemical techniques;

Defining standards for the development of these techniques and diagnosis;

Setting up a European Bank for standards for the diagnosis of plant diseases.

COST PROJECT 89:

BASIC RESEARCH ON COCCIDIOSIS OF POULTRY AND FARM ANIMALS AND DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES USING BIOTECHNOLOGICAL PROCEDURES (SHORT TITLE: "COCCIDIOSES AND DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES")

The aim of this programme is to develop vaccines against coccidiosis of poultry and farm animals.

Special attention will be paid to the criteria for vaccine evaluation and to several species, such as *Eimeria intestinalis*, *Eimeria stiedae*, *Isospora suis*, *Cryptosporidium parvum* etc.

ANNEX BFINANCING RULES

1. These provisions lay down the financial rules referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

2. Annually, or whenever the Community programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to the participating non-Member States a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs under the Agreement.

In particular at the beginning of each year, the Commission shall send to each participating non-Member State a call for funds corresponding to the number of, and the amount involved in, concerted action projects in which it participates and to its share of the annual co-ordination costs under the Agreement, calculated in proportion to the amounts laid down in Article 2 of the Agreement. This contribution shall be expressed both in ECU and the currency of the participating non-Member State concerned, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1971/89 ⁽²⁾. The value of the ecu shall be determined on the date of the call of funds.

The total contributions shall cover the travel and subsistence costs of the delegates, in addition to the co-ordination costs proper.

Each participating non-Member State shall pay its annual contribution to the co-ordination costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year, and by 31 March at the latest. Any delay in the payment of the annual contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by the participating non-Member State concerned at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtained in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0.25 of a percentage point for each month of delay. The

(1) OJ No L 379, 30.12.1978, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 189, 4. 7.1989, p. 1.

increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, such interest shall be chargeable only if payment is effected more than three months after the issue of a call for funds by the Commission.

3. The funds paid by participating non-Member States shall be credited to the concerted action projects in which they participate as budget receipts allocated to a heading in the statement of the revenue of the general budget of the European Communities (Commission Section).

4. The financial plan for the co-ordination costs referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement is appended hereto.

5. The Financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

6. At the end of the programme, a statement of appropriations for each concerted action project shall be prepared and transmitted to the participating non-Member States for information.

FINANCIAL APPENDIX

"BRIDGE" : CONCERTED ACTION PROJECTS COST 48, 810, 87, 88, 89

YEARLY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (ECU) OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF EACH PARTICIPATING NON-MEMBER STATE FOR EACH OF THE 5 ABOVE-MENTIONED PROJECTS

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Community contribution : Estimate of administrative operating expenditure	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	400.000
Total :	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	400.000
2. Contributions from participating non-Member States	(nx8500)	(nx8500)	(nx8500)	(nx8500)	(nx34000)
New Total :	100.000+ (nx8500)	100.000+ (nx8500)	100.000+ (nx8500)	100.000+ (nx8500)	400.000+ (nx34000)

n = number of participating non-Member States

COST 48 : Aquatic primary biomass (Marine Macroalgae)

COST 810 : Vesicular-arbuscular mycorrhizae (VA-Mycorrhizae)

COST 87 : In vitro cultures for the purification and propagation of plants

COST 88 : Methods for early detection and identifications of plant diseases

COST 89 : Basic research on coccidiosis of poultry and farm animals and development of vaccines using biotechnological procedures
(short title : Coccidiosis and Development of Vaccines)