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## MULTILATERAL

**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.*

*Registered by the European Economic Community on 1 April 1993.*

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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<sup>er</sup> avril 1993.*

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 coccidioses 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, 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:

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(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.