



Conditions of Participation for Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco in PRIMA

According to Article 1 (2) of the Decision EU 2017/1324, **Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco** shall become PRIMA Participating States subject to the conclusion of international agreements for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions of their participation in PRIMA.

To date (i.e. February 2018) **Algeria and Jordan** have become **PRIMA Participating States**.

Morocco, Egypt and Lebanon are **to become Participating States**;

The procedures for the conclusion of their international agreements with the EU are in progress.

Once these agreements start producing legal effects, either through their entry into force or provisional application, Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco will become PRIMA Participating States.

Until then, legal entities established in Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco can participate in PRIMA projects under the following conditions:

- **Calls in Section 1**

- They count towards the minimum number of participants in the consortium if the international agreement produces legal effects at the latest by the day of the submission deadline of the relevant call for proposals.

- They are eligible for funding if the international agreement produces legal effects at the latest on the day the Grant Agreement (GA) is signed.

If the international agreement does not produce legal effects on the day of signature of the GA, these entities are still eligible for participation, but without funding. In case that their participation

is deemed to be essential for carrying out the action by the PRIMA Foundation funding may be granted.

If the international agreement starts producing legal effects after the GA is signed, the GA may be amended to provide for redistribution of funding (and related tasks) among the entities in the consortium. Such amendment cannot, however, give rise to additional funding for the project.

- **Calls in Section 2**

- They count towards the minimum number of participants in the consortium if the international agreement produces legal effects at the latest by the day of the submission deadline of the relevant call for proposals.

- Their eligibility for funding is determined by the funding rules applicable to them in the respective country (e.g. Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco).

For more detailed information, please consult the Annual Work Plan, Chapter 6 (add HYPERLINK)

International Agreements

The participation of Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco in PRIMA is subject to the conclusion of specific international agreements with the EU. Please find below the state of play related to these international agreements.

Algeria and Jordan have become **PRIMA Participating States**.

- **Algeria** became a PRIMA Participating State on 26 October 2017, following the signature of the relevant agreement which is provisionally applicable from signature
- **Jordan** became a PRIMA Participating State on 18 January 2017.

- **Egypt** signed the relevant agreement on 27 October 2017 and will become a PRIMA Participating State once this agreement enters into force (ratified by both the EU and Egypt)
- **Lebanon** will become a PRIMA Participating State once the relevant agreement is signed by the EU and Lebanon, since this agreement will be provisionally applicable from signature (date for signature to be confirmed)
- **Morocco** is currently negotiating the relevant agreement with the EU.