

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 141

Suggestion for Part: III

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1. The Union shall have the objective of strengthening the scientific and technological bases of the Union's economy ~~industry~~ and encouraging it to become more competitive at international level, while promoting all the research activities deemed necessary by virtue of other Chapters of the Constitution.

2. For this purpose the Union shall encourage the creation of a European research and innovation area in which researchers, scientific knowledge and technologies can freely circulate and shall, throughout the Union, encourage undertakings, including small and medium-sized undertakings, research centres and universities in their research and technological development activities of high quality; it shall support their efforts to cooperate with one another, aiming, notably, at enabling undertakings to exploit the internal market potential to the full, in particular through the opening- up of national public contracts, the definition of common standards and the removal of legal and fiscal obstacles to that cooperation.

3. All the Union's activities under the Constitution in the area of research and technological development, including demonstration projects, shall be decided on and implemented in accordance with [this Section].

Explanation (if any):

This amendment expresses the general accepted goal of the European knowledge based economy more accurately, and also the goal of the creation of an internal market for knowledge, scientists and technologies.