Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

# PART THREE

# UNION POLICIES AND INTERNAL ACTIONS

### TITLE XIX

## **RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE**

#### Article 181

# (ex Article 165 TEC)

1 The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their research and technological development activities so as to ensure that national policies and Union policy are mutually consistent.

2 In close cooperation with the Member State, the Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1, in particular initiatives aiming at the establishment of guidelines and indicators, the organisation of exchange of best practice, and the preparation of the necessary elements for periodic monitoring and evaluation. The European Parliament shall be kept fully informed.