

Memorandum of Understanding

on Scientific and Technological Cooperation

between

**the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation
of the Argentine Republic**

and

**the Federal Ministry of Science and Research
of the Republic of Austria**

The Minister of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of the Argentine Republic and the Federal Minister of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria

Hereafter referred to as the "Partners",

Taking into consideration their desire to develop cooperation in the fields of scientific and technological research,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Both Partners intend to create favourable conditions in order to develop cooperation in the field of science and technology in accordance with their competence and budgets and to encourage cooperation between the appropriate institutions (i.e. Universities, Academies of Science, promotion and funding agencies etc.) of both countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to increase and develop relations between the scientific and technological communities of both countries, fostering the conditions for cooperation, *inter alia*, through the exchange of scientists within the framework of institutional projects in order to:

- a) Encourage fundamental research,
- b) Initiate training and research activities and fundamental research projects
- c) Design and implement research and development projects
- d) Facilitate and implement project partnerships in the framework of European programmes (i.e. within the 7th Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration, ERASMUS MUNDUS etc.)

Article 3

The call for project proposals within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be open to all relevant scientific-technological institutions. The areas of cooperation shall not be limited and will comprehend all areas of knowledge. Both Partners shall organize the submission of projects between the respective research communities through the National Directorate of International Relations of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of the Argentine Republic and the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD GmbH) by electronic means.

Article 4

The forms of cooperation shall be the following:

- a) Encourage, on a jointly coordinated basis, specific scientific-technological research and innovation projects.
- b) Exchange and training of staff within the framework of joint cooperation projects.
- c) Mutual use of equipment and facilities for joint projects under the terms and conditions agreed upon in each case.
- d) Exchange of information on S&T policies and management.
- e) Other forms of scientific-technological cooperation which may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 5

The projects will be selected following calls for proposals. The publication date of the calls for proposals will be decided upon mutually by both partners. The projects will be selected in accordance with the quality standard procedures in force applied by both Partners and will have a duration of 2 years. The scientific topics covered by the calls will be agreed upon mutually either by electronic means or in the framework of the joint meetings mentioned under Article 7. Preference will be given to projects involving young researchers preparing their doctoral thesis.

Article 6

The exchange of scientists and experts for consultations, symposia, research projects and studies in the framework of concrete projects shall not exceed 70 man-days per year in each direction.

The sending Partner will cover the costs for transportation and medical insurance, whilst the receiving Partner will cover the costs for housing and subsistence. Candidates must prove that financing for their respective projects is guaranteed.

Article 7

Both Partners shall meet regularly (at least twice in the next 5 years following the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding), alternately in Argentina and Austria, in order to evaluate the status of the projects and the cooperative activities mentioned in Article 4.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on the date of signing and will remain effective for an initial period of five years. Following an assessment after 5 years, its effectiveness may be prolonged for a further five-year-period by mutual understanding of both sides in written form.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not prejudice the completion, in accordance with their terms, of any on-going projects or activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in Alpbach/Austria on August 25, 2010

Done in three original copies in German, English and Spanish language, all texts being equally authentic and of equal effect



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