

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Between the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic**  
**of Croatia and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education,**  
**Science and Culture in the Field of Science and Technology**

Recognizing the need to expand and intensify cooperation between the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Austria in the area of science and technology, and as a first step towards a bilateral Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article 1**

Both parties shall engage into further steps towards an Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation between the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture.

**Article 2**

Both parties shall immediately start the elaboration of a joint research cooperation program which will serve as a basis for the preparation of an Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation as mentioned in Article 1.

### **Article 3**

Both parties shall continue to endorse collaboration related to the *Hvar* Observatory Project which has all the prerequisites to become an international multilateral project.

The Austrian side shall provide financial support for two researchers from the Republic of Croatia for a short study visit in Austria related to the *Hvar* Observatory Project. In this respect, both the Croatian and the Austrian side shall request from institutions and researchers engaged in this project to submit a report on their work so far and a plan for a subsequent period in order to plan financial resources for further research.

### **Article 4**

The Austrian side has expressed its willingness to assist the Croatian side in the process of integration of the Republic of Croatia into the European Union programs in the field of science and technology, using Austrian experience in this respect.

### **Article 5**

Both parties have agreed that there is a need to increase the number of scholarships. Quotas, duration and fields of scholarships shall be determined subsequently.

## Article 6

Both parties have agreed that there is a need to increase the number of joint research projects. Priority areas and means of financing shall be agreed subsequently.

## Article 7

In order to elaborate the program and implement collaboration as agreed by this Memorandum, both parties shall establish a Joint Committee of representatives of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture.

The Joint Committee shall elaborate details related to the implementation of the agreed forms of cooperation.

## Article 8

This Memorandum shall be in force from the date of signing and it shall be extended every three years until the signing of the Agreement for Science and Technology Cooperation.

Signed in Vienna, on April 2, 2001.





This Memorandum has been made in two identical copies in the English language.