

PROTOCOL

**of the Third Meeting of the Austrian-Montenegrin Joint Commission
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of Montenegro
on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 10 June 2009**

Podgorica, 10 December 2014

The 3rd Meeting of the Austrian – Montenegrin Joint Commission for scientific and technological co-operation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of Montenegro on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 10 June 2009, took place in Podgorica, on 10 December 2014.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Ms. Evelyn von Bülow, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

The Montenegrin delegation was headed by Ms. Smiljana Prelević, Ministry of Science of Montenegro.

The set-up of the two delegations can be found in Annex 1.

The Joint Commission adopted the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information on science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme
3. Selection of projects for the period 2015-2016
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2017-2018
5. Effectiveness of the Protocol

Ad 1 Exchange of information on science and research

Both sides supplied information on current developments of their national research policies. The Joint Commission expressed its confidence that the implementation of the bilateral programme will further contribute to the development of beneficial links between scientific institutions and scientists of both countries and will enable them to use their scientific potential more efficiently and fruitfully in regional as well as multilateral projects. Both sides reached an understanding to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU projects.

Ad 2 Adoption of the Work Programme until 31 December 2016

The Joint Commission discussed and adopted the "Work Programme for the Years 2015 – 2016".

The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of co-operation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of scientists and experts as well as financial regulations.

A copy of the "Work Programme for the Years 2015 - 2016" is attached as part of this Protocol in Annex 2.

Ad 3 Selection of projects for the period 2015-2016

The Joint Commission agreed upon financing mobility costs of eight cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016 listed in Annex 3.

Ad 4 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2017-2018

The Joint Commission has reached an understanding that upcoming calls for proposals will be published in principal on a biennial basis by the responsible institutions at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

The Parties also agreed to send the list of eligible proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the call.

The call for project proposals will be open from 1 February 2016 to 30 April 2016.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 4th Meeting of the Joint Commission in Vienna in the second half of 2016. The exact date will be agreed through diplomatic notes by e-mail.

Ad 5 Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2016. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Podgorica on 10 December 2014 in two English original copies.

Head of the Austrian delegation

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Head of the Montenegrin delegation

Smiljana Prelević



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**Work Programme
for the Years 2015-2016**

Adopted on the occasion of the Third Meeting of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, held in Podgorica on 10 December 2014, implementing the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Austria

Podgorica, 10 December 2014

1. Forms of Co-operation
2. Aspects of Co-operation
3. General Administrative Regulations
4. Administration of the Exchange of Scientists and Experts
5. Financial Regulations

1. Forms of Co-operation

- 1.1 According to Article 3 of the Agreement, joint co-operation projects will be carried out between Montenegrin and Austrian institutions. A joint co-operation project is an agreed activity with clearly defined objectives to be achieved within a specific time frame. Each project will normally be of two years' duration, implemented through exchanges of people and information.
- 1.2 For the preparation and realization of joint co-operation projects financial support is given for mobility costs of researchers as well as experts participating in these co-operation projects.
- 1.3 On a long-term basis, the costs arising from joint co-operation projects should be balanced between the two sides.

2. Aspects of Co-operation

- 2.1 The delegations agreed to provide mobility funds for co-operation projects from all scientific fields. Co-operation projects with the potential to lead to future multilateral co-operations within the European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation shall be favoured in order to stimulate the joint participation of Montenegrin and Austrian scientists in European research programmes.
- 2.2 The financing of mobility costs within the framework of this Agreement is also particularly intended to support young scientists and to pay attention to a balanced involvement of female and male researchers (gender equality).

3. General Administrative Regulations

3.1 Responsible Institutions

3.1.1 In Montenegro

The implementation of the work programme lies within the responsibility of the Ministry of Science:

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3.1.2 In Austria:

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3.2 Selection procedure of co-operation projects

3.2.1 The upcoming calls for proposals will be published on a biennial basis by the responsible institutions (3.1) at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

3.2.2 Submitted project applications have to include:

1. Topic
2. Names and addresses of the co-operating Montenegrin and Austrian institutions, Montenegrin and Austrian co-ordinators and research team members

3. Description of the proposed research subject and objectives
4. Work plan, start date and prospective duration of the co-operation project
5. Proof of qualifications of the co-ordinators
6. Involvement of young scientists
7. An annual calculation of travels necessary for realizing the co-operation project and of costs thus arising

3.2.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Montenegrin and Austrian scientists and have to be submitted to the national institutions responsible for implementing the work programme (3.1).

3.2.4 Project applications registered with the responsible institutions (3.1) will be entered into a joint list after national evaluation.

3.2.5 Applications will be considered on the basis of the following evaluation criteria:

- Scientific quality of the work plan, originality of the idea
- Qualifications of the coordinators
- Potential for solving problems
- Quality of the cooperation and mutual benefit
- New partnerships
- Exploitation of the anticipated results
- Promotion of young research talents

3.2.6 The final list of co-operation projects to be supported will be adopted by the Joint Commission.

3.3 At the end of the second year of the project, the project leaders have to submit a jointly prepared final report on the progress and results of their research activities to the Montenegrin and Austrian institutions responsible for the implementation of the work programme (3.1).

3.4 The exploitation, possible patent registration and publication of project results are subject to the national laws which are in force in Montenegro and Austria.

4. Administration of the Exchange of Scientists and Experts

4.1 The co-operating partners have to agree on the date and duration of a stay at the host institution at least three weeks prior to the intended date of visit.

4.1.1 The Montenegrin project leader has to nominate the Austrian scientist in question at the Ministry of Science of Montenegro.

4.1.2 The Austrian project leader has to nominate the Montenegrin scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).

5. Financial Regulations

5.1 Each side will cover the travel costs of persons sent and the accommodation costs of persons hosted.

5.2 In Montenegro

For research stays of Austrian scientists and experts in Montenegro the following rate in Euro (€), will be granted:

5.2.1 For short-term stays of up to ten days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 73,- per day

5.2.2 For stays of up to a maximum of one month planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 730,- max. up to 10 days and from the 11th day up to the 30th day a daily rate of € 23,50 for scientists of more than 35 years of age

➤ € 730,- max. up to 21 days and then € 1.040,- for graduates of more than 30 and up to 35 of age

➤ € 730,- max. up to 21 days and then € 940,- for students and graduates of up to 30 years of age

5.2.3 For stays of up to a minimum of one month and of a maximum of two months planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 1.200,- per month for scientists of more than 35 years of age

➤ € 1.040,- per month for graduates of more than 30 and up to 35 years of age

➤ € 940,- per month for students and graduates of up to 30 years of age

5.2.2 Austrian scientists and experts will receive payment at partner institution.

5.3 In Austria

5.3.1 For research stays of Montenegrin scientists and experts in Austria up to 10 days EUR 73,-- per day will be granted (incl. overnight costs).

5.3.2 For research stays from 11 days up to 3 months following month allowances will be granted:

EUR 940,-- per month for students and graduates until the age of 30 years

EUR 1.040,-- per month for graduates in the age between 30 and 35 years

EUR 1.200,-- per month for scientists over 35 years of age

5.3.3 Montenegrin scientists will receive payment personally at the local offices of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH) or directly at the Austrian host institution.

5.4 The sending side will assure that the scientists and experts sent have necessary and adequate health insurance cover.