

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee**  
**for selecting bilateral projects**  
**for**  
**scientific-technological co-operation**  
**within the Programme**  
**AKTION Czech Republic - Republic of Austria**

In accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic on Cooperation in the field of Culture, Education, Science, Youth and Sports, and the Government of the Republic of Austria, signed in Vienna on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2008;

And in conformity with the Programme AKTION - Czech Republic - Republic of Austria - Cooperation in the field of Science and Education for the period 2010 - 2015, signed in České Budějovice on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009;

The members of the Czech - Austrian Joint Committee for selecting bilateral projects (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), namely:

**The Austrian delegation:**

<i>Mr. Christian Gollubits</i>	Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy Department for International Research Cooperation
<i>Ms. Monika Staltner</i>	Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education & Research Centre for International Cooperation & Mobility

**The Czech delegation:**

<i>Mr. Josef Janda</i>	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic Coordinator of International Cooperation
<i>Ms. Jana Juřicová</i>	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic Senior Official, Department of Strategic Programs and Projects

Addressed the following issues:

### **1. Exchange of information**

Both sides informed about the recent developments in research and development in their respective countries.

### **2. Review of the performance of bilateral projects for the years 2015-2016 and decision of funding in the second year (2016)**

The Partners reported on the performance of the 19 bilateral projects selected for the years 2015-2016 and confirmed that all of them will be supported in the second year of implementation as well. The consensual bilateral projects are listed in Annex 1 and 2 of the Protocol of the 19<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting.

The total support provided by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research is EUR 46.478 in the year 2016. The total support provided by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic is 1 497 000 CZK in the year 2016.

### **3. Funding of bilateral projects for the years 2016-2017**

The Partners received 36 bilateral project proposals for the years 2016-2017. Bilateral project proposals were autonomously evaluated in both of the countries observing the specific requirements of each of the Partners.

Following the evaluation results the Committee selected 20 consensual bilateral projects to be supported in the years 2016-2017. These are listed in Annex 1, which is an inseparable part of this Protocol.

As a rule, the funds granted by the providers to support a single bilateral project do not exceed 3.500 € per year on the Austrian side and 100 000 CZK per year on the Czech side.

The total support provided by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research is 62.890 € in the year 2016 and 62.100 € in the year 2017. The total support provided by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic is 1 477 000 CZK in the year 2016 and 1 522 000 CZK in the year 2017.

Bilateral project coordinators will receive two-year decisions on the provision of support and this to the amount approved by the Committee. The support for the second year of bilateral project implementation may be cancelled if a bilateral project is not carried out in compliance with its proposal or the coordinator does not submit the progress report in conformity with specific regulations stipulated by the support providers in both of the countries.

### **4. Conditions of the call for bilateral project proposals for the years 2017-2018**

The Committee agreed that the Partners will announce the call for bilateral project proposals for the years 2017-2018 on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. Bilateral project proposals may be submitted until 31<sup>st</sup>

May, 2016 at the latest. The conditions of the call for bilateral project proposals will be agreed via exchange of letters between the Chairpersons of the Committee.

**5. Setting the date and place of the 21<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Czech-Austrian Joint Committee for selecting bilateral projects will be held in 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Signed in Vienna, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in duplicate.



**For the Austrian Part  
of the Committee**



**For the Czech Part  
of the Committee**