

PROTOCOL

of the Austrian-Macedonian Joint Commission
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on
Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 23 July 2007

Vienna/Skopje, 28 November 2016

The Austrian-Macedonian 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 the Republic of Macedonia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 23 July 2007 (for the list of delegation members see Annex 1), herewith adopts the following:

1 Adoption of the Work Programme for the Years 2016-2018

The Joint Commission adopts the Work Programme for the Years 2016-2018. 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 2016-2018 is attached as part of this Protocol as Annex 2.

2 Selection of projects for the period 2016-2018

The Joint Commission agreed upon financing mobility costs of 13 cooperation projects lasting from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018 listed in Annex 3.

3 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2018-2020

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 decide 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 November 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 4th Meeting of the Joint Commission in Skopje in the first half of 2018. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by e-mail.

4 Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 30 June 2018. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Vienna/Skopje on 28 November 2016.

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Annex 1

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**Work Programme
for the Years 2016-2018**

Adopted by the Austrian-Macedonian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 23 July 2007.

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 2 of the Agreement, joint co-operation projects will be carried out between Austrian and Macedonian 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 of researchers 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 Austrian and Macedonian 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 Austria:

The implementation of the work programme lies within the responsibility of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH), ICM - Centre for International Cooperation and Mobility
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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 Austrian and Macedonian institutions, Austrian and Macedonian co-ordinators and research team members
3. Description of the proposed research project and its 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 and female scientists (if applicable)
7. Project budget description

- 3.2.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Macedonian researchers 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 value of the intended research project
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan and adequacy of the scientific method
 - Competence and expertise of the scientists/research teams involved
 - Added value expected from the bilateral research collaboration
 - Potential for further or future international cooperation
 - Promotion of young and female research talent
- 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 Austrian and Macedonian 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 as well as international agreements on intellectual property rights which are in force in Austria and Macedonia (Article 6 of the S & T Agreement).
- 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 Austrian project leader has to nominate the Macedonian scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).

4.1.2 The Macedonian project leader has to nominate the Austrian scientist in question at the responsible body of the Project Leader's Institution.

4.2 Each side will facilitate the access to its scientific institutions, libraries, archives and museum collections for the project partners of the other side that are sent in the framework of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation. Furthermore, both sides guarantee the free exchange of scientific information and documentation in conformity with their national laws and financial possibilities.

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 Austria

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

➤ € 90,- per day

5.2.2 For stays longer than fifteen days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 1.300,- per month

5.2.2 Macedonian 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.

5.3 In Macedonia

5.3.1 Austrian scientists and experts will be paid in accordance with the current Macedonian legislation for funding of bilateral projects with the budget in the amount of MKD 400.000 (equivalent of approximately € 7.000) per two years /per project.

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