

PROTOCOL

of the 7th Meeting of the Austrian - Slovenian Joint Committee
for Scientific and Technological Cooperation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on
Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 8 May 1998
as amended by the Protocol of Amendment of 30 June 2009

Ljubljana, 28 November 2017

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The 7th Meeting of the Austrian-Slovenian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 8 May 1998 as amended by the Protocol of Amendment of 30 June 2009 took place in Ljubljana on 28 November 2017.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Mr. Tit Neubauer, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Mr. Christian Autengruber, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

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

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information on recent developments of science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme for the period 2018 - 2019
3. Selection of projects for the period 2018-2019
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2020-2021
5. Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

Ad 1 Exchange of information on science and research

Both sides exchanged information on current developments of their national research policies. The Joint Committee expressed its confidence that the implementation of the bilateral programme will further contribute to the development of beneficial links between research organizations and researchers 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 for the Years 2018-2019

The Joint Committee discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2018-2019.

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

A copy of the Work Programme for the Years 2018-2019 is attached as part of this Protocol at Annex 2.

Ad 3 Selection of projects for the period 2018-2019

The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 30 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 listed in Annex 3.

The Slovenian side will cover the costs of up to EUR 3.300 per project for the whole duration of the project. The Austrian side supports each bilateral project up to an amount of EUR 6.000 for the whole duration of the project.

The Joint Committee took into account the priorities set in the call for proposals for the period 2018-2019 and projects evaluated with high grades on both sides.

Ad 4 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2020-2021

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding that the upcoming call 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 Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

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 March 2019 to 22 April 2019.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 8th Meeting of the Joint Committee in Vienna in the second half of 2019. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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Ad 5 Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2019. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Ljubljana on 28 November 2017 in two English original copies.



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**Work Programme
for the Years 2018-2019**

Adopted on the occasion of the 8th Meeting of the Croatian-Austrian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 12 March 2003.

Zagreb, 30 November 2017

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 Croatian 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 EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020 shall be favoured in order to stimulate the joint participation of Croatian 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 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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3.1.2 In Croatia

The implementation of the work programme lies within the responsibility of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia
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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 Croatian institutions, Austrian and Croatian 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 (if applicable)
7. An annual calculation of costs for the realization of the co-operation project

3.2.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Croatian 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 quality of the work plan, originality of the idea
- Qualifications of the coordinators
- Potential for solving problems
- Quality of the cooperation and mutual benefit
- Exploitation of the anticipated results
- Promotion of young 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 Croatian 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 Austria and Croatia.

4. Administration of the Exchange of Scientists and Experts

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

4.1.1 The Austrian project leader will notify the Croatian scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).

4.1.2 The Croatian project leader will notify the Austrian scientist in question at the Croatian host institution responsible for the administration of the project.

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 Croatia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation. Furthermore, both sides guarantee 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:

➤ € 100,- 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:

➤ € 1.500,- per month

5.2.3 Croatian 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 Croatia

5.3.1 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:

➤ € 100,- per day

5.3.2 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:

➤ € 1.500,- per month

5.3.3 From the above rates, Croatian host institutions will cover accommodation costs for the entire stay of Austrian scientists and experts in Croatia. For the other costs (meals), Austrian scientists and experts will receive payment personally at the

Croatian host institution of up to 170,- Croatian Kuna per day (around € 22,- per day), in conformity with Croatian national laws.

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

No.	Project Title	Austria		Slovenia	
		Name	Institution AT	Name	Institution SLO
1	Algebraic and combinatorial methods and their applications	Karin Baur	Technical University of Graz	David Dolžan	Institute of Mathematics, Physics and Mechanics, Ljubljana
2	Discourse Markers in spoken and written German and Slovene. A Contrastive Study in the Framework of Discourse Analysis and Cognitive Linguistics	Agnieszka Bekowska-Kopczyk	University of Graz	Mojca Smolej	University of Ljubljana
3	Intrapreneurial potential of business students in Slovenia and Austria	Christine Blanka	Johannes Kepler University of Linz	Jernej Belak	University of Maribor
4	New sources and production of high-value products: from genetically modified yeasts to snow algae	Alvaro Cristobal Sarramian	University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria	Uroš Petrovič	University of Ljubljana
5	Digitalization of Austrian and Slovenian manufacturing companies	Bernhard Dachs	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH	Iztok Palčič	University of Maribor
6	Assessing High-Stakes Writing Performances - An Austrian-Slovenian Study	Nikola Dobric	University of Klagenfurt	Gašper Ilc	University of Ljubljana
7	Art Patronage of the Counts of Cilli. Field Studies of Artworks and Archival Sources	Christian Domenig	University of Klagenfurt	Mija Oter Gorenčič	Research Center of Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts
8	Promoting research for sustainable use of cultural heritage resources in mountainous areas. Consolidation of databases for archaeology of South-Eastern Alpine region	Stefan Eichert	University of Vienna	Benjamin Štular	Research Center of Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts
9	Genetic, morphological and ecological diversification of Luzula sect. Luzula in the Eastern Alps	Božo Frajman	University of Innsbruck	Jasna Dolenc Koce	University of Ljubljana
10	Bordered Memories: Public Memorializations and Activism in the Context of Global Migrations	Armina Galijas	University of Graz	Oto Luthar	Research Center of Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts
11	Transfer of ex-situ measured properties to in-situ application of new high performance PEMFC electrocatalysts	Viktor Hacker	Technical University of Graz	Miran Gaberšček	National Institute of Chemistry Slovenia
12	The study of the mechanisms of anthocyanin synthesis in berry fruit species	Heidi Halbwirth	Technical University of Vienna	Maja Mikulič Petkovšek	University of Ljubljana

13	Seismotectonic characterization of active cross-border faults of the Periadriatic Fault System	Esther Hintersberger	University of Vienna	Petra Jamšek-Rupnik	Geological Survey of Slovenia
14	Computing Persistent Homology for Geometric Inputs	Michael Kerber	Technical University of Graz	Primož Škraba	Jozef Stefan Institute
15	Reflection gratings for neutrons based on nanocomposite materials	Jürgen Klepp	University of Vienna	Irena Drevenšek-Olenik	University of Ljubljana
16	Effect of clinkering process on the mineralogy of belite-sulfoaluminat cement clinker	Christian Lengauer	University of Vienna	Sabina Kramer	Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute
17	Unknown and Little-Known Manuscripts and Printed Texts of Older Slovenian Literature in the Wider Slovenian, Regional Austrian-Carinthian, and Austrian Context, and Applying Research Findings	Herta Maurer-Lausegger	University of Klagenfurt	Matija Ogrin	Research Center of Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts
18	SUCCESS FACTORS OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN SLOVENIA AND AUSTRIA	Jan Mendling	Vienna University of Economics and Business	Mojca Štemberger	University of Ljubljana
19	Tourism trends as stimuli for the degree of innovation in small and medium sized hotels	Birgit Pikkemaat	University of Innsbruck	Kir Kuščer	University of Ljubljana
20	A Comparative study of the university teaching of migrant and ethnic literatures in English in Austria and Slovenia	Margarete Rubik	University of Vienna	Igor Maver	University of Ljubljana
21	Revitalisation of metallurgical deposits and zero waste recycling with use of recycled residues in construction sector	Jürgen Antrekowitsch	University of Leoben	Alenka Mauko Pranjč	Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute
22	Cliques and Spanning Trees under Budget Constraints	Joachim Schauer	University of Graz	Martin Milanič	University of Primorska Andrej Marušič Institute
23	Development, experimental and numerical investigations of plasma potential probes	Roman Schrittwieser	University of Innsbruck	Jernej Kováčič	Jozef Stefan Institute
24	Novel Surface Functionalized Polymers with Tailored Porosity for Cytokine Removal	Vladislav Semak	Danube University Krems	Peter Krajnc	University of Maribor
25	Cancer Stem Cell (CSC)-associated exosomes as regulators of tumor radiation response	Iralda Skvortsova	Medical University of Innsbruck	Maja Čemažar	Institute of Oncology Ljubljana
26	Global value chains, functional specialisation and firm performance in Austria and Slovenia	Roman Stoellinger	Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche	Črt Kostevc	University of Ljubljana
27	Health monitoring and lifetime prediction of solid oxide fuel and electrolysis cells	Vanja Subotic	Technical University of Graz	Dani Juričič	Jozef Stefan Institute

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28	Splines in Geometric Design and Numerical Analysis	Thomas Takacs	Johannes Kepler University of Linz	Marjetka Krajnc	University of Ljubljana
29	Stress and deformation analysis of prestressed ground anchors	Franz Tschuchnigg	Technical University of Graz	Boštjan Pulko	University of Ljubljana
30	Evaluation of toughness and fatigue properties of different new weld metal alloys	Christof Sommitsch	Technical University of Graz	Tomaž Vuherer	University of Maribor

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