

PROTOCOL

of the 5th Meeting of the Austrian-Indian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the Republic of India on Scientific and Technological Co-operation, of 30th November 2007.

Vienna, 23rd May 2018

The 5th Meeting of the Austrian-Indian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Republic of India and the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 30th November 2007 took place in Vienna, 23rd May 2018.

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

The Indian delegation was headed by Dr. Arabinda Mitra, Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of India.

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 science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme
3. Selection of projects for the period 2018-2020
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2020-2022
5. Adoption and 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 Committee 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 national, international and EU projects.

Ad 2 Adoption of the Work Programme

The Joint Committee discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the years 2018 - 2020.

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 2018 - 2020 is attached as part of this Protocol at Annex 2.

Ad 3 Selection of projects for the period 2018-2020

In total 60 projects were received and based on the joint evaluation process undertaken by DST and BMBWF, 28 projects have been recommended from both sides. The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 28 cooperation projects lasting from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2020 listed in Annex 3.

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

The Joint Committee 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 Committee 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 with duration 1st July 2020 until 30th June 2022, will be open in the third quarter of 2019.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 6th Meeting of the Joint Committee in New Delhi in spring 2020. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by email.

Ad 5 Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 30th June 2020. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

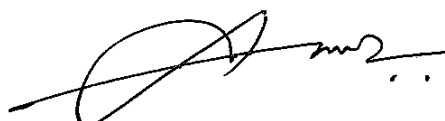
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**Work Programme
for the years 2018-2020**

Adopted on the occasion of the 5th Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation, held in Vienna on 23rd May 2018, implementing the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the Republic of India and the Republic of Austria, of 30th November 2007.

Vienna, 23rd May 2018

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 Austrian and Indian 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 the co-operation projects.
- 1.3 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 in all research fields. Co-operation projects with the potential to lead to future bilateral and multilateral co-operations within Austrian, Indian, and European research and innovation programmes will be favoured.
- 2.2 The financing of mobility costs within the framework of this Agreement is also particularly intended to support the participation of 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 India

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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 Committee 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 Indian institutions, Austrian and Indian co-ordinators and research team members
3. Description of the proposed research subject and objectives, including the methodological part
4. Work plan, start date and 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
8. Further cooperation perspective

3.2.3 A joint project proposal has to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Indian researchers and has to be submitted to the national institutions responsible for implementing the work programme (3.1).

3.2.4 Only project applications received by all respective responsible institutions (3.1) will be eligible for evaluation. The responsible institutions agreed to send the list of eligible proposals received on their side within 20 working days after the closure of the call and the results of national evaluations at least 10 working days before the selection meeting to all participating responsible institutions.

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 Committee.

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 Indian 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 India.

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 will notify the Indian scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).
- 4.1.2 The Indian project leader will notify the Austrian scientist in question at the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, at least 4 weeks prior to each visit from Indian and Austrian side for required approval.
- 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 Austrian - Indian Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation. 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:

➤ € 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 Indian 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 India

- 5.3.1 For stays of Austrian scientists and experts visiting India within the framework of approved projects would be provided accommodation in a guest house or a hotel within reasonable facilities and transport for airport transfers on actual cost basis subject of Rs. 4,000.--/per day. In addition, they will be provided a per diem allowance

for meals and out of pocket expenses including local travel and airport transfers at Rs.2,500.--/per day for each visit.

- 5.3.2. Austrian researchers will receive the payments directly at the host institution.
- 5.4 The sending side will assure that the scientists and experts sent have necessary and adequate health insurance coverage.