

PROTOCOL
of the Eighth Meeting of the Austrian – Ukrainian
Joint Commission for Scientific and Technical Cooperation

Kyiv, 20th September 2018

The Eighth Meeting of the Austrian – Ukrainian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technical Cooperation in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Austria took place in Kyiv, 20 September 2018.

1. The Austrian delegation was headed by Christian Autengruber, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria. The Ukrainian delegation was headed by Maksym Strikha, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

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 2019-2020
3. Selection of projects for the period 2019-2020
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2021-2022
5. Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol
6. Signing the Protocol

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.

2. Adoption of the Work Programme 2019-2020

The Joint Commission discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2019-2020.

The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of cooperation, 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 2019-2020 is attached as part of this Protocol as *Annex 2*.

3. Selection of projects for the period 2021-2022

The Joint Commission agreed upon financing mobility costs of 10 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020 listed in *Annex 3*.

4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2021 -2022

The Joint Commission has reached an understanding that upcoming calls for proposals will be published in principal on a biannual basis by the responsible institutions at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Commission 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 2020 to 30 April 2020.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 9th Meeting of the Joint Commission in Vienna in the second half of 2020. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by e-mail.

5. Effectiveness of the Protocol


This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2020. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

6. Signing the Protocol

The Protocol was signed on 20 September 2018 in Kyiv in two English original copies.

Federal Ministry of Europe,
Integration and Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Austria

Ministry of Education and Science
of Ukraine



**Work Programme
for the Years 2019 - 2020**

Adopted on the occasion of the Eight Meeting of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technical Co-operation, held in Kyiv, September 20, 2018, implementing the Agreement on Scientific and Technical Co-operation between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Austria, concluded in Kyiv, on 6 June 2003

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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 Ukrainian 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, Ukrainian, 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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3.2 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 Technical Co-operation.

3.2.2 Submitted project applications have to include:

1. Topic
2. Names and addresses of the co-operating Austrian and Ukrainian institutions, Austrian and Ukrainian 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. Annual calculation of costs for the realization of the co-operation project
8. Further cooperation perspective

3.2.3 A joint project proposal has to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Ukrainian 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 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 Ukrainian 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 the Ukraine.

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 Ukrainian scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).

4.1.2 The Ukrainian project leader will notify the Austrian scientist in question at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

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 – Ukrainian Agreement on Scientific and Technical 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.

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 Travel expenses (lump sum of EUR 700,- per visit) are reimbursed under the condition that a confirmation of the visit, including the exact dates of visit, tasks fulfilled and the signature of the cooperation partner for the specified research visit is provided.

5.2.4 Ukrainian 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 the Ukraine

5.3.1 For stays of Austrian scientists and experts

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:

- € 60,- per day

5.3.2. Austrian scientists will receive payment personally at the Ukrainian host institution.

5.4 The Ukrainian side confirms that the financial support (salary) for Ukrainian scientists - who participate in joint Austrian-Ukrainian cooperation projects will be implemented in accordance with the regulations and applicable legislation of Ukraine.

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