

PROTOCOL

of the 4th Meeting of the Austrian-Montenegrin Joint Commission
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of Montenegro on Scientific and
Technological Co-operation of 10 June 2009

Podgorica, 21 November 2018

The Austrian - Montenegrin 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 Montenegro on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 10 June 2009 (for the list of delegation members see Annex 1), herewith adopts the following:

1 Adoption of the Work Programme for the years 2019-2020

The Joint Commission adopts the Work Programme for the Years 2019-2020.

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 2019-2020 is attached as part of this Protocol in Annex 2.

2 Selection of projects for the period 2019-2020

The Joint Commission agrees upon financing mobility costs of 7 cooperation projects lasting from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2020 as listed in Annex 3.

3 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 principle 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 Sides 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 March 2020 to 30 April 2020.

Both Sides have reached an understanding to hold the 5th 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.

4 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.

Done in Podgorica on 21 November 2018.



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

Adopted on the occasion of the Fourth Meeting of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation, implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of Montenegro on Scientific and Technological Co-operation, concluded in Podgorica, on 10 June 2009.

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 Montenegrin 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, Montenegrin, 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 Technological Co-operation.

3.2.2 Submitted project applications have to include:

1. Topic
2. Names and addresses of the co-operating Austrian and Montenegrin institutions, Austrian and Montenegrin 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 Montenegrin 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 Montenegrin 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 Montenegro.

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

4.1.2 The Montenegrin project leader will notify the Austrian scientist in question at the Ministry of Science of Montenegro.

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 - Montenegrin Agreement 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:

➤ € 100,- per day

5.2.2 For stays longer than fourteen 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 Montenegrin 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 Montenegro

5.3.1 For short-term stays of up to fourteen days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate (daily allowance for meals) in Euro (€), will be granted:

➤ € 100,- per day

This rate doesn't include overnight costs, which will be provided by Montenegrin side within a total sum of EUR 8,000 per project (EUR 4.000, - per project year), which is approved.

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

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