

PROTOCOL

of the 22nd Meeting of the Austrian - Hungarian Joint Committee for Science and Technology
implementing the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of
Hungary on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 29th May 1969

Vienna, 11 November 2019



The 22nd Meeting of the Austrian - Hungarian Joint Committee for Science and Technology in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Hungary on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 29th May 1969 took place in Vienna, 11 November 2019.

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

The Hungarian delegation was headed by Ms. Szonja Csuzdi, National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary.

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

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

- Exchange of information on science and research
- Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme
- Selection of projects for the period 2020 – 2021
- Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2022-2023
- Adoption and Signing 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 EU projects.

Ad 2 Adoption of the Work Programme

The Joint Committee discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2020 - 2021.

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 2020-2021 is attached as part of this Protocol as Annex 2.

Ad 3 Selection of projects for the period 2020-2021

The Austrian side received 12 (twelve) project proposals while the Hungarian side received 11 (eleven) proposals for joint research projects.

The project proposals were peer reviewed by both sides. One project proposal was submitted only to the Austrian side and was eliminated from further procedure. Two projects were rejected by the Hungarian side for eligibility reasons. 9 (nine) project proposals were thus considered for co-funding.

The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 8 cooperation projects lasting for two years, between 2020 and 2021 listed in Annex 3.

The Austrian side supports each bilateral project up to an amount of EUR 7.000,-.

The Hungarian side will cover the costs of up to HUF 2.000.000,- per project for the whole duration of the project.

The Hungarian Party would cover all eligible costs of Hungarian researchers (including travel expenses, daily allowance and cost of accommodation of the Hungarian researchers in Austria) and all the costs of the Austrian researchers would be covered by the Austrian Party.

Ad 4 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2022-2023

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. The Austrian side proposed to broaden the priority areas for the next call and the Hungarian side will consider the feasibility.

The next call for project proposals will be open in the first quarter of 2021.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 23rd Meeting of the Joint Committee in Budapest in the second half of 2021. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by e-mail.

Ad 5 Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2021. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Vienna, on 11 November 2019 in two English original copies.

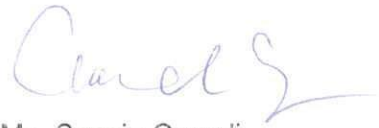
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**Work Programme
for the Years 2020-2021**

Adopted on the occasion of the 22nd Meeting of the Joint Committee for Science and Technology implementing the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Hungary on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 29th May 1969.

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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 Hungarian researchers. 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 the fields of Life sciences, Natural sciences, Engineering. 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 Hungarian 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 Hungary

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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 Hungarian institutions, Austrian and Hungarian 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 Hungarian 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 will exchange the lists 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.
- 3.2.5. Evaluation criteria for applications:
- 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 provided by the respective responsible institutions (3.1) and adopted by the Joint Committee.
- 3.3 At the end of the first year of the project a brief project progress report has to be submitted as a precondition for further funding.
- 3.4 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 Hungarian institutions responsible for the implementation of the work programme (3.1).
- 3.5 The exploitation, possible patent registration and publication of project results are subject to the national laws which are in force in Austria and Hungary.

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 Principal Investigator will notify the Hungarian scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).
- 4.1.2 The Hungarian project leader has to nominate the Austrian scientist in question at the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NRDI Office).
- 4.2 Each side will facilitate the access to its scientific institutions, libraries, archives and museum collections for the project partners as well as 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 costs of its own researchers: the Hungarian party covers travel, accommodation and daily allowance expenses for Hungarian researchers, and the Austrian party the same for Austrian researchers.

5.2 In Austria

Maximum funding: **EUR 7000.-** per project

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Austrian researchers travelling to Hungary based on submitted invoices.
- Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100.- per working day** for Austrian researchers travelling to Hungary **for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,400.- per month** for long-term visits **between 14 days and 3 months** maximum.
- Project related material costs: **max. EUR 2000.-** per project as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.

5.3 In Hungary

Maximum funding: **2.000.000- HUF (~6000 EUR)** per project

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: up to **100.000- HUF** for Hungarian researchers travelling to Austria
- Accommodation expenses: **50.000- HUF/day/person** for Hungarian researchers staying in Austria
- Daily allowance: **15.000- HUF/day/person** for Hungarian researchers staying in Austria **for maximum 14 days** per travel.

Other costs: Insurance; conference registration fee (up to 200.000 HUF/project); cost of translations related to the project (up to 250.000 HUF/project).

- 5.4 The sending side will assure that its outgoing scientists and experts have necessary and adequate health insurance coverage.