

PROTOCOL

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

Vienna/Zagreb, 3 December 2019


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The Austrian-Croatian 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 the Republic of Croatia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 12 March 2003, (for the list of delegation members see Annex 1), herewith adopts the following:

1 Adoption of the Work Programme for the Years 2020 - 2021

The Joint Commission adopts 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.

3 Selection of projects for the period 2020-2021

The Joint Commission agreed upon financing mobility costs of 19 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021 listed in Annex 3.

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

The Joint Commission 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 Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

The Parties 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 2021 to 30 April 2021.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 9th Meeting of the Joint Commission in Zagreb in the second half of 2021. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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/Zagreb, on 3 December 2019 in two English original copies.

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

Adopted by 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.

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 Croatian 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 from all scientific fields. 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 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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3.2 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, 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 Croatian 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 Commission.

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 Croatian 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 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 a stay at the host institution at least three weeks prior to the intended date of visit.

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- 4.1.1 The Austrian Principal Investigator 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 has to nominate 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 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 travel costs of their outgoing researchers and the accommodation costs of incoming researchers.

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:

➤ € 1.400,- 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:

➤ € 1.400,- 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 200,- Croatian Kuna per day (around € 27,- per day), in conformity with Croatian national laws.
- 5.4 The sending side will assure that its outgoing scientists and experts have necessary and adequate health insurance coverage.

