

PROTOCOL

of the Third Meeting of the Austrian-Bosnian-Herzegovonian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on scientific and technological cooperation, concluded in Sarajevo on February 8, 2016.

Vienna/Sarajevo, 6 December 2022

The Austrian-Bosnian-Herzegovinian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on Scientific and Technological cooperation of 8 February 2016 (for the list of delegation members see Annex 1), herewith adopts the following:

1 Adoption of the Work Programme for the years 2023-2024

The Joint Commission adopts the Work Programme for the Years 2023-2024.

The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of cooperation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of researchers as well as financial regulations.

A copy of the Work Programme for the Years 2023-2024 is attached as part of this Protocol in Annex 2.

2 Selection of projects for the period 2021-2022

The Joint Commission agrees upon financing mobility costs of 6 cooperation projects lasting from 1st January 2023 to 31th December 2024 as listed in Annex 3.

3 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2023-2024

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 Cooperation.

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 opened in spring 2024.

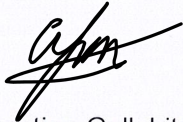
Both Sides have reached an understanding to hold the 4th Meeting of the Joint Commission in Vienna in the last quarter of 2024. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by e-mail.

4 Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2024. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done by correspondence in Vienna/Sarajevo in December 2022.

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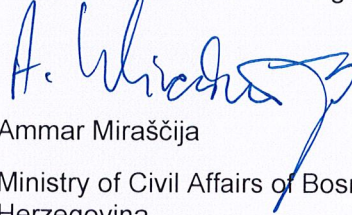


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**Work Programme
for the Years 2023-2024**

Adopted by the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on Scientific and Technological cooperation, concluded in Sarajevo on 8 February 2016.

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1. Forms of Cooperation
2. Aspects of Cooperation
3. General Administrative Regulations
4. Financial Regulations

1. Forms of Cooperation

- 1.1 According to Article 3 of the Agreement, joint cooperation projects in the field of science and technology between Bosnian-Herzegovinian and Austrian researchers will be supported by funding the mobility of researchers.
- 1.2 The Joint Commission will select joint research projects for funding on the basis of public calls for project proposals. The project duration will be two years.
- 1.3 The costs arising from joint cooperation projects should be balanced between the two sides.

2. Aspects of Cooperation

- 2.1 The Joint Commission agreed to support cooperation projects in all research fields.
- 2.2 Project applications with the potential for follow-up applications in bilateral and multilateral cooperation programs in Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the EU will be favoured.
- 2.3 Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized.

3. General Administrative Regulations

3.1 Responsible Institutions:

3.1.1 In Austria:

The mobility funding programme will be implemented by the OeAD - Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

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3.1.2 In Bosnia-Herzegovina:

The mobility funding programme will be implemented by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Division for Science and Culture.

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3.2 Selection procedure of cooperation projects and administration

3.2.1 The upcoming calls for projects 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.

3.2.2 Submitted project applications have to include:

- Topic
- Names and contact information of the cooperating Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian institutions, Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian Principal Investigators and research team members
- Project description (subject, objective and methodology)
- Work plan
- Qualifications of the Principal Investigators and research team members
- Project budget
- Further cooperation perspective

3.2.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian Principal Investigators and have to be submitted to both respective responsible institutions (3.1) according to the criteria defined in the call text.

3.2.4 Only project applications received in time by both respective responsible institutions (3.1) will be eligible for evaluation. The responsible institutions will exchange the lists of eligible applications received 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 quality incl.
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan
 - Adequacy of the scientific method
 - Qualification of the Principal Investigators and research team members
- Plausibility of the described further cooperation perspective
- Promotion of young and female research talent

3.2.6 The responsible institutions (3.1) will provide the Joint Commission with a joint short list of evaluated project applications as a basis for the selection meeting.

3.2.7 The Joint Commission will take the final funding decision, either at a physical meeting or via exchange of Emails.

3.2.8 A brief midterm report has to be submitted to and adopted by the respective responsible institutions (3.1) after the first year of the project duration as a precondition for further funding.

3.2.9 A final report about the results of their research activities has to be submitted no more than 3 months after the expiration of the project duration by the Principal Investigators to the respective responsible institutions (3.1).

3.2.10 The exploitation, possible patent registration and publication of project results are subject to the respective national and international laws that are applicable to both sides.

3.3 Administration of the Exchange of Researchers and Experts

3.3.1 The project 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.

3.3.2 The Austrian Principal Investigator will notify the Bosnian-Herzegovinian researcher in question at the responsible institution in Austria (3.1.1).

3.3.3 The Bosnian-Herzegovinian Principal Investigator will notify the Austrian researcher in question at the responsible institution in Bosnia-Herzegovina (3.1.2).

4. Financial Regulations

4.1 Each side will cover the travel costs of their outgoing researchers and the accommodation costs of incoming researchers.

4.2 Accommodation grants in Austria

4.2.1 EUR 100.- per working day for Bosnian-Herzegovinian researchers travelling to Austria for up to 14 days OR EUR 1,400.- per month for long-term visits between 14 days and 3 months maximum will be granted.

4.2.2 EUR 100.- per working day for Bosnian-Herzegovinian doctoral students travelling to Austria for up to 12 days OR EUR 1,250.- per month for long-term visits between 12 days and 3 months maximum will be granted.

4.2.3 Bosnian-Herzegovinian researchers will receive payment personally at the local offices of Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD) or directly at the Austrian host institution.

4.3 Accommodation grants in Bosnia-Herzegovina

4.3.1 For stays of Austrian researchers accommodation costs in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the amount of up to 80 Euro - per day, up to 14 days, or 800 Euro - per month for long-term visits between 14 days and a maximum of three months.

4.3.2 Austrian researchers will receive payment directly at the Bosnian-Herzegovinian host institution.

4.4 Health insurance:

The sending side will assure that outgoing personnel is sufficiently insured for health.