



**Minutes of the Brazil-Austria
1st Joint Commission Meeting for
Scientific and Technological Cooperation
November 23rd, 2023 – Brasília**

The 1st Meeting of the Austrian-Brazilian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of June 19th 2019 took place in Brasília, 23rd November 2023.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Mr. Alexander Wojda, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

The Brazilian delegation was headed by Mr. Carlos Eduardo Higa Matsumoto, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Federative Republic of Brazil (MCTI).

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

The Joint Commission adopted the agenda as of Annex 2.

Overview of Brazil-Austria policies on STI

BMBWF and MCTI supplied information on current developments of their national policies on science, technology and innovation. 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.

Discussion of first Joint Call

CNPq and OeAD presented their modalities of funding for joint projects and the processes of selection, follow-up and evaluation, as well as mobility schemes. Both agencies agreed to meet virtually in order to arrange the joint call for research proposals.

Presentation of priority areas

Representatives from Mamirauá Sustainable Development Institute, MCTI and BMK presented their activities and research and development actions and policies regarding Biodiversity, Renewable Energy and Aerospace. The sides agreed strengthening the dialogue for exchange experiences, best practices and plan possible joint activities.

Finalizing Work Programme, date of first Joint Call and next meeting of Joint Commission

The Joint Commission discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the years 2024 – 2026. The Work Programme is a guide for bilateral activities in priority areas and will be coordinated by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the



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Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) in the period comprehending 2024 to 2026. The Work Programme is attached as part of these Minutes as Annex 3.

The Joint Commission has reached an understanding that both CNPq and OeAD GmbH will define the basis for the joint projects and mobility of researchers to be published in a joint public call for proposals. The Joint Commission will define the calls' periodicity and the agencies will report the project execution and share a brief written report prior to the meetings of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

Both sides have reached an understanding to hold the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Commission in Vienna/online in October 2025. The exact date will be agreed between MCTI, BMBWF, MRE and BMEIA.

Signing of Minutes and closing remarks

Both delegations expressed their satisfaction with the 1st Meeting of the Austrian-Brazilian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation. Also, the Joint Commission highlighted the importance of interactions between the partners and welcomed the CNPq and OeAD understandings for fostering joint projects and Brazilian and Austrian researchers' mobility.

Done in Brasília, on 23 November 2023 in two English original copies.

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