

PROTOCOL

of the 28th Meeting of the Joint Selection Committee for Austrian-Czech scientific technological cooperation

In accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Cooperation in the field of Culture, Education, Science, Youth and Sports, signed in Vienna on 21st November 2008

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Joint Section Committees addressed the following issues:

1. Review of running mobility projects (2023-2024) and budgetary situation

The Sides reported on the performance of the **22 bilateral projects** selected for the years 2023-2024 and confirmed that all of them will be supported in the second year of implementation.

The total support provided by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria is 70 551,50 EUR in the year 2024. The total support provided by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic is 1 506 000 CZK in the year 2024.

The consensual bilateral projects are listed in Annex 1.

2. Selection of new projects for the years 2024-2025

The Call for Austrian-Czech joint research mobility projects for the period 2024-2025 was published on 22nd March 2023. The deadline for submission of applications was on 16th May 2023.

The Sides received **37 bilateral project proposals** for the years 2024-2025. The project proposals were autonomously evaluated in both countries observing the specific requirements of each of the Sides.

Based on the evaluation results, the Joint Selection Committee selected **16 bilateral projects** that will be supported by both Sides. These projects are listed in Annex 2 which is an integral part of this Protocol.

As a rule, the funds granted by the providers to support a single bilateral project do not exceed 8 000 EUR per year on the Austrian side and 100 000 CZK per year on the Czech side.

The total support provided by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria is 121 115 EUR for the years 2024–2025. The total support provided by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic is 2 810 169 CZK for the years 2024–2025.

The support for the second year of bilateral project implementation may be withdrawn if a bilateral project is not carried out in compliance with its proposal or the beneficiary does not submit the progress report in conformity with specific regulations stipulated by the support providers in both countries.

3. Next Call for joint research mobility projects for the years 2025-2026

It was agreed by both Sides to open the Call for Austrian-Czech joint research mobility projects for the period 2025-2026 in March 2024. Projects support will consist of funding travel and subsistence costs, whereby the sending party will cover all costs (travel, accommodation, meals, fees), including travel costs.

The conditions of the Call for Austrian-Czech joint research mobility projects for the period 2025-2026 will be agreed via exchange of letters between the members of the Joint Selection Committee.

4. Setting the date and place of the 29th Joint Selection Committee meeting

It was agreed by both Sides to meet in Vienna in 2024.

Signed in Prague on 6th November 2023 in 2 original copies in English language.



For the Austrian Side
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For the Czech Side
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