

Minutes
of the Albanian-Austrian Joint Commission
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the
Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the Government of the Republic of
Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 2nd May 2012, held on 15. 02. 2022.
Tirana/Vienna

On 15. 02. 2022, NASR- The National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation, and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, assisted by OeAD - Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation, held the meeting of the Joint Commission, in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement "Agreement between The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the Government of the Republic of Austria for Scientific and Technological Cooperation" dated 2 May 2012, and based on the protocol, signed on 06.11.2018, in Tirana.

The delegations respectively for both sides were:

Albanian Delegation

Ms. Mirela Muça, Head of Delegation
National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation

Mr. Robert Dumi
National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation

Ms. Evis Tasellari
National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation

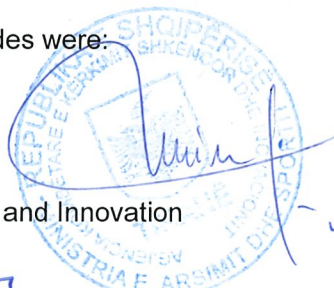
Mr. Egest Gjokutaj
Ministry of Education and Sport

Austrian Delegation

Mr. Christian Gollubits, Head of Delegation
Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Mr. Dorian Taylor
Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Mrs. Isabella Scheibelreiter
OeAD - Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation



The meeting was held online. During the first minutes of the meeting the additions to the Austrian team were introduced by the head of the Austrian delegation, Mr. Christian Gollubits, who also made a short description of the Austrian delegation.

Mr. Robert Dumi, after presenting the participants of the Albanian delegation, also acted as the head of the delegation, in the circumstances of a last minute engagement Mrs. Mirela Muça was held on.

The legitimacy of the results that this Joined Commission would agree on, was assured by the Albanian side, not to affect the final result of the meeting.

The discussion on the screening of the evaluation of the projects, started on the bases of the official documents that were previously exchanged from both sides.

Both parties had exchanged the table of the projects.

On the Austrian side resulted that there were submitted 18- projects, while on the Albanian side 17- projects.

The 17- matching projects on both sides, were the ones eligible to be evaluated and taken in consideration, while respecting the basic principle of bilateral cooperation.

In compliance to the protocol signed on 06.11.2018, in Tirana, only 10 projects would be eligible for funding.

In accordance with the (biennial) Cooperation Protocols between NASRI- National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation and Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, which determines the members of the Joint Commission, whom on 15. 02. 2022, 12:00 P.M hrs (CET), presented the evaluations of the "Evaluation Commissions" and argued the selection of 10- winning projects, respecting the evaluations; pondering of the points and the principle of distribution of the fund according to the priority fields of scientific research in each country, (in Albania, approved by Law no. 80/2015 on Higher Education and Scientific Research in Higher Education Institutions in the Republic of Albania); arguing the compliance with the fields according to Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe and the current priority of the Albanian government for the internationalization of universities, has evaluated the selection of 10 winning projects for funding, from 17 project proposals, viable for screening, submitted on both parties.

The winning projects were selected in full compliance by both parties.

All of 17- project proposals were grouped in 5- from the fields of scientific research (I. Agriculture, Food, Biotechnology; II. Biodiversity and Environment; III. Social Sciences; IV. Information Systems and Technology; V. Water and Energy).

In agreement with the cooperation protocol, in which it was accepted to finance 10 projects, the Joint Commission decided to respect the priority fields of scientific research by distributing the call fund to the best projects, according to the weighting of points, for each area.

Note: *The Albanian side evaluates through points from 0-100 points; The Austrian side evaluates through points, from 0- 50 points.*

The Austrian side has the funding threshold starting from 35 points and onwards.

Projects Submitted

Project#	Title (AL)	Title (AUS)	AUS point	AL point	total
1	Investigimet SAXS te matricës së betonit me performancë ultra të lartë, të modifikuar me nananopjesëza pirogjenike dhe të veshura me TiO2	SAXS investigations of Ultra High Performance Concrete matrix modified with pyrogenic nanoparticles and coated with TiO2.	30	84	114
2	Rrjeti shkencor- Austriako- Shqiptar për të përmirësuar studimet mbi Evropën Juglindore dhe Integrimin Evropian	(AULA-SEE) Austrian-Albanian scientific network to enhance Southeast European studies and European Integration	47	74	121
3	Një model maturimi për menaxhimin e cilësisë të mësimdhënies në universitete dhe shkolla	A Maturity Model to Manage the Quality of Teaching in Schools and Universities	45	73.5	118.5
4	Vlerësimi i përshtatshmërisë së fitogjenëve si aditive ushqimorë natyralë në të ushqyerit e derrave dhe ndikimi i tyre në treguesit e prodhimit dhe shëndetin e derrave	Evaluating the suitability of phytogenics as natural feed additives in pigs and their impact on performance parameters and pig's health	25	86	111
5	Një krahasim i historisë gjeodinamike mesozoike të apele lindore në Austri dhe Albanideve në Shqipëri.	A comparison of the Mesozoic geodynamic history of the Eastern Alps (Austria) and the Albanides (Albania)	49	81.2	130.2
6	Studimi i rrishtit të basenit të lumit Vjosa për një jetë më të sigurt. B-SAFE	Flood risk study of the Vjosa river Basin for a SAFETY life	25	87.6	112.6
7	Aplikimi me metoda analitike të Kominuara për të përcaktimin e natyralitetit dhe origjinës gjeografike: Investigimi i verërave Shqiptare dhe Austriake	Application of a combination of advanced analytical methods for the determination of geographic origin: Investigation of Austrian and Albanian wine	11	75.5	86.5
8	Rindertimi paleogjeografik dhe sedimentologjik i Shqipërisë së veriut (Alpet Shqiptare, Zona e Cukali dhe zona e Mirditës), me në fokus intervallin moshor Permo-Trias.	Paleogeographic and sedimentological reconstruction of Northern Albania (Albanian Alps, Cukali Zone, Mirdita Zone) with emphasis on the Permo-Triassic interval	48	86	134
9	Arkitectura dhe Planizimi Urban i eksperteve austriak në Shqipëri 1916- 1935	Architecture and Urban Planning of Austrin Experts in Albania 1916-1935	31	84	115
10	Shqipëria dhe identiteti i saj përmes influencës Austro- Hungareze. Impakti kulturor dhe Hibridizimi Arktiektonik midis ideologjisë dhe identitetit.	Albania and its identity through Austro-Hungarian influence. Cultural Impact and Architectural Hybridization between Ideology and identity.	40	80	120
11	Identifikimi dhe karakterizimi i mikroorganizmave biofilmformuese në industrinë e qumshutit në vendin tone.	Identification and characterizations of biofilm hotspots in the Albanian dairy producing environment.	43	87	130
12	Evolucioni tektonik i ofioliteve dhe melanzheve oliolite	Tectonic evolution of ophiolites and ophiolite mélanges	38	84.2	122.2
13	Zhvillimi i ekspertizës në vlerësimin e shëndetit dhe mirëqënies së kafshëve në rripërtypit e vegjël në Shqipëri dhe Austri.	Development of expertise on animal health and welfare assessment of goats and sheep in Albania and Austria (AA_GOSH)	45	76.75	121.75
14	Matjet e transportit makroplastik në lumin Ishëm, lumi më i ndotur në Evropë.	Macroplastic transport measurements in the Ishëm River, the most polluted river in Europe	50	66	116
15	Qëndrueshmëria e qytetit nëpërmjet formës urbane.	The Sustainability of the City through (Urban) Form	35	85.4	120.4
16	Bullizimi në shkollat shqiptare; Parë nga perspektiva e mësuesëve, nxënësve dhe prindërve.	Bullying in Albanian schools: Perspectives from Students, Teachers and Parents	46	78	124
17	Të përshtaturit me konfliktet: Dinamikat e reja të marrëdhënies BE- Ballkan Perëndimor	Adapting to Contestation: The new Dynamics of the EU- Western Balkans Relationship	50	77	127

Field: Agriculture, Food, Biotechnology

No.	Project Coordinators	Title AL	Title ENG.	AL	AT	Total
1	Prof. Renata Kongoli- rkongoli@ubt.edu.al; Dr. Micha Horacek- micha.horacek@josephinum.at	Aplikimi me metoda analitike të Kominuara për të përcaktimin e natyralitetit dhe origjinës gjeografike: Investigimi i verërave Shqiptare dhe Austriake	Application of a combination of advanced analytical methods for the determination of geographic origin: Investigation of Austrian and Albanian wine	75.5	11	86.5
2	Prof. Asoc. Dr. Sokol Duro durosokol@ubt.edu.al; Prof. Asoc. Dr. med. Vet. Christine Leeb- christine.leeb@boku.ac.at	Zhvillimi i ekspertizës në vlerësimin e shëndetit dhe mirëqënies së kafshëve në rripërtypit e vegjël në Shqipëri dhe Austri.	Development of expertise on animal health and welfare assessment of goats and sheep in Albania and Austria (AA_GOSH)	76.75	45	121.75
3	Prof. Dr. Rozeta Hasalliu- rhasalliu@ubt.edu.al; hasalliu@yahoo.com; Dr. Kathrin Kober- Rychli- kathrin.rychli@vetmeduni.ac.at	Identifikimi dhe karakterizimi i mikroorganizmave biofilmformuese në industrinë e qumshutit në vendin tone.	Identification and characterizations of biofilm hotspots in the Albanian dairy producing environment.	87	43	130
4	Prof. Dr. Etleva Della- edelia@ubt.edu.al; Prof. Dr. Remigius Karl Richards Chizzola- remigius.chizzola@vetmeduni.ac.at	Vlerësimi i përshtatshmërisë së fitogjenëve si aditive ushqimorë natyralë në të ushqyerit e derrave dhe ndikimi i tyre në treguesit e prodhimit dhe shëndetin e derrave.	Evaluating the suitability of phytogenics as natural feed additives in pigs and their impact on performance parameters and pig's health	86	25	111

In regard to the projects submitted in the field of Agriculture, Food, Biotechnology, two projects were automatically out of the further discussion as they fell under the threshold of 35- points that the Austrian side had.

Therefore 2- projects were selected to be financed.

Field: Biodiversity and Environment

NO.	Project Coordinators	Title AL	Title ENG.	AL	AT	Total
1	Dr. Laura Gjyli- lauragjyli@yahoo.com; Dr. Marcel Liedermann- marcel.liedermann@boku.ac.at	Matjet e transportit makroplastik në lumin Ishëm, lumi më i ndotur në Evropë.	Macroplastic transport measurements in the Ishëm River, the most polluted river in Europe	66	50	116
2	Dr. Skender Luarasi- skender_luarasi@universitetipolis.edu.al	Qëndrueshmëria e qytetit nëpërmjet formës urbane.	The Sustainability of the City through (Urban) Form	85.4	35	120.4
3	Prof.Asoc.Dr. Arjan Korpa- arjankorpa@yahoo.com; Assoc.Prof. Heinz Amenitsch- amenitsch@tugraz.at	Investigimet SAXS te matricës së betonit me performancë ultra të lartë, të modifikuar me nananopjesëza pirogenike dhe të veshura me TiO2	SAXS investigations of Ultra High Performance Concrete matrix modified with pyrogenic nanoparticles and coated with TiO2.	84	30	114

In regard to the projects submitted in the field of Biodiversity and Environment, one project was automatically out of the further discussion as it fell under the threshold of 35- points that the Austrian side had.

Therefore 2- projects were selected to be financed.

Field: Social Sciences

No.	Project Coordinators	Title AL	Title ENG.	AL	AT	Total
1	Prof.Dr. Florian Nepravishta- florian.nepravishta@fau.edu.al; Caroline Jager-Klein- jager-klein@tuwien.ac.at	Arkitektura dhe Planizimi Urban I eksperteve austriak në Shqipëri 1916-1935	Architecture and Urban Planning of Austria Experts in Albania 1916-1935	84	31	115
2	Dr. Marsela Sako- marsela.sako@unitir.edu.al; Prof. Florian Bieber- florian.bieber@uni-graz.at	Rrjeti shkencor- Austriako-Shqiptar për të përmirësuar studimet mbi Evropën Juglindore dhe Integrimin Evropian	(AULA-SEE) Austrian-Albanian scientific network to enhance Southeast European studies and European Integration	74	47	121
3	Prof.Edmond Dragoti- edmond.dragoti@unitir.edu.al; (0692021999)- Prof.Dgmar Strohmeier- dagnar.strohmeier@fh-linz.at	Bullizmi në shkollat shqiptare; Parë nga perspektiva e mësuesëve, nxënësve dhe prindërve.	Bullying in Albanian schools: Perspectives from Students, Teachers and Parents	78	46	124
4	Dr.Orinda Malltezi- o.malltezi@gmail.com; Dr. Doris- doris.wydra@sbg.ac.at	Të përshtaturit me konfliktet: Dinamikat e reja të marrëdhënies BE-Balkan Perëndimor	Adapting to Contestation: The new Dynamics of the EU-Western Balkans Relationship	77	50	127
5	Prof.Asoc.Dr. Armand Vokshi- armand.vokshi@fau.edu.al; Prof.Dr. Karl Kaser- karl.kaser@uni-graz.at	Shqipëria dhe identiteti i saj përmes influencës Austro- Hungareze. Impakti kulturor dhe Hibridizimi Arkitekturor midis ideologjisë dhe identitetit.	Albania and its identity through Austro-Hungarian influence. Cultural Impact and Architectural Hybridization between Ideology and identity.	80	40	120

In regard to the projects submitted in the field of Social Sciences there were evidenced two highest ranking projects within the field, and automatically selected for funding. One project fell under the threshold of the Austrian party. While the two remaining projects within this field were put on hold in regard to the final verdict, as in the field of Information Systems and Technology, there was just one project which was eligible for funding on both sides.

Since there are evidenced 5- fields of research and the mission to evenly distribute the funds within the fields, was the objective of this Joint Commission, the assumption, would be to finance another project in the field of Information Systems and Technology. Considering the above, the Joint Commission, reviewed the remaining fields comparing the highest rated projects to distribute the fund, based on the highest ranking.

Field: Information Systems and Technology

No.	Project Coordinators	Title AL	Title. ENG	AL	AT	Total
1	Dr. Besara Mema- besara_kadiza@yahoo.it; Andreas Bollin- andreas.bollin@aau.at	Një model maturimi për menaxhimin e cilësisë të mësimdhënies në universitete dhe shkolla.	A Maturity Model to Manage the Quality of Teaching in Schools and Universities	73.5	45	118.5

In regard to the projects submitted in the field of Information Systems and Technology, there was submitted one project, which was automatically selected for funding, as it was eligible on both sides.

Field: Water and Energy

No.	Project Coordinators	Title AL	Title ENG.	AL	AT	Total
1	Dr. Klodian Skrame- klodian.skrame@fgjm.edu.al; Dr. Christoph Hauer- christoph.hauer@boku.ac.at	Studimi irisikut të basenit të lumit Vjosa për një jetë më të sigurt. B-SAFE	Flood risk study of the vjosa river Basin for a SAFETY life	87.6	25	112.6
2	Prof. Dr. Kujtim Onuzi- konuzi@yahoo.com; Prof. Dr. Hans- Jorgen Gawlick- gawlick@unileoben.ac.at	Një krahasim i historisë gjeodinamike mesozoike të apete lindore në Austri dhe Albanideve në Shqipëri.	A comparison of the Mesozoic geodynamic history of the Eastern Alps (Austria) and the Albanides (Albania)	81.2	49	130.2
3	Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Milushi- ibrahimilushi@yahoo.com; Prof. Dr. Walter Kurz- walter.kurz@uni-graz.at	Evolucioni tektonik i ofioliteve dhe melanzheve olistite	Tectonic evolution of ophiolites and ophiolite mélanges	84.2	38	122.2
4	Prof. Ylber Muceku- mucekuy@yahoo.com; Dr. Micha Horacek- micha.horacek@josehinum.at	Rindërtimi paleogeografik dhe sedimentologjik i Shqipërisë së verit (Alpet Shqiptare, Zona e Cukalit dhe zona e Mirditës), me një fokus intervallin moshor Permo- Trias.	Paleogeographic and sedimentological reconstruction of Northern Albania (Albanian Alps, Cukali Zone, Mirdita Zone) with emphasis on the Permian-Triassic interval	86	48	134

In regard to the projects submitted in the field of Water and Energy, there singled out the two highest ranking projects within the field and the remaining project with the potential to be elected for funding on both sides was compared with the two highest ranking projects in the field of Social Sciences. Since the third ranking project in the field of Water and Energy, was still the highest ranking project while compared to the projects submitted in the field of Social Sciences, it was agreed on both sides it should be considered as eligible for funding. The project falling under the threshold of 35- points from the Austrian party was automatically eliminated.

Both parties, agreed to finance the following projects, based on the analyses above:

NO.	Project Coordinators	Title AL	Title ENG.	AL	AT	Total
1	Prof. Asoc. Dr. Sokol Duro durosookol@ubt.edu.al; Prof. Asoc. Dr. med. Vet. Christine Leeb-christine.leeb@boku.ac.at	Zhvillimi i ekspertizës në vlerësimin e shëndetit dhe mirëqënies së kafshëve në ripërtypësit e vegjël në Shqipëri dhe Austri.	Development of expertise on animal health and welfare assessment of goats and sheep in Albania and Austria (AA_GOSH)	76.75	45	121.75
2	Prof. Dr. Rozeta Hasalliu-rhasalliu@ubt.edu.al; hasalliu@yahoo.com Dr. Kathrin Kober- Rychli-kathrin.rychli@vetmeduni.ac.at	Identifikimi dhe karakterizimi i mikroorganizmave biofilmformuese ne industrine e qumshit ne vendin tone.	Identification and characterizations of biofilm hotspots in the Albanian dairy producing environment.	87	43	130
3	Dr. Laura Gjyli- lauragjyli@yahoo.com; Dr. Marcel Liedermann-marcel.liedermann@boku.ac.at	Matjet e transportit makroplastik në lumën Ishëm, lumi më i ndotur në Evropë.	Macroplastic transport measurements in the Ishëm River, the most polluted river in Europe	66	50	116
4	Dr. Skender Luarasi-skender_luarasi@universitetipolis.edu.al	Qëndrueshmëria e qytetit nëpërmjet formës urbane.	The Sustainability of the City through (Urban) Form	85.4	35	120.4
5	Prof. Edmond Dragoti-edmond.dragoti@unitir.edu.al; (0692021999)- Prof. Dgmar Strohmeier-dagnar.strohmeier@fh-linz.at	Bullizmi në shkollat shqiptare; Parë nga perspektiva e mësuesëve, nxënësve dhe prindërve.	Bullying in Albanian schools: Perspectives from Students, Teachers and Parents	78	46	124
6	Dr. Orinda Malltezi-o.malltezi@gmail.com; Dr. Doris-doris.wydra@sbg.ac.at	Të përshtaturit me konfliktet: Dinamikën e reja të marrëdhënies BE- Ballkan Perëndimor	Adapting to Contestation: The new Dynamics of the EU-Western Balkans Relationship	77	50	127
7	Dr. Besara Memabesara_kadreja@yahoo.it; Andreas Bollin-andreas.bollin@aau.at	Një model maturimi për menaxhimin e cilësisë të mësimdhënies në universitete dhe shkolla.	A Maturity Model to Manage the Quality of Teaching in Schools and Universities	73.5	45	118.5
8	Prof. Dr. Kujtim Onuzi-konuzi@yahoo.com; Prof. Dr. Hans-Jurgen Gawlick-gawlick@unileoben.ac.at	Një krahasim i historisë gjeodinamike mesozoike të apleve lindore në Austri dhe Albanideve në Shqipëri.	A comparison of the Mesozoic geodynamic history of the Eastern Alps (Austria) and the Albanides (Albania)	81.2	49	130.2
9	Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Milushi-ibrahimilushi@yahoo.com; Prof. Dr. Walter Kurz-walter.kurz@uni-graz.at	Evolucioni tektonik i ofioliteve dhe melanzheve oiolite	Tectonic evolution of ophiolites and ophiolite mélanges	84.2	38	122.2
10	Prof. Ylber Muceku-mucekuy@yahoo.com; Dr. Micha Horacek-micha.horacek@josehinum.at	Rindërtimi paleogeografik dhe sedimentologjik i Shqipërisë së veriut (Alpet Shqiptare, Zona e Cukalit dhe zona e Mirditës), me në fokus intervalin moshor Permian-Trias.	Paleogeographic and sedimentological reconstruction of Northern Albania (Albanian Alps, Cukali Zone, Mirdita Zone) with emphasis on the Permian-Triassic interval	86	48	134

1. Forms of Co-operation

- 1.1 According to Article 2 of the Agreement, joint co-operation projects in the field of science and technology between Albanian 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 co-operation projects should be balanced between the two sides.

2. Aspects of Co-operation

- 2.1 The Joint Commission agreed to support co-operation projects in all research fields.
- 2.2 Project applications with the potential for follow-up applications in bilateral and multilateral co-operation programs in Albania, Austria 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 Albania

The implementation of the work programme lies within the responsibility of the National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation (NASRI), "Nami Frasheri"; Nr. 37; Post Code. 1049.

3.1.2 In Austria:

The mobility funding programme will be implemented by the
OeAD - Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation
Ebendorferstrasse 7, 1010 Vienna
Telephone: +43 1 53408-472
Email: wtz@oead.at
Internet: <http://www.oead.at/wtz>

The OeAD is an institution commissioned by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research to implement this funding programme.

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
Rosengasse 2-6, 1014 Vienna
Telephone: +43 53120 7132
Email: christian.gollubits@bmbwf.gv.at
Internet: <http://www.bmbwf.gv.at>

3.2 Selection procedure of co-operation projects and administration

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:

- Topic
- Names and contact information of the co-operating Austrian and Albanian institutions, Austrian and Albanian co-ordinators and research team members
- Description of the proposed research subject and objectives, including the methodological part
- Work plan, start date and duration of the co-operation project
- Proof of qualifications of the co-ordinators
- Involvement of young and female scientists (if applicable)
- Annual calculation of costs for the realization of the co-operation project
- Further cooperation perspective

3.2.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Albanian and Austrian scientists and have to be submitted to the national institutions responsible for implementing the work programme (3.1).

3.2.4 Project applications registered with the responsible institutions (3.1) will be entered into a joint list after national evaluation.

3.2.5 Applications will be considered on the basis of the following evaluation criteria:

- 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 adopted by the Joint Commission.

3.2.7 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 continued funding.

3.2.8 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).

3.2.9 The exploitation, possible patent registration and publication of project results are subject to the national laws which are in force in Albania and Austria.

4. Financial Regulations

4.1 Each side will cover the travel costs and the accommodation costs of persons sent.

4.2 The sending side will assure that the scientists and experts sent have necessary and adequate health insurance coverage, as well as other health documents needed from the authorities of each country.