

# PROTOCOL

of the Slovak - Austrian Joint Committee  
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the  
Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of the Republic of Austria on  
Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 18 February 2004

Bratislava, 13. June 2024



The Slovak - Austrian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 18 February 2004 (for the list of delegation members see Annex 1, herewith adopts the following:

**1 Adoption of the Work Programme for the years 2024-2026**

The Joint Commission adopts the Work Programme for the Years 2024-2026 (Annex 2).

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

**2 Selection of projects for the period 2024-2026**

The Joint Commission agrees upon financing mobility costs of 14 cooperation projects lasting from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 as listed in Annex 3.

**3 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2026-2028**

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 Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation. Any alteration to this understanding must be communicated to the other side without any delay.

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 open in the last quarter 2025. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by e-mail.

Both Sides have reached an understanding to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee in Vienna in the second quarter of 2026. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by e-mail.

**4 Effectiveness of the Protocol**

This Protocol will remain effective until 30 June 2026. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Bratislava in 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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**Work Programme  
for the Years 2024 - 2026**

Adopted by the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation, implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 18 February 2004.

1. Forms of Co-operation
2. Aspects of Co-operation
3. General Administrative Regulations
4. Financial Regulations



## 1. Forms of Co-operation

1.1 According to Article 3 of the Agreement, joint co-operation projects in the field of science and technology between Austrian and Slovak researchers will be supported by funding the mobility of researchers.

1.2 The Joint Committee will select joint research projects for funding on the basis of public calls for project proposals. The project duration will be 24 months.

1.3 The costs arising from joint co-operation projects shall be balanced between the two sides.

## 2. Aspects of Co-operation

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

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### 3.1.2 In Slovakia

The mobility funding programme will be implemented by the Slovak Research and Development Agency (SRDA)

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The SRDA implements this funding programme in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic.

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## 3.2 Selection procedure of co-operation projects and administration

3.2.1 The upcoming calls for proposals for bilateral research projects according to Article 3 of the Agreement will be published on a biennial basis by the responsible institutions (3.1) at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Committee.

3.2.2 Submitted project applications have to include:

- Topic
- Names and contact information of the co-operating Austrian and Slovak institutions, Austrian and Slovak 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 Slovak 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 all 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 research talent

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

3.2.7 The Joint Committee 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 continued 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.

#### **4. Financial Regulations**

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

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

