

DECISION DOCUMENT
on co-funding of Austrian - Hungarian - joint research projects
in the period 2024 – 2026

In accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Hungary on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 29 May 1969, a joint call for proposals supporting cooperation between researchers in Austria and Hungary was announced by the OeAD - Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation and by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary in autumn 2023.

The Joint Committee meeting for the selection of bilateral research projects was held online on 20 June 2024.

I. Approval of joint Austrian - Hungarian projects for funding in 2024 – 2026

The Sides received 15 bilateral project proposals for the years 2024-2026. The project proposals were autonomously evaluated in both countries observing the specific requirements of each of the Sides.

Based on the results of the evaluation, both Sides agreed upon financing mobility costs of 10 cooperation projects lasting from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2026 listed in Annex 1.

II. Administrative conditions

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

The Austrian Side will provide financial support to bilateral projects up to 8000 EUR/project for the full period of the project duration. The Hungarian Side will support the approved projects with a maximum of 3.000.000 HUF (Hungarian Forint).

At the end of the project a final report on the results achieved shall be submitted to the implementing organizations responsible for the overall management of this Decision Document.

Regarding the publication of the achievements of the joint work and on the possible registration of the intellectual property rights, decision will be made in conformity to the laws and rules in effect in each country, on the basis of mutual agreements reached in due time by participating institutions.

III. Prolongation of Work Program 2020-2021 until 2026

The Sides agreed to extend the Work Program 2020-2021, adopted on the occasion of the 22nd Meeting of the Joint Committee for Science and Technology in Vienna, 11 November 2019, until the end of 2026.

The next call for project proposals will be launched in autumn 2025.

The priority fields of cooperation will be agreed by the Sides through correspondence and will be based on the national priorities in the field of science and technology.

The Sides agreed to encourage the cooperation of young scientists especially at postdoctoral level.

The Sides agreed that the aim of the projects is to intensify cooperation among researchers in Horizon Europe framework program.

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V. Date and place of the next Joint Committee Meeting

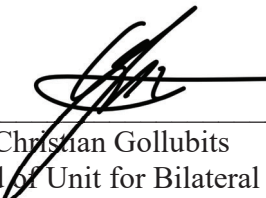
Both Sides have reached an understanding to hold the next meeting of the Joint Committee in Budapest in the first half of 2026. The exact date will be agreed upon via correspondence.

The two Sides agreed to exchange the texts of their respective Calls for Proposals in English language no later than 7 days prior to their publication. The Sides also agreed to send the list of proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the Call.

Done in Vienna and Budapest, on 20 June 2024.

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