

PROTOCOL

of the India-Austria Joint Committee
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of India on
Scientific and Technological Co-operation, of 30th November 2007.

New Delhi, 8th May 2025

The India-Austria Joint Committee for scientific and technological co-operation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 30th November 2007 (for the list of delegation members see Annex 1), discussed and adopted the following:

1. Welcome and introduction of the delegation members

As host to this Joint Committee meeting, Professor Abhay Karandikar, Secretary DST, Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of India headed the Indian delegation and Ms. Katharina Wieser, Ambassador of Austria to India headed the Austrian delegation.

2. Exchange of information on science and research

Both sides supplied information on current developments of their national research policies.

3. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme for the years 2025-2029

The Joint Committee adopts the Work Programme for the years 2025-2027. The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of co-operation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of scientists and experts as well as financial regulations.

The Work Programme for 2025-2027 is attached to this protocol as Annex 2.

4. Selection of projects for the period 2025-2027

The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 27 cooperation projects lasting for two years from the date of issue of sanction orders from the Indian side listed in Annex 3.

5. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2025-2029

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding that upcoming calls for proposals will be published in principal on an annual basis by the responsible institutions at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

The Parties 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 may be opened on 15 September 2025 until 31 October 2025.

The calls may have certain thematic areas with mutual consent of both the sides.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 9th Meeting of the Joint Committee in Vienna in May 2026. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by email.

6. Adoption and effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31st of December 2027. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in New Delhi, on 8th of May 2025.

Head of the Indian delegation



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