

PROTOCOL

of the 8th Meeting of the Croatian-Austrian Joint Commission
for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on
Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 12 March 2003

Zagreb, 30 November 2017

The 8th Meeting of the Croatian-Austrian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 12 March 2003, took place in Zagreb, 30 November 2017.

The Croatian delegation was headed by Mr. Matko Glunčić, State Secretary, Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Mr. Christian Autengruber, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

The set-up of the two delegations can be found in Annex 1.

The Joint Commission adopted the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information on science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme
3. Selection of projects for the period 2018-2019
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2020-2021
5. Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

Ad 1 Exchange of information on science and research

Both sides supplied information on current developments of their national research policies. The Joint Commission expressed its confidence that the implementation of the bilateral programme will further contribute to the development of beneficial links between scientific institutions and scientists of both countries and will enable them to use their scientific potential more efficiently and fruitfully in regional as well as multilateral projects. Both sides reached an understanding to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU projects.

Ad 2 Adoption of the Work Programme for the Years 2018 - 2019

The Joint Commission discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2018 - 2019.

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.

A copy of the Work Programme for the Years 2018 - 2019 is attached as part of this Protocol at Annex 2.

Ad 3 Selection of projects for the period 2018-2019

The Joint Commission agreed upon financing mobility costs of 25 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 listed in Annex 3.

Ad 4 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2020-2021

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

The Parties also agreed 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 from 18 March 2019 to 24 May 2019.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 9th Meeting of the Joint Commission in Vienna in the second half of 2019. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Ad 5 Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2019. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Zagreb, on 30 November 2017 in two English original copies.

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**Work Programme
for the Years 2018-2019**

Adopted on the occasion of the 8th Meeting of the Croatian-Austrian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 12 March 2003.

Zagreb, 30 November 2017

1. Forms of Co-operation
2. Aspects of Co-operation
3. General Administrative Regulations
4. Administration of the Exchange of Scientists and Experts
5. Financial Regulations

1. Forms of Co-operation

- 1.1 According to Article 3 of the Agreement, joint co-operation projects will be carried out between Croatian and Austrian institutions. A joint co-operation project is an agreed activity with clearly defined objectives to be achieved within a specific time frame. Each project will normally be of two years' duration, implemented through exchanges of people and information.
- 1.2 For the preparation and realization of joint co-operation projects financial support is given for mobility costs of researchers as well as experts participating in these co-operation projects.
- 1.3 On a long-term basis, the costs arising from joint co-operation projects should be balanced between the two sides.

2. Aspects of Co-operation

- 2.1 The delegations agreed to provide mobility funds for co-operation projects from all scientific fields. Co-operation projects with the potential to lead to future multilateral co-operations within the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020 shall be favoured in order to stimulate the joint participation of Croatian and Austrian scientists in European research programmes.
- 2.2 The financing of mobility costs within the framework of this Agreement is also particularly intended to support young scientists and to pay attention to a balanced involvement of female and male researchers (gender equality).

3. General Administrative Regulations

3.1 Responsible Institutions

3.1.1 In Austria

The implementation of the work programme lies within the responsibility of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH), ICM - Centre for International Cooperation and Mobility

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3.2 Selection procedure of co-operation projects

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:

1. Topic
2. Names and addresses of the co-operating Austrian and Croatian institutions, Austrian and Croatian co-ordinators and research team members
3. Description of the proposed research subject and objectives
4. Work plan, start date and prospective duration of the co-operation project
5. Proof of qualifications of the co-ordinators
6. Involvement of young scientists (if applicable)
7. An annual calculation of costs for the realization of the co-operation project

- 3.2.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Croatian researchers 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 quality of the work plan, originality of the idea
 - Qualifications of the coordinators
 - Potential for solving problems
 - Quality of the cooperation and mutual benefit
 - Exploitation of the anticipated results
 - Promotion of young research talent
- 3.2.6 The final list of co-operation projects to be supported will be adopted by the Joint Commission.
- 3.3 At the end of the second year of the project, the project leaders have to submit a jointly prepared final report on the progress and results of their research activities to the Austrian and Croatian institutions responsible for the implementation of the work programme (3.1).
- 3.4 The exploitation, possible patent registration and publication of project results are subject to the national laws which are in force in Austria and Croatia.

4. Administration of the Exchange of Scientists and Experts

- 4.1 The co-operating partners have to agree on the date and duration of each stay at the host institution at least three weeks prior to the intended date of visit.
- 4.1.1 The Austrian project leader will notify the Croatian scientist in question at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH).
- 4.1.2 The Croatian project leader will notify the Austrian scientist in question at the Croatian host institution responsible for the administration of the project.

- 4.2 Each side will facilitate the access to its scientific institutions, libraries, archives and museum collections for the project partners of the other side that are sent in the framework of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation. Furthermore, both sides guarantee free exchange of scientific information and documentation in conformity with their national laws and financial possibilities.

5. Financial Regulations

- 5.1 Each side will cover the travel costs of persons sent and the accommodation costs of persons hosted.

5.2 In Austria

- 5.2.1 For short-term stays of up to fourteen days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 100,- per day

- 5.2.2 For stays longer than fifteen days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 1.500,- per month

- 5.2.3 Croatian scientists will receive payment personally at the local offices of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH) or directly at the Austrian host institution.

5.3 In Croatia

- 5.3.1 For short-term stays of up to fourteen days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 100,- per day

- 5.3.2 For stays longer than fifteen days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

➤ € 1.500,- per month

- 5.3.3 From the above rates, Croatian host institutions will cover accommodation costs for the entire stay of Austrian scientists and experts in Croatia. For the other costs (meals), Austrian scientists and experts will receive payment personally at the

Croatian host institution of up to 170,- Croatian Kuna per day (around € 22,- per day), in conformity with Croatian national laws.

- 5.4 The sending side will assure that the scientists and experts sent have adequate health insurance coverage.