

PROTOCOL
of the Second Meeting of the Joint Board for Scientific and Technological
Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Albania
held by correspondence

(Working Programme for the years 2008- 2009)

According to the Article 9 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Albania, signed on 23 February 2005, the Second Meeting of the Slovenian-Albanian Joint Board for Scientific and Technological co-operation was held in March 2008 by correspondence.

List of representatives in charge of Slovenian- Albanian bilateral cooperation is given in Annex 1.

The institutions responsible for cooperation in science and technology between the two countries are:

In Slovenia:

Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology
Office for International Co-operation and European Affairs
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and

Slovenian Research Agency
Department for International Cooperation
Tivolska cesta 30
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In Albania:

Ministry of Education and Science
Directorate of Scientific Research
Rruga e Durrësit 23, Tirana
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Both Parties agreed on the following agenda:

1. Evaluation and selection of joint projects for the years 2008 and 2009.
2. Closing remarks:
 - 2.1. Recommendations for future actions: setting the date for the next Call for proposals.
 - 2.2. Joint fields of S&T cooperation.
 - 2.3. Place and date of the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

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The Joint Board established that six (6) proposals had been submitted on the Slovenian side and seven (7) project proposals on the Albanian side. The project proposals were peer-reviewed by both Parties according to the procedures approved at the first meeting. Based on their scientific merit the Joint Board selected the projects listed in Annex 2 for financing in the years 2008-2009.

The following rules and regulations apply with regard to the expenses:

- the sending Party covers the travel expenses between the research institutions;
- the receiving Party covers the accommodation, subsistence and local travel expenses as follows:

In Slovenia:

In case of short (up to 14 days) and long term visits (from 15 days to 3 months) Slovenian Party covers paid accommodation at the House of Postgraduates (exceptionally *** category hotel) and the amount of 15 € daily allowance.

In Albania:

In case of short term visits (maximum 14 days) 9000 Lek/day (cca. 72€), in case of long term visits (1-3 months) 120.000 Lek/month (cca. 960€) for accommodation and daily allowance.

The amounts of daily allowance may be adjusted by the receiving Party according to the regulations in force.

The Slovene-Albanian Joint Board for Scientific and Technological Co-operation approved funding of 6 projects for co-operation in the period March 2008 – 31 December 2009. The list of approved projects, number of visits and length of stays per project and per year are enclosed as Annex 2.

At the end of the project the final report on the results achieved, signed by both of the project leaders, shall be submitted to the responsible institutions.

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The Joint Board agreed that the Slovenian and the Albanian Parties shall launch the next call for proposals for the period 2010 - 2011 by the beginning of March 2009, with the deadline for submission of project proposals by June, 2009.

The applications have to be sent by the Slovenian project leaders to the Slovenian Research Agency, Department for International Cooperation and by the Albanian project leaders to the Albanian Ministry of Education and Science, Directorate of Scientific Research, respectively.

Both Parties agreed to stimulate bilateral cooperation, which could be the basis for joint participation in the FP7 of the EU and other multilateral programs.

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Parties will jointly agree upon the priority fields of S&T cooperation by means of electronic communication.

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The next meeting of the Slovenian-Albanian Joint Board will be held in Slovenia by December 2009, in order to analyse the cooperation, create favourable conditions for further cooperation, and select new projects for the years 2010 - 2011.

The stipulations of this Protocol shall come into force upon its signing and shall prevail until signing of the next protocol.

Annexes 1 and 2 are integral parts of this Protocol.

Signed by correspondence.

For the Slovenian side

Ms. Alenka Kocjan


Date:
21 MARCH 2008

For the Albanian side

Ms. Antoneta Luli


Date:
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ANNEX 1**List of representatives of both sides:****Slovenian side:**

- Ms. Alenka KOCJAN** Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Head of Bilateral Co-operation Department, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs, head of the delegation;
- Mr. Bojan JENKO** Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Directorate of Science and Higher Education, member of the delegation;
- Ms. Marjetka PRIMOŽIČ** Slovenian Research Agency, Department for International Cooperation, member of the delegation;
- Ms. Slavi KRUŠIČ** Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs, secretary of the Joint Board.

Albanian side:

- Ms. Antonieta LULI** Ministry of Education and Science, Secretary General, Head of the delegation;
- Mr. Gavrosh MUZAKA** Ministry of Education and Science, Head of International Relations Unit
- Mr. Edmond AGOLLI** Ministry of Education and Science, Director in charge of Scientific Research
- Ms. Shpresa RAMA** Ministry of Education and Science, Specialist in Directorate of Scientific Research.