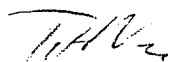


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of the 7th Meeting of the Slovenian-Austrian Joint Committee
for Scientific and Technological Cooperation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on
Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 8 May 1998
as amended by the Protocol of Amendment of 30 June 2009

Ljubljana, 28 November 2017



The 7th Meeting of the Slovenian-Austrian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 8 May 1998 as amended by the Protocol of Amendment of 30 June 2009 took place in Ljubljana on 28 November 2017.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Mr. Tit Neubauer, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia.

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 Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information on recent developments of science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme for the period 2018 - 2019
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 exchanged information on current developments of their national research policies. The Joint Committee expressed its confidence that the implementation of the bilateral programme will further contribute to the development of beneficial links between research organizations and researchers 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 Committee discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2018-2019.

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The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of co-operation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of researchers 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 Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 30 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 listed in Annex 3.

The Slovenian side will cover the costs of up to EUR 3.300 per project for the whole duration of the project. The Austrian side supports each bilateral project up to an amount of EUR 6.000 for the whole duration of the project.

The Joint Committee took into account the priorities set in the call for proposals for the period 2018-2019 and projects evaluated with high grades on both sides.

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

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding that the upcoming call 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 Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

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 1 March 2019 to 22 April 2019.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 8th Meeting of the Joint Committee in Vienna in the second half of 2019. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.


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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 Ljubljana on 28 November 2017 in two English original copies.

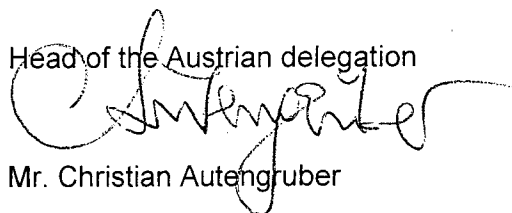
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