

## PROTOCOL

### of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Cyprus – Slovenia Committee on Research and Development

The Joint Cyprus – Slovenia Committee, established in accordance with Article 2 of the Protocol of Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Research and Development signed in Ljubljana on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2005, held its Fourth Session in Ljubljana, Slovenia on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, for the selection and approval of the joint research projects submitted in the Joint Research Cooperation Programme.

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus was headed by Dr Kalypso Sepou, Head of European Research Programmes and International Collaboration Unit, Research Promotion Foundation and the delegation of the Republic of Slovenia was headed by Ms Tea Glažar, Head of International Relations and European Affairs Office of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology. The members of the two delegations are listed in Annex I, attached to the present Protocol.

The fourth session of the Joint Cyprus – Slovenia Committee on Research and Development was characterised by constructive discussion between the two delegations and by their genuine desire to find practical and feasible means for the further development, expansion and diversification of bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and research.

The Heads of the two delegations exchanged information on the state of research in their respective countries and reviewed briefly recent developments as well as the potential for future growth. They reiterated their decision to further encourage and support the co-operation in the field of research and development on the basis of mutual benefit, according to the provisions of the present Protocol and the laws and regulations of each Party.

The discussions covered the following areas:

#### Article 1

##### Launching of a Joint Research Cooperation Programme

1. The Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency launched in April 2011 a Joint Research Cooperation Programme and invited the submission of joint research proposals by Higher Educational Institutes, Research Centres, enterprises, public and private organisations engaged in research and development activities established in the two countries.

2. The Programme's main aim was the implementation of joint research and development projects, including the exchange of results and the exchange of scientists, researchers and technical



experts. The Programme could also include the organisation and participation in meetings, conferences, symposia and workshops.

3. The Programme covered all the thematic areas.

4. 11 proposals were submitted to the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and 12 to the Slovenian Research Agency. The evaluation procedure was organised by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency. The evaluations were based on evaluation criteria agreed by the two parties.

5. Following the discussion of the evaluations results, the Joint Committee selected 5 research projects to be funded. These projects are listed in Annex II.

6. Specifically, the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus will grant to Slovenian researchers the amount of 155 euro per day for short – term stays (up to two week) and for longer duration the daily allowance will be reduced by 20%.

7. Respectively, the Slovenian Research Agency will cover costs of stay and per diems for Cyprus researchers in line with national regulation. Each project is funded up to 3000 eur per year.

8. During the implementation of the projects the terms described in the Call for Proposals will prevail.

## **Article 2**

### **Next Joint Cypriot – Slovenia Committee on Research and Development**

1. The Joint Committee agreed that the next Joint Cypriot – Slovenian Programme on Research and Development will be launched in two years.

2. The thematic priorities and the funding conditions to prevail in the next Joint Programme will be mutually agreed six months prior to the launching of the Programme.

## **Article 3**

### **Networking of Researchers**

The two parties will further promote the networking of their scientists, researchers and technical experts for collaboration in European and other Research Programmes.

## **Article 4**

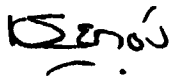
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## Implementation of Protocol

1. The activities described in this Protocol will be implemented by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency.

2. Any issues relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Protocol shall be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Contracting Parties. Both sides agreed to hold the Fifth Session of the Joint Committee in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Done and signed in Ljubljana on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, in duplicate in the English language.



For the Government of the  
Republic of Cyprus



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