

PROTOCOL

OF THE 3RD SESSION OF THE SLOVENIAN-PORTUGUESE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

In accordance with the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation signed on June 6, 2001 by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Portugal, the Slovenian-Portuguese Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation held its 3rd Session on the 20th December, 2007, in Lisbon, in order to implement the above mentioned agreement.

The delegation of the Republic of Slovenia was headed by **Ms. Alenka Kocjan**, Head of Department of Bilateral Cooperation, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs, in the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology.

The delegation of the Republic of Portugal was headed by **Mrs. Ana Maria Faísca**, Head of Department of European, Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Affairs, (FCT), in the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

The full list of names of the two delegations is given in **Annex 1**.

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. General information on S&T in Portugal and Slovenia
2. Approval of the list of selected projects submitted under the 2008/2009 call for proposals
3. Financial support for the projects approved
4. Administrative conditions of the co-operation
5. Preparation of the Working Programme for the period 2010/2011
6. Closing provisions

1. General information on S&T in Portugal and Slovenia

Heads of the Slovenian and the Portuguese Delegations gave information on the latest development in S&T policy that have taken place in Slovenia and Portugal.

Both Parties agreed on strengthening the joint activities within the framework of European scientific and technological programmes and initiatives like COST, EUREKA, and the Framework Programmes of the European Union. The Parties reinforced their earlier commitment regarding the bilateral projects since the intergovernmental co-operation offers the most effective supporting tool for joint participation in multilateral programmes. The Parties expressed their willingness to organise and support joint activities like brokerage events or project generating workshops.

2. Approval of the list of selected projects submitted under the 2008/2009 call for proposals

A total of 21 projects-proposals were submitted to both Parties, and peer-reviewed by each Side. Based on their scientific merits and the national priorities of both Parties the Joint Committee approved 16 projects listed in **Annex 2**.

3. Financial support for the projects approved

The support means that the implementing agencies will cover the **costs of the exchange of scientists** as approved by the Joint Committee and according to the sections below.

The **travel costs** to and from the receiving country shall be covered by the Sending Party. The Receiving Party will cover the **transportation costs** within its own country, in case these visits have been specified in the project and approved by the Joint Committee.

The Receiving Party shall cover the **costs of accommodation** and the **costs of living** as follows:

In case of short-term visits (maximum 14 days)

80 Euro/Day in Portugal

15 Euro/Day and accommodation in University facilities or hotel up to 100 Euro/Day in Slovenia;

in case of long-term visits (1-2 Months)

1200 Euro/Month in Portugal

465 Euro/Month/15 Euro/day and accommodation in University facilities or hotel up to 1252 Euro/Month in Slovenia.

A precondition for any exchange of researchers within the framework of this programme shall be the provision of insurance covering possible accidents and costs of medical treatment in the country of the Receiving Party.

4. Administrative conditions related to the projects

4.1 The exact **date of the planned visits** will be agreed upon directly by the principal investigators of the project. The combined schedule of the visits and the number of flights concerning to a particular project, however, cannot be modified without a decision of the Joint Committee or the consent of the respective implementing agencies through a previous exchange of letters.

4.2 The arrangement of the **accommodation** shall be the care of the host scientist institution.

4.3 **Any further data** regarding the visiting scientist, needed by the receiving implementing agencies, shall be obtained through the counterparts of the visiting scientist.

4.4 The visiting scientist shall get his or her **per diem** from his or her host scientist institution in the receiving country.

4.5 At the end of the fiscal year an **annual report** on the tasks fulfilled has to be presented. At the end of the project a **final report** on the results achieved, has to be submitted to the implementing sides.

5. Preparation of the Working Programme for the period 2010/2011

The Joint Committee agreed to publish the next call for proposals in April, 2009 with a deadline of submission of common projects at the end of June, 2009. A decision will be made by the Joint Committee during December of 2009.

6. Closing provisions

6.1 The **Implementing Agencies** responsible for the cooperation in science and technology between the two countries are:

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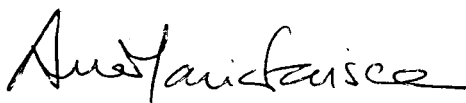
6.2 The above Parties agree that both of them do have the right to **publish** unilaterally the results or findings of the joint research annually or biannually. These publications shall be based on the reports submitted by the researchers to the above Parties.

6.3 The Parties agreed to hold the **4th session** of the Joint Committee in Ljubljana in December of 2009. The exact date of the Session shall be determined directly or via diplomatic channels.

6.4 The stipulations of this document shall come into force upon its signing and shall prevail until 31 December 2009 or until a new Working Programme will be signed, whichever comes later.

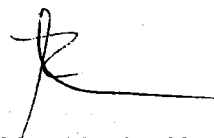
Signed in Lisbon, on 20th December, 2007, in two copies in English, each of them being equally valid.

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