

## PROTOCOL

### of the Fifth Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the Republic of Slovenia and Romania, held by correspondence

#### Working Programme for the years 2012- 2013

According to the article 2 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of Romania, signed at Bled on May 12, 2000, the Fifth Meeting of the Slovenian-Romanian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological co-operation was held in December 2011 by correspondence.

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#### **Both Parties agreed on the following agenda:**

1. Evaluation and selection of joint projects for the years 2012 and 2013
2. Closing remarks:
  - 2.1. Recommendations for future actions: setting the date for the next Call for proposals
  - 2.2. Place and date of the next meeting of the Joint Committee

## **Ad 1/**

The Joint Committee established that twenty seven (27) proposals had been submitted on the Slovenian side and twenty six (26) project proposals on the Romanian side. Two project proposals, received by both parties were rejected by the Slovenian side for formal reasons, two project proposals received by the Slovenian side applied only in Slovenia and one project proposal received by the Romanian side applied only in Romania. 23 (twenty-three) project proposals were thus considered for co-funding. The project proposals were peer-reviewed by both Parties according to the procedures approved at the first meeting. According to the provisions of the Joint Call, project proposals with new partnerships are being encouraged by both Parties. Towards this aim and based on the scientific merit of the project proposals, the Joint Committee selected 16 projects, listed in **Annex 1**, for financing in the period January 2012 - December 2013.

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

- the sending Party covers the travel expenses between the collaborating research institutions;
- the receiving Party covers the costs of accommodation and the costs of living as follows:

### **In Slovenia:**

The Slovenian side will cover costs of up to 1.875 EUR per project per year.

The Slovenian Party covers the costs of stay of the Romanian researcher in the amount of 21,39 € per diem as a daily allowance and separately the cost of accommodation (according to the legislation into force).

### **In Romania:**

The financial support offered by the Romanian side is limited up to 2 visits per year per project as follows: one short visit (maximum 14 days) for one member of the research team and one long visit (maximum of 1 month) for one member of the research team, preferably a PhD student or postdoc;

The Romanian Party covers the costs of stay of the Slovenian researcher in the amount of 60 Lei per diem as a daily allowance and separately the cost of accommodation (according to the legislation into force).

The travel costs inside the country, which are in the project interest, are also covered according to the Romanian legislation and provisions into force.

At the end of the first year the mid-term report on the progress made during the year, shall be submitted to the responsible institutions by January 2013.

At the end of the project the final report on the results achieved shall be submitted to the responsible institutions from both countries.

At the next meeting the Joint Committee shall analyse the outcome of the cooperation, based on the final reports, submitted to the responsible institutions.

**Ad 2.1/**

a) The Joint Committee agreed that the Slovenian and the Romanian Parties shall launch the next call for proposals for the period 2014 -2015 by the beginning of March 2013, with the deadline for submission of project proposals by June, 2013.

The applications have to be sent by the Slovenian project leaders to the Slovenian Research Agency and by the Romanian project leaders to the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research respectively.

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

b) The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation of young scientists especially at the postdoctoral level.

c) Other forms of cooperation could be agreed upon during the lifetime of this Working Programme.

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

e) In the next call priority will be given to new partnerships between new R&D entities and organizations from Slovenia and Romania.

**Ad. 2.2/**

The next meeting of the Slovenian-Romanian Joint Committee will be held in Romania by December 2013, in order to analyse the cooperation, create favourable conditions for further cooperation, and select new projects for the years 2014-2015.

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

**Annex 1 is integral part of this Protocol.**

Signed by correspondence.

**For the  
Slovenian side**

  
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Date: 22<sup>th</sup> December 2011

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Date: December 29, 2011