

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the Fourth Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological**  
**Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and Romania**

**Working Programme for the years 2010-2011**

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 Fourth Meeting of the Slovenian-Romanian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological cooperation was held in Ljubljana on September 29, 2009 in order to implement the above mentioned agreement.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Mr. Peter Volasko, Head of Office for International Cooperation, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology.

The Romanian delegation was headed by Ms. Anca Ghinescu, Director, Department of European Integration and International Cooperation, National Authority for Scientific Research, Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation.

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

The Joint Commission adopted the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information on current issues in Science and Technology
2. Selection and approval of the project proposals
3. Financial support for the approved projects
4. Preparation of the next Working Programme
5. Closing provisions

**Ad 1. Exchange of information on current issues in Science and Technology**

The two delegations exchanged information on the latest developments in the R&D sector in their respective countries. The experience stemming from bilateral and multilateral cooperation (including participation in international R&D programmes) of the two countries was exchanged. Both delegations expressed their confidence that the implementation of the Working Programme for the years 2010-2011 will contribute significantly to the development of beneficial links between S&T institutions, universities and scientists of both countries. The delegations agreed to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU Programmes.

**Ad 2. Selection and approval of the project proposals**

The Joint Committee established that twenty six (26) proposals had been submitted on the Slovenian side and twenty five (25) project proposals on the Romanian side. The project

proposals were peer-reviewed by both Parties according to the procedures approved at the first meeting. The Slovene-Romanian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation approved funding of **12** projects for cooperation in the period January 2010 - December 2011. 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 first year the mid-term report on the progress made during the year, shall be submitted to the responsible institutions by January 2011.

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.

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

### **Ad 3. Financial support for the approved projects**

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:**

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

#### **In Romania:**

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 and local travel expenses, according to the legislation into force.

Other categories of costs, besides the mobility costs are as well eligible, according to the Romanian legislation and provisions into force.

### **Ad 4. Preparation of the next Working Programme**

a) The Joint Committee agreed that the Slovenian and the Romanian Parties shall launch the next call for proposals for the period 2012 -2013 by the beginning of March 2011, with the deadline for submission of project proposals by June, 2011.

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 FP7 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.

#### **Ad5. Closing provisions**

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 Cooperation  
Kotnikova 38, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Phone: +386 (1) 478-4676  
Fax: +386 (1) 478-4719  
Internet: [www.mvzt.gov.si](http://www.mvzt.gov.si)

and

Slovenian Research Agency  
Department for International Cooperation  
Tivolska cesta 30  
Phone: +386 (1) 400 59 70  
Fax: +386 (1) 400 59 57  
Internet: [www.arrs.si](http://www.arrs.si)

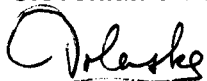
##### **In Romania:**

Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation  
National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS)  
21-25, Mendeleev Str., 010362, Bucharest 1, Romania  
Department of European Integration and International Cooperation  
Phone: +40.21.318.30.65  
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The next meeting of the Slovenian-Romanian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation will be held in Romania by December 2011, in order to analyse the cooperation, create favourable conditions for further cooperation, and select new projects for the years 2012-2013.

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

**For the  
Slovenian side**



**Mr. Peter Volasko**

**For the  
Romanian side**



**Ms. Anca Ghinescu**

*ANNEX 1*

**List of participants**

**Slovenian Delegation:**

- Mag. Peter Volasko Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Head of Office for International Cooperation, Head of the delegation;
- Dr. Primož Pristovšek Slovenian Research Agency, Head of Department for International Cooperation, Member of the delegation;
- Ms. Slavi KRUŠIČ Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Office for International Cooperation, Secretary of the Joint Committee.

**Romanian Delegation :**

- Ms. Anca Ghinescu Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation, National Authority for Scientific Research, Director, Department of European Integration and International Cooperation, Head of the delegation;
- Prof. Dr. Vasile Lungu Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation, National Authority for Scientific Research, counsellor, Department of European Integration and International Cooperation, Secretary of the Joint Committee;
- Mr. Emil Incze Embassy of Romania in Ljubljana, Economic Counsellor.