

PROTOCOL

of the 6th 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

Vienna, 14 December 2015

The 6th 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 Vienna on 14 December 2015.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Ms. Tea Glazar, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Ms. Evelyn von Bülow, 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 science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme
3. Selection of projects for the period 2016-2017
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2018-2019
5. Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

Ad 1 Exchange of information on science and research

Both sides supplied 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 scientific

institutions and scientists 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 2015-2017

The Joint Committee discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2015-2017.

The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of co-operation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of scientists and experts as well as financial regulations.

A copy of the Work Programme for the Years 2015-2017 is attached as part of this Protocol at Annex 2.

Ad 3 Selection of projects for the period 2016-2017

The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 25 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017 listed in Annex 3. Project number 26 (Annex 3) will be accepted if the Austrian evaluation will be positive (40 points or above).

The Slovenian side will cover the costs of up to EUR 3.000,- per project for the whole duration of the project. The Austrian side supports each bilateral project up to an amount of EUR 7.000,- (EUR 3.500,- per project year).

The Joint Committee took into account the priorities set in the call for proposals for the period 2016-2017 and projects evaluated with high grades on both sides.

Ad 4 Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2018-2019

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding that upcoming calls 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 3 March 2017 to 31 May 2017.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 7th Meeting of the Joint Committee in Ljubljana in the second half of 2017. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Ad 5 Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2017. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Vienna on 14 December 2015 in two English original copies.

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