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**PROTOCOL**  
**of the Joint Committee Meeting**  
**of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and**  
**the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey**  
**Ljubljana, 8 May 2019**

Based on the Agreement on Co-operation in Science and Technology between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, signed in Ljubljana on April 19, 2001, and on the call for proposals for joint research projects, announced by the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) and the Scientific Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) respectively in 2018, the Joint Committee held its session in Ljubljana on 8 May 2019, in order to select the projects submitted within the above mentioned call for proposals.

The delegation of the Republic of Slovenia was headed by Dr Meta DOBNIKAR, Head of Science Division, of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MESS).

The delegation of Turkey was headed by Mr Alpaslan Mete KARACA, Head of Bilateral and Multilateral Relations Division, TÜBİTAK.

The list of the two delegations is given in Annex I.

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. General information from both sides: recent news, state of play of R&D in both countries, etc.
2. Exchange of information on joint calls for proposals: procedures, evaluations etc.
3. Call for proposals 2019: assessment and selection of projects
4. Next call for proposals: concept, schedule and topics
5. Conclusions and record of decisions

**1. General information from both sides: recent news, state of play of R&D in both countries, etc.**

Both parties expressed their satisfaction that the Joint Committee met in person for the first time after the signing of the Agreement on Co-operation in Science and Technology between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey in 2001.

The parties exchanged information on the latest developments of the R&D institutional system as well as on the international scientific cooperation of their respective countries.

**2. Exchange of information on joint calls for proposals: procedures, evaluations etc.**

The parties exchanged information on their procedures related to the call for proposals as well as on the respective evaluation procedures.

**3. Call for proposals 2019: assessment and selection of projects**

The Slovenian side received 30 (thirty) proposals while the Turkish side received 29 (twenty nine) proposals for joint research projects.

29 joint project proposals were evaluated on both sides. Based on the results of the evaluations on both sides the Joint Committee came to an agreement to co-finance 4 matching project proposals, submitted to the joint call. The approved projects are listed in Annex II, which is an integral part of this Protocol.

The approved projects will be jointly funded in the period from 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2022 by the ARRS and up to three years by TÜBİTAK.

**4. Next call for proposals: concept, schedule and topics**

The Joint Committee agreed to publish the next call for proposals in October 2019 with the deadline for submission of project proposals in 19 December 2019. The selection of projects will be made not later than April 2020.

In order to encourage international networks between promising young researchers, the parties agreed to give priority to joint project proposals led by early career researchers who completed their PhD within less than five years.

The parties agreed as well that priority will be given to project proposals that haven't received funding in the last three joint calls for proposals, namely for the periods 2018–2021, 2017–2019, 2016–2018.

Signed in Ljubljana and Ankara in two original copies in English language.

FOR THE SLOVENIAN SIDE

FOR THE TURKISH SIDE

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15.5.2019

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16.5.2019

## ANNEX II

| Nr | Slovenian Partner   | Turkish Partner   | Project Title   | Funding TUBITAK (TL) | Funding ARRS (EUR) |
|----|---|---|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Roman Jerela<br>National Institute of Chemistry   | Urartu Özgür Şafak Şeker<br>Bilkent University<br>UNAM                  | Engineering Designed Coiled-Coiled Proteins-Biofilm Hybrids As Advanced Tissue engineering Scaffolds  | 633.567              | 12.000             |
| 2  | Nataša Poklar Ulrih<br>University of Ljubljana,<br>Biotechnical Faculty                       | Derya Arslan<br>Necmettin Erbakan<br>University                         | Unsaturated fatty acid esters of phenolics acids, terpenic acids and flavonoid aglycones: Evaluation for their antioxidant efficiency in different lipid matrices | 621.850              | 12.000             |
| 3  | Brigita Ferčec<br>University of Maribor,<br>Faculty of energy<br>technology                   | İknur Kusbeyzi<br>Aybar<br>Yeditepe University,<br>Faculty of Education | Dynamical analysis of biochemical systems using the methods of computational algebra  | 79.600               | 12.000             |
| 4  | Tomaž Urbic<br>University of Ljubljana,<br>Faculty of Chemistry<br>and Chemical<br>Technology | Gokhan Kacar<br>Trakya University                                       | Anomalous properties of water and alcohols studied by dissipative particle dynamics   | 222.353              | 12.000             |

**List of participants**

**Slovenian delegation:**

- Dr Meta DOBNIKAR, Head of Science Division, Science Directorate, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport,
- Ms Mojca BOC, Head of Department of Research Infrastructure and International Cooperation, Slovenian Research Agency
- Ms Tatjana JURKOVIČ, International Cooperation and European Affairs Service, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

**Turkish delegation:**

- Mr Alpaslan Mete KARACA, Head of Bilateral and Multilateral Relations Division, TÜBİTAK
- Ms Burcu KAPTAN, Expert, TÜBİTAK