

PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

In pursuance of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") concluded on January 31, 1995, at New Delhi, between the Government of the Republic of India Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, both Parties have agreed upon the following Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "POC"), for the duration 2014 -2016.

### 1. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, on behalf of the Indian Party and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the Slovenian Research Agency on behalf of the Slovenian Party shall be the implementing agencies for the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and in particular for this POC.

### 2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The broad subject areas of cooperation shall be:

- a) Engineering, Sustainable Building Industry and Manufacturing Technologies
- b) Energy Efficient Technologies & Solutions including effective use of energy (smart grids etc.)
- c) Health, Biotechnology including Food research
- d) New materials including polymers
- e) Low-carbon technologies (hydrogen and lithium batteries)
- f) Information and Communication Technology
- g) Biosensors, instrumentation and process control
- h) Chemistry and biology of proteins

Parties especially encourage the cooperation between Indian Global Innovative Technology Alliance, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia as well as Slovene Competence Centres and Centres of Excellence.

### 3. JOINT WORKING GROUP

3.1 According to the Article 5 of the Agreement the Parties have established a Joint Working Group for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (JWG), which consists of a Chairperson and members from both Parties.

3.2 The task of the JWG shall include creation of favourable conditions for implementation of the "Agreement" and "POC", and for examining and deciding on issues related to the use of the results, technologies, products etc. realised during the joint work carried out under the Agreement.

- 3.3 The JWG shall meet once every two years, or as and when required, by mutual consent, alternately in Slovenia and in India. In case of necessity, the representatives of the Parties may organise a short meeting between two consecutive sessions of the JWG.

#### 4. EXCHANGE VISITS

- 4.1 The Parties shall encourage exchange of scientist, researchers, experts and specialists for
- a) Implementation of identified joint projects (one short visit up to 10 days and one long visit up to 1 month each year in each direction);

#### 5. JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 5.1 Both Parties shall support joint scientific projects based on mutual interest. Joint research projects shall aim at developing applicable technology and lead to the dissemination of research results and establishing contacts with industry for the follow up of research and development work.
- 5.2 Project proposals shall continue to be received annually or biannually. Project proposals should be submitted simultaneously, through a joint Call for Projects using their respective (Slovenian and Indian) application forms duly signed by the Slovenian and Indian project leaders and institution directors, and approved at regular meetings or exchange of communications on the basis of the evaluations conducted by each Party. The application forms shall be designed according to the internal rules of each Party with certain basic common requirements jointly agreed by the Parties.
- 5.3 Scientific and technological information of non-proprietary nature deriving from the co-operation under this POC shall not be disclosed to any third Party without prior written consent of both Parties and co-operating organizations, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both Parties and co-operating organizations in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries.
- 5.4 The protection of intellectual property rights shall be subjected to laws and regulations of the respective countries and international treaties to which both Parties are engaged.

#### 6. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Following are the financial terms for the visits of the scientists between India and Slovenia under the approved programme:

- i) The objectives of this POC shall be implemented keeping in view the financial capacity of the Parties and in accordance with laws and regulations in their respective countries.
- ii) The sending Party shall cover all related costs connected with international travel to the state of the receiving Party and back and subsistence costs including lodging and boarding for persons sent pursuant to this POC according to their own regulations and allowances.
- iii) The sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists including medical care.
- iv) Local organizational expenses including accommodation, food, pick from and dropping at the airport etc. for the mutually agreed workshops and conferences etc. shall be paid by the host country.

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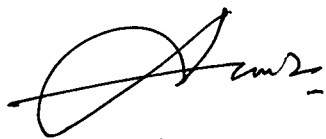
## 7. LEGAL ASPECTS, VALIDITY, AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

- 7.1. Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this POC shall be settled through bilateral negotiations between the Parties.
- 7.2 This POC shall enter into force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its signing and shall remain in force during 2014-2016. The POC shall be renewed automatically for further period of six months, unless either Party notifies the other in writing through the diplomatic channels of its intentions to terminate it. The termination or suspension of the POC shall be effective in six months following the date of the written notice.
- 7.3 This POC may be amended at any time by mutual consent of both Parties in writing.
- 7.4 The termination of this POC shall not affect any joint project or any other cooperative activity undertaken under this POC and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this POC.

## 8. NEXT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- 8.1 The Parties agreed to define the launching date for the next call for proposals for joint research projects by correspondence as well as the date of the next meeting of the Joint Working Group.

Done in New Delhi and Ljubljana, respectively, on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in two originals in English.



For the Ministry of Science  
and Technology of the  
Republic of India



For the Ministry of Education,  
Science and Sport of the  
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