

PROTOCOL
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND HUNGARY

held by correspondence in February 2017

In accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement between the Government of Hungary and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on Scientific and Technological Co-operation, signed on January 25, 2002, in Zagreb, the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia and the National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") established the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Committee"), in order to implement the above mentioned Agreement.

The Agreement is coordinated by the Ministry of Science and Education in Croatia and the National Research, Development and Innovation Office in Hungary.

1. Review of project proposals of Croatian and Hungarian research institutions for the period 2017 – 2018

1.1. Selection of projects

The Croatian executive agency responsible for the overall management of this Protocol, the Ministry of Science and Education has received **36** project proposals. After the eligibility check **35** projects were accepted and sent for evaluation.

The Hungarian executive agency being responsible for the overall management of this Protocol, the National Research, Development and Innovation Office has received **39** project proposals. After the eligibility check **30** projects were accepted and sent for evaluation.

Both Parties ranked the project proposals according to their internal procedures of review. On the basis of the scientific merits of the proposals, as measured by a peer review, and the mutual interest of the Parties, the Joint Committee decided to support **10** projects listed in *Annex 1*.

1.2. Financial conditions

The executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol will cover the costs of the exchange of scientists as follows:

CROATIAN SIDE:

The Croatian Side will fund the travel costs of Croatian researchers and provide 100 EUR daily allowance or 1.000 EUR monthly allowance for the visiting scientists.

HUNGARIAN SIDE:

The Hungarian Side will fund the travel costs of Hungarian researchers and provide 30.000 HUF daily allowance or 300.000 HUF monthly allowance for the visiting scientists.

1.3. Administrative conditions

At the end of each year a report on the progress made during the year shall be submitted to the executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol.

At the end of the project a final report on the results achieved shall be submitted to the executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol.

The reports might be evaluated by the Joint Committee in its forthcoming session.

2. Preparation of the next Call for Proposals for the period 2019 – 2020

2.1. Priority Fields of Co-operation

The Joint Committee identified the following fields as areas of priority for the next phase of co-operation:

- Life sciences
- Agricultural sciences, biotechnology
- Environmental sciences
- Energy saving technologies
- Information technologies, engineering, automation

Priority will also be given to those project proposals that envisage a broader co-operation in the framework of EU Framework Programmes (Horizon2020) and other European initiatives (such as EUREKA, COST).

2.2. Procedure for the selection of projects to be supported for 2019-2020

The executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol will publish the call for proposals at least eight months prior to the forthcoming session of the Joint Committee.

Research projects will be developed jointly by researchers from scientific institutions in the two countries. The researchers will then submit these proposals to the respective executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol. The deadline for submission will be at least one month after the publication of the call for proposals; the exact date will be agreed by the executive agencies.

The executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol will exchange the lists containing the basic data of the project proposals submitted to them. The executive agencies will review and assess the project proposals according to their internal procedures. The Joint Committee will select the projects to be funded during its forthcoming session.

3. Closing Provisions

The executive agencies responsible for the overall management of this Protocol are

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Decisions on the utilisation of the results achieved in joint projects and on the possible registration of intellectual property rights (patents, utilisable models, industrial design, etc.) will be made in conformity with the internal laws and regulations of the countries of origin of the researchers, on the basis of mutual agreements reached by the co-operating institutes.

The Parties agree to hold the next meeting of the Joint Committee in Budapest, in the fourth quarter of 2018. The exact date of the meeting shall be agreed via correspondence.

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

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