

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND ICT**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**  
**ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Science and Education of Republic of Croatia and the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea, (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”),

**Recalling** the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Korea on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture, Science, Education, Arts and Sports signed in Zagreb on 15 June 2012,

**Realizing** the important role of science and technology in developing the economies of the two countries;

**Wishing** to develop and strengthen cooperation in science and technology on the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

**Promoting** the development of friendly relations between the two countries;

**Intending** to promote effective and dynamic cooperation between scientific organizations and individual researchers of the two countries;

Have reached the following understanding:

**PARAGRAPH 1**

The Participants will develop and strengthen cooperation in the fields of science and technology based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit by creating the necessary organizational and economic conditions.

## **PARAGRAPH 2**

1. Cooperation in the framework of the present Memorandum will be conducted in compliance with the international obligations of the Participants and in accordance with the laws of their states.
2. This Memorandum is not intended to create any legally binding rights or obligations under international law.
3. This Memorandum will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Participants.

## **PARAGRAPH 3**

The Participants will encourage developing of long-term cooperation in science and technology directly between the scientific organizations of the two countries based on arrangements established by them.

## **PARAGRAPH 4**

1. The Participants will render comprehensive assistance towards cooperation of scientific organizations of the both countries in accordance with the priority areas of science and technology of their states and for this purpose determine the following areas:
  - a. ICT;
  - b. Energy;
  - c. Life Sciences;
  - d. Bioeconomy;
  - e. Environment;
  - f. New materials and nano-technology;
2. Priorities of cooperation may be changed by mutual arrangement between the Parties.

## **PARAGRAPH 5**

Within the framework of the present Memorandum, the cooperation between the Participants will be implemented in accordance with the current legislation of their states in the following forms:

- a. Execution of joint research and development projects, including exchange of research results and exchange of scientists, specialists and researchers;
- b. Organizing and participating in joint scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc.;
- c. Exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation;
- d. Joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipment;
- e. Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation of the mutual arrangement of the Parties.

## **PARAGRAPH 6**

1. Participants will establish a joint committee on science and technology (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee") at the Director-General level.

2. The Joint Committee will create a favorable environment for the implementation of this Memorandum, decide upon the specific areas of cooperation, and suggest and approve projects and programs, in order to foster and support the various cooperative activities stipulated in Paragraph 5.

3. The Joint Committee may adopt its own procedures.

4. Meetings of the Joint Committee will be held every two years or when requested by either Participant, on a mutually determined date, alternately in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Korea.

#### **PARAGRAPH 7**

Within the framework of the Paragraph 4 of the present Memorandum, the Participants will promote effective cooperation between the scientific organizations of the both countries and will undertake the following activities:

- a. considering the concrete science and technology projects of mutual interest;
- b. supporting partner search for joint science and technology projects;
- c. jointly determining the procedures and conditions for financing science and technology projects and using their results, as well as for evaluating the technology and economic efficiency of implementation of these projects;
- d. rendering assistance in concluding arrangements in course of joint implementation of science and technology projects including the necessary organizational support;
- e. carrying out promotional activities necessary for advancement of science and technology cooperation.

#### **PARAGRAPH 8**

Intellectual property rights generated within the present Memorandum will be protected in line with the national law of the Participants' states and their international obligations.

The Participants guarantee proper consideration to protection, use and enforcement of intellectual property rights arising from the cooperative activities under the present Memorandum and will consult with each other for this purpose when necessary.

#### **PARAGRAPH 9**

1. Science and technology information resulted from joint activities within the present Memorandum, except for confidential commercial information, can be transferred to third participants if mutually agreed by the Participants in writing and in accordance with the existing legislation of each Participant and regulations of the collaborating organizations.

2. The results of research and development, as well as of the other joint activities carried out under the present Memorandum will be equally distributed between the Participants and will not be disclosed to third participants, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Participants.

**PARAGRAPH 10**

Differences on interpretation and (or) application of the provisions of the present Memorandum, will be resolved through negotiations and consultations between the Participants.

**PARAGRAPH 11**

The present Memorandum may be amended and (or) added upon mutual consent between the Participants in the form of separate arrangements which will be deemed as integral parts of the present Memorandum and become effective in accordance with the present Memorandum.


**PARAGRAPH 12**

The present Memorandum will become effective on the date of its signature by the Participants; and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. The present Memorandum will be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years. Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum at any time upon six (6) months' written notice to the other Participant.

The termination of the present Memorandum will not affect the implementation of the joint projects, programs and other arrangements launched under the present Memorandum, but not yet completed at the time of its termination, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

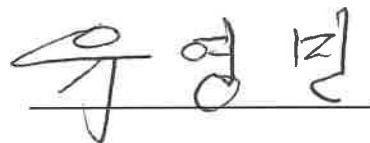
Signed in duplicate in Gwacheon on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Science  
and Education  
of the Republic of Croatia**



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