

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation**  
**between the Republic of Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina**

In accordance with the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, signed on 28 September 1995 and on the basis of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on cooperation in culture, education and science, signed on 19 October 1999 in Ljubljana, the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Committee was held in March 2021 by correspondence.

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The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Review of project proposals of Bosnian and Herzegovinian and Slovenian research institutions for the period 2021 – 2023 and selection of projects
2. Financing of Selected Projects
3. Preparations of the Working programme for the next period
4. Closing provisions

### ***1. Review of project proposals 2021 – 2023 and selection of projects***

The Slovenian side received 47 projects proposals while the Bosnian and Herzegovinian side received 49 proposals for joint research projects. Two of them were rejected by Slovenian side and 9 projects were rejected by the Bosnia and Herzegovina side for eligibility reasons.

Project proposals were reviewed by both sides. 37 project proposals were considered for co-funding.

Based on the results of the evaluation of project proposals the Joint Committee came to an agreement that 37 projects listed in Annex I, which is an integral part of this Protocol, would be jointly funded in the period from 1 July, 2021 to 30 June, 2023.

### ***2. Financial support for the approved projects***

The implementing institutions in charge of cooperation in science and technology between the two countries shall administer the exchange of scientists, i.e. travel and accommodation costs in accordance with the following mutually agreed provisions:

The receiving Party shall bear the costs of accommodation (in accordance with the applicable regulations) as well as the travel costs on its territory that are necessary for the implementation of the project.

The sending Party shall bear the cost of per diems and international transport between the headquarters of the cooperating institutions.

The Slovenian side will finance the costs of international transport for young researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, for longer visits to the Republic of Slovenia (1-3 months), in addition

to accommodation and per diems, in the most economical way, taking into account the price and time spent.

The Slovenian side will finance approved projects according to amounts in Annex 1, in Bosnia and Herzegovina the authorized institutions (Federal Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development, Higher Education and Information Society of Republic of Srpska) will finance projects up to 2.000 BAM (1024.75 EUR) per year.

The selected projects will be funded in accordance with the financial capabilities of the entity ministries responsible for science.

### ***3. Preparations of the Working Program for the next period***

3.1. The Joint Committee agreed to publish the next call for proposals not later than spring 2023 with the deadline for submission of project proposals not later than summer 2023. The selection of projects will be made by the Joint Committee in the autumn of 2023. The projects approved by the Joint Committee will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

3.2. At the next call for proposals priority will be given to the new research teams.

3.3. The priority fields of cooperation will be agreed by the parties through correspondence and will be based on the national priorities in the field of science and research.

3.4. The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation of early career researchers.

3.5. The parties agreed that the aim of the projects is to intensify cooperation among researchers in Horizon Europe.


### ***4. Closing provisions***

4.1. The provisions stated in the document are valid from the day of signing and are valid until the signing of the next protocol.

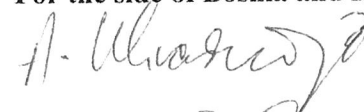
4.2. The 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Co-operation will be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina in autumn 2023. The exact date of the meeting will be fixed by correspondence.

Signed by correspondence in two copies in English language.

**For the Slovenian side:**

  
Ljubljana, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**For the side of Bosnia and Herzegovina:**

  
Sarajevo, 02 June 2021

