PROTOCOL

of the 8th Meeting of the Slovenian – Austrian Joint Committee
for Scientific and Technological Cooperation implementing the Agreement between the
Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on
Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 8 May 1998
as amended by the Protocol of Amendment of 30 June 2009

Vienna, 4 December 2019

The 8th Meeting of the Slovenian – Austrian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 8 May 1998 as amended by the Protocol of Amendment of 30 June 2009, took place in Vienna, 4 December 2019.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Ms. Meta Dobnikar, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Mr. Christian Autengruber, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

The set-up of the two delegations can be found in Annex 1.

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:
1. Exchange of information on recent developments of science and research
2. Discussion and adoption of the Work Programme 2020-2021
3. Selection of projects for the period 2020-2021
4. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2022-2023
5. Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

Ad 1   Exchange of information on science and research
Both sides exchanged information on current developments of their national research policies. The Joint Committee expressed its confidence that the implementation of the bilateral programme will further contribute to the development of beneficial links between research institutions and researchers of both countries and will enable them to use their scientific potential more efficiently and fruitfully in regional as well as multilateral projects. Both sides reached an understanding to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU projects.

Ad 2   Adoption of the Work Programme for the Years 2020 - 2021
The Joint Committee discussed and adopted the Work Programme for the Years 2020 - 2021.

The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of co-operation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of researchers and experts as well as financial regulations.

A copy of the Work Programme for the Years 2020 - 2021 is attached as part of this Protocol as Annex 2.

Ad 3   Selection of projects for the period 2020-2021

The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 32 cooperation projects lasting from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021 listed in Annex 3.

Ad 4   Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2022-2023

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding that upcoming calls for proposals will be published in principal on a biennial basis by the responsible institutions at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

The Parties also agreed to send the list of eligible proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the call.

The call for project proposals will be open in spring 2021. Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 9th Meeting of the Joint Committee in Slovenia in the second half of 2021. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Ad 5   Adoption and Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31 December 2021. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

Done in Vienna, on 4 December 2019 in two English original copies.

Head of the Slovenian delegation   Head of the Austrian delegation

Ms. Meta Dobnikar   Mr. Christian Autengruber

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Republic of Slovenia   and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria