

DECISION DOCUMENT
on co-funding of Slovak – Serbian joint research projects
in the period 2017 – 2018
held by correspondence in 2017

I. Introduction

Based on the Agreement between the Government of the Slovak Republic and Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, signed on February 26, 2001 in Bratislava, on the DECISION DOCUMENT on co-funding of Slovak – Serbian joint research projects in the period 2015 – 2016 held by correspondence in January 2015 and on the Call for submitting proposals for common research and development projects supporting the collaboration between organizations in the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Serbia announced by the Slovak Research and Development Agency and by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development in 2016, the two Parties realize:

II. Evaluation of joint Slovak – Serbian project proposals

The Slovak Party received 55 (fifty-five) proposals for joint research projects, 3 (three) of them did not pass the formal control. The Serbian Party received 53 (fifty-three) proposals for joint research projects, 1 (one) of them did not pass formal conditions.

The project proposals were peer reviewed by each Party.

52 (fifty-two) project proposals were thus considered for co-funding.

III. Approval of joint Slovak – Serbian projects for funding in 2017 - 2018

Based on the results of the evaluation of the project proposals both Parties came to an agreement that according to the peer review screening 17 projects listed in Annex I, which is an integral part of this Decision Document, shall be jointly funded for the period of maximum two years. The research mobility exchanges for both parties should be finished up to December 31, 2018 at the latest.

Administrative conditions of cooperation

Slovak researchers are required to present annually to the Slovak Research and Development Agency and Serbian researchers to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development a comprehensive report dealing with joint work performed within each project during the given year according to the requirements of the responsible institutions.

Upon termination of the project a final report of the results achieved will be submitted to the responsible institutions.

Regarding the publication of the achievements of the joint work and on the possible registration of the intellectual property rights, decisions will be made in conformity to the laws and rules in effect in each country, on the basis of mutual agreements reached in due time by participating institutions.

Financial support to the approved projects will be granted by both Parties.

The Slovak Party will finance mobility costs for each project up to the maximum of 2350 €/calendar year/project and 4700€ for full period of the project realization/project.

The Slovak Party will provide:

- travel expenses up to the level of economy class return air ticket price for Slovak researchers to travel to the Republic of Serbia;
- health insurance for Slovak researchers during their stay in the Republic of Serbia;
- daily allowances for Serbian researchers in the Slovak Republic in accordance with the Slovak Law on Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (Art. 283/2002);
- accommodation for Serbian researchers in Slovakia up to maximum 100 €/night);
- possible relevant travel expenses, daily allowances and accommodation for Slovak researchers who accompany Serbian researchers in Slovakia
- conference fees
- other relevant expenses connected to travel and transportation services (visa fees ...)

The Serbian Party will finance costs for each project up to 2000 €/calendar year/project and up to 4000 € for full period of the project duration/project.

The Serbian Party will provide:

- travel expenses to the Slovak Republic for Serbian researchers up to the level of return air ticket price – economy class
- accommodation and daily allowances up to 100 €/night for Slovak researchers in the Republic of Serbia and local travel costs;
- the Serbian researchers who perform exchange visits on the basis of this document should arrange adequate insurance for emergency, illness or accidents for the time of their stay in the Slovak Republic, prior to their arrival

In case that either of the Parties is not able to provide financial support for certain year, the Party in question will inform the other Party of this situation in writing.

In such case, the Party able to provide financial support may decide to cover all costs of visits just of their scientists to the partner country, including travel costs, daily allowances, accommodation and insurance if appropriate. Daily allowances, accommodation and insurance should be covered within the limits of the approved project funding. The final decision for such occasional change of the financial conditions of the project will be taken by the national funding organization.

IV. The National Institutions in charge of coordination and implementation of this Decision Document are:

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V. Date and place of the next Joint Commission Meeting

The Parties agreed that the next Call for Proposals for the period of 2019 - 2020 will be announced in the first half of 2018 if appropriate.

The next meeting of the Slovak – Serbian Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation will be agreed via correspondence.

The two Parties agreed to exchange the texts of their respective Calls for Proposals in the English language no later than 7 days prior to their publication. The Parties also agreed to send the list of proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the Call.

The present Decision Document was signed by correspondence in February 2017, in two copies in the English language.

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