

ADDENDUM TO THE PROTOCOL
ON CO-OPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
BETWEEN
THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF TURKEY
(TÜBİTAK)
AND
THE FOUNDATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FCT)

Established between the following partners:

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as TÜBİTAK), located at Atatürk Bulvarı, No: 221, Kavaklıdere, Ankara, Turkey
- The Foundation of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “FCT”), located at Av. D. Carlos I, 126, 1249-074, Lisboa, Portugal

referred to hereinafter jointly as “the Parties” and singularly as “Party”.

The purpose of this Addendum to the Protocol, signed between TÜBİTAK and FCT representatives on 2 April 2014, is to set out the general guidelines of the Joint Funding Scheme to support joint research projects of Turkish and Portuguese researchers within the framework of the Protocol on Co-operation in Science and Technology between TÜBİTAK and FCT.

Implementation plan of the Joint Funding Scheme

I. Application

1. The Portuguese and Turkish researchers shall write a joint proposal which shall be submitted by the partner researchers to FCT and TÜBİTAK simultaneously.
2. Portuguese researchers should submit the project proposal form to FCT and Turkish researchers should apply for funding via the online submission system: uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr.
3. The Turkish researchers have to apply for funding in accordance with TÜBİTAK rules and the Portuguese researchers in accordance with FCT rules.
4. TÜBİTAK and FCT will launch a specific call for proposals dedicated to Turkish-Portuguese projects in accordance with the timetable determined in this Addendum.
5. All applicants must fulfil national eligibility rules for their research grant application.
6. Among the applications submitted simultaneously to TÜBİTAK and FCT, the ones which are eligible for TÜBİTAK and FCT together will be considered eligible to be evaluated.

II. Evaluation of project proposals

1. TÜBİTAK and FCT will implement evaluation of the proposals according to their own evaluation rules.
2. Based on the scientific evaluation and consensus reached through discussions, the Parties will agree on the joint projects to be funded.
3. Parties will not fund their national participant unilaterally if the project is not co-selected for funding.

III. Funding

1. The funding decisions will be made independently, but based on the mutual agreement, according to the Parties' respective rules, regulations and practices.
2. Each project will be funded on a balanced basis for a period of three years.
3. Each Party will cover the costs of the participant researchers from its own country.

4. The total number of visiting days in one direction shall not be more than 60 days/year, for each project during project lifetime
 - a. All travel, lodging and travel related expenses shall be borne by the Sending Party in accordance with their national legislation.
 - b. Researchers participating in the implementation of this Agreement will be informed about the insurance and medical services of the host country. No responsibility rests on either Party for costs that may occur for insurance and medical treatment.

IV. Timetable and Announcement of Decision

The Parties agree to ensure that all decisions on proposals to be funded according to a common timetable as below:

- 1 December 2014 : Publication of the call,
 - 30 January 2015 : Closure of the call,
 - February – May 2015 : Evaluation process
 - June 2015 : TÜBİTAK/FCT decision and publication of results
 - June 2015 : Notification of grants,
 - July 2015 : Start of joint projects.
2. TÜBİTAK and FCT will synchronise the communication on the selected projects.
 3. The starting date of the projects has to be decided between the partners of the project and must be the same for the Portuguese and Turkish teams.

Signed in Ankara and Lisboa on in two copies in English, both being equally authentic.

On behalf of the Scientific and
Technological Research Council of Turkey
(TÜBİTAK)

On behalf of the Foundation of Science
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