

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)

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and The Foundation of Science and Technology (FCT) (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Recognising the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies,

Wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Preamble

The Parties shall encourage and support co-operation in the field of science and technology between research entities, universities and research institutes of Turkey and Portugal according to the provisions of this Protocol and the existing legislation and regulations of each country.

Article 2
Forms of Co-operation

The co-operation will have the following forms in particular:

- a. Joint research and development projects, including exchange of research results and exchange of scientists, specialists and researchers;
- b. Exchange of individual scientists for the purpose of conducting research work, exchange of information about ongoing research activities, adoption of new scientific methods, delivering lectures, establishing new scientific contacts for developing joint projects, attending scientific events;
- c. Organising and participating in joint scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc.;
- d. Exchange of scientific and technical research results, information and documentations arising from the bilateral scientific and technological cooperation;
- e. Joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipment;
- f. Other forms of scientific and technological co-operation which may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 3
Other forms of cooperation

- 3.1. Parties will collaborate within the context of participation in European Union Framework Programmes, International Cooperation (INCO) Projects;
- 3.2. The executive details concerning the Cooperation in EU FP will be elaborated by the Joint Committee.

Article 4
Areas of Mutual Interest

Considering priority objectives for their respective countries, the Parties will develop cooperation in the following fields of common interest:

Basic and applied sciences
Engineering
Social Sciences
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Other areas of interest may be included by mutual consent.

Article 5
Joint Committee

- 5.1. For the purpose of implementing this Protocol, a Joint Committee, composed of equal number of representatives designated by the two Parties, shall be established. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:
 - a. Identifying the fields of co-operation on the basis of information delivered by institutions of each country and the national policies in science and technology;
 - b. Creating favourable conditions for the implementation of this Protocol;
 - c. Facilitating the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
 - d. Encouraging exchange of experience arising from the bilateral scientific and technological co-operation and evaluating proposals for its further development.
- 5.2. The Joint Committee meetings are arranged by mutual agreement when matters requiring detailed discussion arise. However, the Joint Committee may also operate by correspondence.
- 5.3. The Joint Committee may elaborate its own rules of procedure.

Article 6
Joint Research and Development Projects

In accordance of the provisions of the Article 2.a., the joint research and development projects will be implemented as follows:

- a. The Parties will publish simultaneously a Call for Proposals every two years.
- b. Project proposals have to provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.
- c. Project proposals prepared in English should be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to TÜBİTAK and FCT. Proposals will be independently evaluated and approved by each of the two Parties, following their own rules and regulations, and only those proposals which are approved by both Parties will be supported.
- d. The execution period of a joint research project will be two years.
- e. Within two months after completion of the execution period, a final report, presenting the work carried out and the results obtained, will be prepared in English jointly by the two research teams and submitted to TÜBİTAK and the FCT.
- f. Besides the financial support towards the exchange of project researchers mentioned above, the Parties may provide additional research funds to their respective project teams whenever they consider it appropriate. It is desirable but not essential to fund the two sides equally.

Article 7
Expenses

The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists, resulting from this Protocol, unless mutually agreed otherwise, will be covered on the following basis:

- 7.1. The sending Party shall cover the international travel costs.
- 7.2. The receiving Party shall cover the costs of trips within its territory, boarding and lodging, according to its own regulations.
- 7.3. The sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists, including medical care.

Article 8
Dissemination of Resulting Information

- 8.1. Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the co-operation activities under this Protocol, will be announced, published or commercially exploited with the consent of both cooperating partners and according to the international agreements concerning intellectual property rights to which both Parties are signatories.
- 8.2. Scientists, technical experts and institutions of the third countries or international organisations may be invited, upon consent of the both co-operating partners, to participate in projects and programmes being carried out under this Protocol. The cost of such participation shall normally be borne by third countries, unless both sides agree otherwise in writing.

Article 9
Implementation and Legal Aspects

- 9.2. This Protocol is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Protocol shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.
- 9.3. Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Protocol shall be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Parties.
- 9.4. With respect to the co-operation activities established under this Protocol, each Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.
- 9.5. This Protocol shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by either Party.
- 9.6. This Protocol may be amended at any time through mutual consent of the Parties, in writing.

Article 10
Initiation and Termination

- 10.1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date when it is signed by both Parties.
- 10.2. This Protocol shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years, unless either Party notifies in writing its intentions to terminate this Protocol.

10.3. The termination will come into effect in six months from the date of the said notification. The termination of this Protocol shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Protocol and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Protocol.

Signed on  01.04.2014
2014 by:

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Signed on  2014 by: 02/04/14

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