

DECISION DOCUMENT
on co-funding of Serbian - Hungarian joint research projects
in the period 2021 – 2023
held by correspondence in July 2021

Based on the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Council of Ministers of Serbia and Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Hungary, on 14th of September 2004, and on the joint Call for Proposals supporting cooperation between organizations in the Republic of Serbia and Hungary announced by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia and by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary in June 2020, the two Parties realize:

I. Evaluation of joint Serbian – Hungarian project proposals

The Serbian Party received 41 (forty-one) proposals while the Hungarian Party received 40 (forty) proposals for joint research projects.

The project proposals were peer reviewed by each Party. One project proposal was submitted only to the Serbian side and was eliminated from further procedure. Four projects were rejected by the Hungarian side for eligibility reasons. Thus 36 thirty-six matching project proposals were considered for co-funding.

II. Approval of joint Serbian – Hungarian projects for funding in 2021 – 2023

Based on the results of the evaluation of the project proposals, both Parties came to an agreement that according to the peer review screening 10 (ten) 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.

Since the announcement of the call and consequently the selection of projects was significantly delayed due to measures related to the pandemic of COVID-19 in 2020-2021, the start of projects is postponed to 1st October, 2021. The projects will be funded from 1st October, 2021 to 30th September, 2023.

III. Administrative conditions

Serbian researchers are required to present annually to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and Hungarian researchers to the National Research, Development and Innovation Office 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, decision 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. Both Parties will grant financial support to the approved projects.

The sending side shall cover the travel costs, the costs for accommodation and daily allowances for the visits of its own scientists who participate in exchanges.

The participants of the exchange visits on the basis of this Decision Document should arrange for and cover the costs of their insurance for the time of their stay in the receiving country and for their travels to and from this country.

The Serbian Party will provide financial support to bilateral projects up to 2000€/calendar year/project and up to 4000€ for full period of the project duration.

The approved projects will receive a maximum of 2.000.000 HUF (Hungarian Forint) from the Hungarian Party per project for the duration of 2021-2023.

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.

IV. Preparation of Working Program for the Period 2023-2025

Parties agreed to publish the next call for proposals in the first half of 2023 with the deadline for submission of project proposals not later than June 2023.

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 technology.

The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation of young scientists especially at postdoctoral level.

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

V. 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 next meeting of the Serbian – Hungary 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 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 electronically signed by correspondence in July 2021,
in two copies in the English language.

For the Ministry of Education, Science and
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