

**Work Programme  
for the Years 2012 – 2013**

Adopted on the occasion of the Forth Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation, held in Bucharest on November 30, 2011, implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 30<sup>th</sup> September 1976.

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## **1. Forms of Co-operation**

- 1.1 According to Article 2 of the Agreement, joint co-operation projects will be carried on between Austrian and Romanian institutions. A joint co-operation project is an agreed activity with clearly defined objectives to be achieved within a specific time frame. Each project will normally be of two years' duration, implemented through exchanges of people and information.
- 1.2 For the preparation and realization of joint co-operation projects financial support is given for:
- a) two short-term stays of up to ten days, each per year and project, of scientists at universities or other public scientific and research institutions as well as experts participating in these co-operation projects,
  - b) one longer stay of up to a maximum of one month per year and project and
  - c) the exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation in conformity with the respective national laws.
- 1.3 On a long-term basis, the costs arising from joint co-operation projects should be balanced between the two sides.

## **2. Aspects of Co-operation**

- 2.1 The delegations agreed to continue providing mobility funds for *co-operation projects from all scientific fields, especially within the thematic areas of the EU Framework Programme*. Co-operation projects with the potential to lead to future multilateral co-operations within the framework programmes for research and technological development of the European Union shall be favoured in order to stimulate the joint participation of Austrian and Romanian scientists in European research programmes.
- 2.2 The financing of mobility costs within the framework of this Agreement is also particularly intended to support young scientists and to pay attention to a balanced involvement of female and male researchers (gender equality).

### 3. General Administrative Regulations

#### 3.1 Responsible Institutions

##### 3.1.1 In Austria:

The implementation of the work programme lies within the responsibility of the Scientific and Technological Co-operation (WTZ) Contact Point, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH)

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#### 3.2. Eligibility criteria:

The Romanian project applicants must comply with the provisions of the National Plan II, "Capacities" Programme, Module III.

### 3.3. Selection procedure of co-operation projects

3.3.1 The upcoming calls for proposals will be published on a biennial basis by the responsible institutions (3.1) at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation or the Joint Selection Commission.

3.3.2 Submitted project applications have to include:

1. topic,
2. names and addresses of the co-operating Austrian and Romanian institutions, Austrian and Romanian co-ordinators and research team members,
3. description of the proposed research subject and objectives,
4. work plan, start date and prospective duration of the co-operation project,
5. proof of qualifications of the co-ordinators,
6. involvement of young scientists,
7. an annual calculation of travels necessary for realizing the co-operation project and of costs thus arising.

3.3.3 Project applications have to be prepared jointly by the Austrian and Romanian scientists and have to be submitted to the national institutions responsible for implementing the work programme (3.1).

3.3.4 Project applications registered with the responsible institutions (3.1) will be entered into a joint list after national evaluation.

3.3.5. Applications will be considered on the basis of the following evaluation criteria:

- Scientific quality of the work plan, originality of the idea
- Qualifications of the coordinators
- Potential for solving problems
- Quality of the cooperation and mutual benefit
- New partnerships
- Commercial exploitation of the anticipated results
- Promotion of young research talent.

3.3.6 The final list of co-operation projects to be supported will be adopted by the Joint Committee or the Joint Selection Commission.

- 3.4. At the end of the second year of the project, the project leaders have to submit a jointly prepared final report on the progress and results of their research activities to the Austrian and Romanian institutions responsible for the implementation of the work programme (3.1).
- 3.5. The exploitation, possible patent registration and publication of project results are subject to the national laws which are in force in Austria and Romania.

#### **4. Administration of the Exchange of Scientists and Experts**

- 4.1 The co-operating partners have to agree on the date and duration of a stay at the host institution at least three weeks prior to the intended date of visit.
  - 4.1.1 The Austrian project leader has to nominate the Romanian scientist in question at the Centre for International Cooperation & Mobility (ICM) of the Austrian Exchange Service.
  - 4.1.2 There are no requirements on nomination of the scientist from the Romanian side. The communication concerning the stay is done directly between the institutions in question.
- 4.2 Each side will facilitate the access to its scientific institutions, libraries, archives and museum collections for the project partners of the other side that are sent in the framework of the Austrian-Romanian Agreement on scientific and technological co-operation. Furthermore, both sides guarantee the free exchange of scientific information and documentation in conformity with their national laws and financial possibilities.

#### **5. Financial Regulations**

- 5.1 Each side will cover the travel costs of persons sent and the accommodation costs of persons hosted.

## 5.2 In Austria

5.2.1 For short-term stays of up to ten days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

- € 73,- per day

5.2.2 For stays of up to a maximum of one month planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

- € 1.200,- per month for scientists of more than 35 years of age
- € 1.040,- per month for graduates of more than 30 and up to 35 years of age
- € 940,- per month for students and graduates of up to 30 years of age

5.2.3 Romanian scientists will receive payment personally at the local offices of the Austrian Exchange Service or directly at the Austrian host institution.

## 5.3 In Romania

5.3.1 The Romanian side will cover the costs of accommodation, daily allowance and internal transport incurred by the visits of the Austrian scientists and experts for a maximum period of 50 days per year and project.

For stays of Austrian scientists and experts in Romania the following rate in RON (local currency), irrespective of length of stay or person's age, will be granted:

- 60,00 RON per day for subsistence

Accommodation will be covered separately according to the legal provisions into force and made available by the Romanian host institution.

The Romanian side shall adjust all sums it grants in accordance with the current legislation.

Austrian scientists and experts will receive payment personally at the host institution.

5.3.2 The Romanian side will cover the costs for a maximum number of three travelling tickets per year and project for the Romanian scientists.

- 5.3.4. The Romanian responsible institution will cover the costs of the exchange of scientists from established or accredited R&D entities, according to the national legislation into force.
  
- 5.4 The sending side will assure that the scientists and experts sent have necessary and adequate health insurance cover.