

PROTOCOL

of the 3rd Session of the Joint Romania - Cyprus Committee on Research and Development

The Joint Romania - Cyprus Committee, established in accordance with Article 2 of the Protocol of Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of Romania on Research and Development signed in Bucharest on the 13th of March 2007, held its Third Session in Nicosia, Cyprus on the 23rd of November 2011, for the selection and approval of the joint research projects submitted in the Joint Research Cooperation Programme.

The delegation of Romania was headed by Ms Anca Ghinescu, Director of the Department of European Integration and International Cooperation of the National Authority for Scientific Research and the delegation of the Republic of Cyprus was headed by Mr Costas Iacovou, Director of the Competitiveness and Research Directorate of the Planning Bureau. The members of the two delegations are listed in Annex I, attached to the present Protocol.

The Third Session of the Joint Romania - Cyprus Committee on Research and Development was characterised by constructive discussions between the two delegations and by their genuine desire to find practical and feasible means for the further development, expansion and diversification of bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and research.

The Heads of the two delegations exchanged information on the state of research in their respective countries and reviewed briefly recent developments as well as the potential for future growth. They reiterated their decision to further encourage and support the co-operation in the field of research and development on the basis of mutual benefit, according to the provisions of the present Protocol and the laws and regulations of each Party.



The discussions covered the following areas:

Article 1

Launching of a Joint Research Cooperation Programme

1. The National Authority for Scientific Research of Romania and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus launched in March 2011 a Joint Research Cooperation Programme and invited the submission of joint research proposals by Higher Educational Institutes, Research Centres, enterprises, public and private organisations engaged in research and development activities established in the two countries.
2. The Programme's main aim was the implementation of joint research and development projects, including the exchange of results and the exchange of scientists, researchers and technical experts. The Programme could also include the organisation and participation in meetings, conferences, symposia and workshops.
3. The Programme covered all the thematic areas.
4. Eleven (11) proposals were submitted to the National Authority for Scientific Research of Romania and fourteen (14) to the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus. The evaluation procedure was organised by the National Authority for Scientific Research of Romania and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus with evaluators assigned by each side. The evaluations were based on common evaluation criteria agreed by the two parties.



5. Following the discussion of the evaluation results, the Joint Committee selected five (5) research projects to be funded. These projects are listed in Annex II.
6. Specifically, the National Authority for Scientific Research of Romania will grant to Romanian researchers their travel cost to Cyprus for up to four (4) visits per year and subsistence costs in accordance with the national regulations in force.
7. Respectively, the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus will grant to Cypriot researchers their travel cost to Romania and subsistence costs of € 125 / day for short-term stays to Romania (up to 10 days) and for longer duration the daily allowance is reduced by 20%.
8. During the implementation of the projects the terms described in the Call for Proposals will apply.

Article 2

Next Joint Romanian– Cypriot Programme on Research and Development

1. The Joint Committee agreed that the next Joint Romanian - Cypriot Programme on Research and Development will be launched in two years time (Spring 2013).
2. The thematic priorities and the funding conditions that will prevail in the next Joint Programme will be mutually agreed six months prior to the launching of the Programme.

Article 3
Networking of Researchers

The two parties undertake to promote further the networking of their scientists, researchers and technical experts and enhance their collaboration in European and other Research Programmes and initiatives.

Article 4
Implementation of Protocol

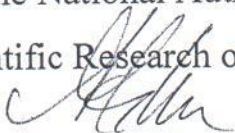
1. The activities described in this Protocol will be implemented by the National Authority for Scientific Research and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus.

2. Any issues relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Protocol shall be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Contracting Parties.

Both sides agreed to hold the Fourth Session of the Joint Committee in Bucharest in Autumn 2013.

Done and signed in Nicosia on the 23rd of November 2011, in duplicate in the English language.

For the National Authority
Scientific Research of Romania



For the Planning Bureau of
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ANNEX II

No.	Title	Host Organisation in Cyprus	Host Organisation in Romania	Cypriot Coordinator	Romanian Coordinator
1	Disturbed Ionospheric and geomagnetic conditions under the influence of solar activity	Frederick Research Centre	Institute of Geodynamics of the Romanian Academy	Haris Charalambous	Dobrica Venera
2	Development, Diagnostics and Modelling of Cold Plasma Jets at Atmospheric Pressure for Direct Treatment of Living Tissues	University of Cyprus	Alexandru Ioan Cuza University;	Giorgos Georgiou	Topala Ionut
3	Methylation analysis of colorectal cancer in Cyprus and Romania	Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics	University of Bucharest	Andreas Hadjisavvas	Ionica Elena
4	Curricular innovations in the teacher training programme from primary school and preschool education - CITEP	University of Cyprus	'Vasile Alecsandi' University of Bacau	Mary Koutselini - Ioannidou	Dr. Mata Liliana
5	Epidemiology and genetics of ciliary disorders	Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics	Victor Babes National Institute of Pathology	Kyriacos Kyriacou	Mandache Eugen