

**EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME  
ON  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
AND  
THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF TURKEY  
(TÜBİTAK)**

In accordance with Article 4 of the “Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation” signed in Ankara, on 2 April 1997, between the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) hereinafter referred to as “Parties”, the following Executive Programme for Scientific and Technological Cooperation is concluded between the Parties.

**I. Joint Committee**

1. For the purpose of implementing this Programme, a Joint Committee (JC), composed of the representatives designated by the two Parties, shall be established. The tasks of the JC shall be as follows:
  - a. Identifying the fields of cooperation 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 Programme;
  - c. Facilitating the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
  - d. Encouraging exchange of experience arising from the bilateral scientific and technological cooperation and evaluating proposals for its further development.
2. JC meetings are arranged by mutual agreement when matters requiring detailed discussion arise. However, JC may also operate by correspondence.
3. JC may elaborate its own rules of procedure.

**II. Joint Research Projects**

1. 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.

2. Project proposals prepared in English using the special "Project Proposal Form" (Annex 1) should be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to the Slovak Academy of Sciences and TÜBİTAK. 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.
3. The execution period of a joint research project should not exceed three years. The total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project should not be more than two months a year, with a total quota of six months a year for all the joint research projects supported under this Executive Programme.
4. Each scientific visit has to be reported by the Slovak scientists to the Slovak Academy of Sciences and by the Turkish scientists to TÜBİTAK one month in advance. The application must include a brief description of the work to be performed during the planned visit.
5. Within a month after completion of a scientific visit, a progress report outlining the work performed during the visit will be submitted to the Slovak Academy of Sciences and TÜBİTAK. The following visit will not be permitted, unless the progress report for the preceding visit has been evaluated and approved.
6. 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 the Slovak Academy of Sciences and TÜBİTAK for evaluation and approval.

### **III. Exchange of Scientists**

1. Parties agree upon an annual quota of 4 weeks for exchange of scientists in each direction. The quota runs per calendar year and unused quota from one year can not be transferred to the following year.
2. The sending Party shall supply the receiving Party with the following information about its candidates: Name, date and place of birth, sex, scientific degree, position, fields of specialisation, knowledge of languages and a list of publications.
3. Before proposing a scientific visit, the scientists of both Parties shall make the first contacts themselves, agree to cooperate on a specific topic. The sending Party shall provide a draft programme including details of the planned visit and timing. The receiving Party shall review, finalise and approve the programme.
4. Not later than one month after receipt of a nomination, the receiving Party is to inform the sending Party about the acceptance of the proposed candidate.



2. Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperation activities under this Programme, will be announced, published or commercially exploited with the consent of both cooperation partners and according to the international provisions concerning intellectual property rights.

## VII. Implementation and Legal Aspects

1. Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Programme shall be settled through consultations within JC or between the Parties.
2. With respect to the cooperation activities established under this Programme, each Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.
3. This Programme shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by either Party.

## VIII. Initiation and Termination

1. This Programme shall enter into force on the date when it is signed by both Parties.
2. This Programme shall remain in force for a period of three years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of three years, unless either party notifies in writing its intentions to terminate this Programme.
3. The termination of this Programme shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Programme and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Programme.

Done in two copies in English, both being equally authentic.

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