

PROTOCOL


of the 4th Session of the Joint Romanian-Cypriot Committee on Research and Development

The Joint Romanian-Cypriot Committee on Research and Development, established in accordance with Article 2 of the Protocol of Cooperation between the Government of Romania and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on Research and Development, signed in Bucharest on the 13th of March 2007, held its Fourth Session in Bucharest, Romania on the 30th of January 2014, for the selection and approval of the joint research projects submitted in the Joint Research Cooperation Programme.

The delegation of Romania was headed by Mrs. Rolanda Predescu, Director General, Ministry of National Education and the delegation of the Republic of Cyprus was headed by Dr. Kalypso Sepou, Head of European Research Programmes and International Collaboration Unit, Research Promotion Foundation. The members of the two delegations are listed in Annex I, attached to the present Protocol.

The Fourth Session of the Joint Romanian-Cypriot 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 the art 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.



Article 1

Launching of a Joint Research Cooperation Programme

1. The Ministry of National Education of Romania as coordinating body with the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) as executive unit and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus launched in July 2013 a Joint Research Cooperation Programme and invited for submission joint research proposals by Higher Education Establishments, Research Centres, Enterprises, Public and Private Organisations engaged in research and development activities established in the two countries.
2. The Programme's main aim is 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 the following scientific fields:
 - Food Quality and Safety;
 - Sustainable Development and Ecosystems;
 - Energy;
 - Life Sciences and Biotechnology;
 - Information & Communication Technology;
 - Social Sciences and Humanities;
 - New Materials and Nanotechnologies.
4. Forty six (46) proposals were jointly submitted to UEFISCDI Romania and to the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus. The evaluation procedure was organised by UEFISCDI of Romania and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus with evaluators assigned by each side. The evaluations were based on evaluation criteria agreed by the two parties.
5. Following the discussion of the evaluation results, the Joint Committee selected eight (8) research projects to be funded (main list), as well as four (4)



research projects as a reserve list. Those research projects mentioned in the reserve list will be invited to negotiations for signing the contract only in the case that one or more research projects from the main list do not conclude the negotiation phase or withdraw from this cooperation framework. The two lists are presented in Annex II.

6. Specifically, the Ministry of National Education of Romania will grant Romanian researchers up to two (2) return travel tickets per year and per diem (subsistence and accommodation costs) for up to one month in accordance with the Romanian legislation.

7. Respectively, the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus will grant to Cypriot researchers travel costs and per diem (subsistence and accommodation costs) for short-term stays (up to ten days). For longer duration the per diem is reduced by 20%.

8. During the implementation of the projects the terms described in the Call for Proposals will prevail.

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 one year (Spring 2015).

2. The thematic priorities and the funding conditions to prevail in the next Joint Programme will be mutually agreed six months prior to the launching of the Programme.

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Article 3
Networking of Researchers

The two parties will further promote the networking of their scientists, researchers and technical experts for 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 Ministry of National Education of Romania as coordinating body, the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) as executive unit 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.

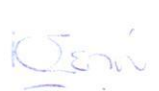
Both sides agreed to hold the Fifth Session of the Joint Committee in Nicosia in autumn 2015.

Done and signed in Bucharest on the 30 January 2014, in duplicate in the English language.

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for the Government
of Romania

Kalypso SEPOU


for the Government
of the Republic of Cyprus

Members of Romanian Delegation:

Mrs. Rolanda PREDESCU	Director General Ministry of National Education
Ms Madalina Borceanu	Counselor Ministry of National Education
Mr. Viorel Vulturescu	Counselor Ministry of National Education

Members of Cypriot Delegation:

Dr Kalypso Sepou	Head of European Research Programmes and International Collaboration Unit Research Promotion Foundation
Mrs. Lina Tsoumpanou	Scientific Officer Research Promotion Foundation

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Main list

No.	Title and acronym	Romanian Host Organisation	Cypriot Host Organisation	Principal Investigator in Romania (project director)	Principal Investigator in Cyprus
1	Use of Chiral Ionic Liquids and Inulins in Electroanalysis and Electrokinetic Chromatography for the Enantioselective Analysis of Clinically Important (ENANTIOEKSENS)	Institutul National de Cercetare pentru Electrochimie si Materie Condensata	University of Cyprus	Van Staden Raluca Ioana	Kapnissi-Christodoulou Constantina
2	Scientific factors related to consumers health as new tools for Confirmation of Authenticity of Cypriot/Romanian Wines (ROCYWINES)	Centru de Cercetari pentru Oenologie - Academia Romana Filiala Iasi	State General Laboratory	Cotea Valeriu	Kokkinofa Rebecca
3	Synchronized measurement technology for a higher degree of monitoring and control in the power systems of Cyprus and Romania (SyncPower)	Universitatea Politehnica Bucuresti	University of Cyprus	Albu Mihaela	Kyriakides Elias
4	Effect of Clouds on Solar Irradiance (ECSOL-PROGNOSIS)	Universitatea Transilvania din Brasov	Cyprus University of Technology	Burduhos Bogdan Gabriel	Charalambides Alexandros
5	Dissipation and invariant sets in the presence of conserved quantities for dynamical systems (DISCQ)	Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara	University of Cyprus	Birtea Petre	Damianou Pantelis

ANNEX II

6	Investigation of earthquake signatures on the ionosphere over Europe (INES)	Institutul National de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Fizica Pamantului	Frederick Research Centre	Moldovan Iren Adelina	Haralambous Haris
7	Influence of Thyroid-Disrupting Chemicals on thyroid Nodular Disease in Cyprus (THYROCHEM)	Institutul Oncologic "Profesor Dr. Ion Chiricuta"	Cyprus International Institute for Environmental and Public Health – Cyprus University of Technology	Piciu Doina	Makris Konstantinos
8	Distributed Control Strategies with Application to Robust Fractional Order Controllers for Distillation (SDCF)	Universitatea Tehnica din Cluj Napoca	University of Cyprus	Dulf Eva Henrietta	Hadjicostis Christoforos

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Reserve List

No.	Title	Romanian Host Organisation	Cypriot Host Organisation	Principal Investigator in Romania (project director)	Principal Investigator in Cyprus
R 1	Bioavailability of the antioxidative/prooxidative status of preserved grapes treated with volatile oils (POLYBIOGRAPE)	Institututul National de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Biologie si Nutritie Animala (IBNA Balotesti)	Cyprus University of Technology	Chedea Veronica	Tzortzakis Nikolaos
R 2	Biocompatible Diamond-Like Carbon coatings Fabricated by Advanced Laser Assisted Techniques (BIO -DLC)	Institutul National de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Fizica Laserilor, Plasmei si Radiatiei (INFLPR)	University of Cyprus	Mihailescu Ion	Giapintzakis Ioannis
R 3	The Catholic Church in Orthodox Lands: the Cases of Cyprus and Transylvania in the 14th Century (COCT)	Universitatea Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca	University of Cyprus	Turcus Serban	Schabel Chris
R 4	Effects of climate warming on the biology of a univoltine fruit fly (CLIMAPEST)	Institutul de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Protectia Plantelor Bucuresti	Cyprus University of Technology	Chireceanu Constantina	Menealos Stavrinides

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