

# **PROTOCOL**

of the 1st Meeting of the Joint Slovenian – Israeli Committee  
on Scientific and Technological Cooperation

Tel Aviv, 6 June 2017

The 1st meeting of the Joint Slovenian – Israeli Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as Joint Committee) in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the State of Israel on Cooperation in the Field of Culture, Education and Science, signed in Ljubljana, on 16 June 1993 and on the basis of the Work Program for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the State of Israel, signed in Tel Aviv, on 6 June 2017, took place in Tel Aviv on 6 June 2017.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Mr. Tit Neubauer, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Israeli delegation was headed by Prof. Alexander Bligh, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Science and Technology of the State of Israel.

The list of the two delegations is indicated in Annex 1.

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction of the participants
2. Summing up of the discussion of the Joint Expert Groups Meeting
3. Discussion on the Work Program
4. Procedures for implementing the Joint Program
5. Setting up the date of next meeting

**Ad 1** Welcome and introduction of the participants

Prof. Alexander Bligh welcomed the Slovenian delegation and expressed his appreciation of the opening of scientific cooperation between the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology and the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

Mr Tit Neubauer expressed his gratitude to the Israeli delegation for organization of the meeting between researchers of both countries.

## **Ad 2 Summing up of the discussion of the Joint Expert Groups Meeting**

Both sides agreed that the Expert Group Meeting which took place in Tel Aviv on 5 June 2017 contributes to the development of beneficial links between scientific institutions and scientists of both countries and will enable them to use their scientific potential more efficiently and fruitfully in regional as well as multilateral projects. Both sides reached an understanding to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU projects.

## **Ad 3 Discussion on the Work Program**

Both sides discussed and welcomed the adoption of the Work Program for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the State of Israel. The Joint Committee discussed the Work Programme, which set the rules about the forms and aspects of co-operation and general administrative procedures.

Both sides agreed that strengthening the scientific policy dialogue would be beneficial for both countries.

Both sides agreed to arrange a seminar on ERC in Slovenia in order to share best practices of both countries.

## **Ad 4 Procedures for implementing the Joint Program**

On the basis of the discussion in the frame of expert group meeting on 5 June 2017, the Joint Committee has agreed on the following research areas for the next call for proposals:

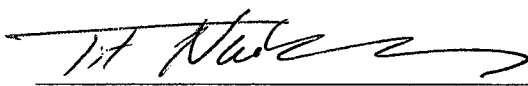
- 1. Innovative water management and monitoring technologies (including remote sensing)**
- 2. Digital aspects of research data in social sciences and humanities.**


1. Both sides agreed that the call for proposals will be published for the years 2018 – 2020. Budget for the cooperation for the years 2018 – 2020 is 400,000 EUR for two-years' period for each side, number of projects to be supported will be 4-5.
2. The following time table for the joint Call for Proposals was agreed upon by both sides:
  - Mid September 2017: publishing the call for proposals
  - 18 December 2017: deadline for project proposals
  - End of December 2017/beginning of January 2018: comparing the lists of submitted proposals
  - Mid May 2018: Evaluation of the proposals by each side
  - Beginning of June 2018: discussion of the proposals and decision on the approved projects (by correspondence)
  - July 2018: start of the approved projects.

#### **Ad 5 Setting up the date of next meeting**

Both sides have agreed that the next meeting of Joint Committee will be held in Ljubljana in spring 2019. Exact dates will be discussed through correspondence.

Done in Tel Aviv on 6 June 2017 in two English original copies.

  
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