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Austrian Academy of Sciences

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the  
**Academy of Sciences of Albania**  
and the  
**Austrian Academy of Sciences**

### Preamble

The *Academy of Sciences of Albania* and the *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, hereinafter referred as "the Parties"

FOSTERING a relationship between science and society based on trust and openness,

PROMOTING basic science, scientific development and excellence, all of which are critical drivers of innovation,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Science in general and Scientific Research in particular is often based on joint efforts and on co-operations of scientists from different countries,

HAVING REGARD to the mutual desire to develop co-operations in all fields of Science and Humanities and across disciplines,

RECOGNIZING the necessity of strengthening such co-operations on an international level especially in a period of rapid development and complex dissemination of scientific results,

have agreed as follows:

### Article 1

(1) The Parties, having in mind their priorities, existing relations and accumulated experiences, shall foster and develop scientific co-operations of scientists/scholars in all disciplines represented in the mentioned institutions.

(2) With regard to the scientific core areas of the Parties and by considering already pre-existing common research initiatives the Parties aim at strengthening and developing scientific co-operation at all levels.

(3) The Parties shall consider within their common initiatives consolidating and maintaining the dynamics of the EU integration process and targeting the revitalization of bi- and multilateral ties between the Western Balkans and EU member states by way of improving regional scientific co-operation.

## **Article 2**

Where financially possible, the Parties will initiate or encourage common research projects and continue projects already in progress. In this case a separate agreement regarding the specific project will be concluded.

## **Article 3**

(1) Co-operation in the framework of this Memorandum shall be carried out based on the exchange of scientists/scholars and experts and young talents. Visits will be arranged exclusively on invitations by the hosting party.

(2) The Parties shall co-operate by organizing joint scientific symposia and seminars, as well as workshops and training programs for the development of scientific researches and related activities of mutual interest.

(3) The Parties shall consider common participation and organization of conferences with a focus on national and international research systems and the pertinent framework conditions. Where appropriate, this can also include third parties.

## **Article 4**

The hosting party shall be provided with documentation about guests no later than three months before the planned visit. The content of this documentation and financial regulations are set out in Annex I, attached.

## **Article 5**

The contents of documents received by the related organizations shall not be revealed to other persons or organizations without the consent of the party from which the documents are received. A termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the validity of this clause.

## Article 6

The provisions of this Memorandum may be amended partially or completely by written procedure and on the mutual consent of the Parties.

## Article 7

This Memorandum will come into force on the day of its signing and will stay valid until either of the both parties notify the other 6 months prior in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement

## Article 8

(1) The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the termination of initiatives based on the regulations of this Memorandum.

(2) This Memorandum entirely replaces the agreements between the Parties signed on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1986 and on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005.

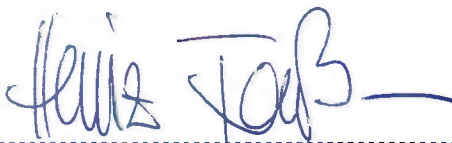
Done in Vienna on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in duplicate in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the  
Academy of Sciences of Albania



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President

For the  
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## **ANNEX I**

**to the  
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and the  
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1. The documentation about visitors within the frame of this Memorandum shall contain the following information in the English language:
  - Last name
  - First name(s)
  - Degree
  - Curriculum vitae (including education, publication, prizes and awards, prestigious grants)
  - Present affiliation
  - Up to five most important publications
  - Scientist/Scholar/Institute issuing the invitation
  - Hosting institute
  - Work program
  - Estimated date of arrival
  - Length of stay
2. The sending party pays for international travel expenses incurred when travelling to the hosting party.
3. The hosting party issuing the invitation will pay for the costs of accommodation/living expenses during the stay, including reasonable travel costs within the host country, in so far as these costs are directly connected to the program of research agreed upon.
4. Funding of possible extra expenses within the accepted work plan will be decided by mutual consent between the Parties.
5. Visitors should have a valid health insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance rests with the sending party. The hosting party shall provide the visitor as far as possible with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.
6. Both parties are to receive reports from the participants within the frame of this Memorandum.