



**MONTENEGRIN ACADEMY OF  
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**ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
OF ALBANIA**

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**COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN  
THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF ALBANIA AND  
THE MONTENEGRIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS**

The Academy of Sciences of Albania and the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (hereafter to be referred as *Parties*), pursuant to their bilateral Agreement for Scientific Cooperation, have agreed on the following priority projects and initiatives in their cooperation in the near future:

1. The organization of joint activities, conferences, projects and publications for issues of mutual interest.
2. The promotion and the organization of joint temporary anthropological expeditions, in the respective ethnic minorities in both countries, as well as in the bilingual regions, delivering the findings and outputs of research through academic scientific publications.
3. The organization of a joint archeological expedition in the town of Shas/Šas, to explore the material culture heritage and to research into its chronology and typology. The parties agree, in mutual understanding, that further archeological mission may follow or add to this one, with reference to the experience of research with the Polish partners in other Montenegrin archeological sites.
4. The preparation of an illustrated catalogue of the *Fund of Saint Jovan Vladimir Monastery*, which is administered at the Central State Archives; the development and the preparation for publication of the *Codices of Saint Jovan Vladimir* and the consultation of the other collections that relate to the written memory of this regional ecumenical saint (*Lef Nosi's Fund*).

5. Joint expert teams shall be established until mid-June 2017, to develop and to implement projects specified in points 3 and 4. The meeting of the joint expert teams will take place at the end of June 2017, one in Podgorica and one in Tirana.

6. The development and the implementation of the project on the topic: "Determination of the trophic status in the real time of the Adriatic and Ionian sea border of Slovenia - Croatia - Montenegro and Albania", in order to address an increasing need for complex studies due to the economic touristic importance of the region, in line with the trends of industrial market economy and government program for priority areas. It envisages appropriate investigations and monitoring of the quality of the sea water, which is key to the development process and tendencies as well as the management of coastal areas

7. The development and the implementation of the project on the topic: "Protection of the coast and port infrastructure from erosion", which is one of the greatest concerns in the area. It aims to estimate dynamic evolution of the coastal area on scientific grounds applying current technologies, to evaluate the sources of intensive erosion: artificial reservoirs, solid wastes from the bed of the rivers and sandy beaches, the change of flow of the river's bed for bonification and drainage purposes, as well as the natural evolution of coastal morphology.

8. The elaboration and the implementation of the project on "*Mountain cultural tourism development in cross-border region*", to undertake the necessary actions to convert the cultural tourism into a driving engine towards economic and social development without compromising the environment and natural endowment of the region as well as showcasing the cultural, historical and economic assets that contribute to tourism or could generate income and employment from this sector.

9. The development and the implementation of the project on: "Development of method for marking the vulnerability of karst underground waters for pollution on the territory of Adriatic basin of Montenegro and Albania". The basic goal of research is the formation of new method and its testing through the practical application and possibility of its wider application in the area of protection of waters from pollution.

10. Both Parties will seek European funding and sources, to support the projects specified in points 6, 7, 8 and 9.

11. -The organization of the Scientific Forum "On the implementation of the follow -up of results of IPA bilateral project carried out by both academies"

12. The organization of the Scientific Forum "On the using of remote sensing technology on the neighboring areas of Albania and Montenegro"

13. Both Parties shall cooperate and jointly work to participate in European scientific programs and projects.

14.The Protocol shall enter into force on the date of signing and the Parties agree to consider this Protocol not limited to the above issues, as it will expand to further activities in the course of the cooperation, based on the proposals adopted on the mutual consent and understanding.

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