



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF ALBANIA

AND

THE TURKISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The Academy of Sciences of Albania (ASH) and The Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) (hereinafter referred to as the Participants), recognizing the importance of the mutual benefit from bilateral cooperation, have resolved to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in order to establish and further their scientific collaboration. The Participants are confident that cooperation between them can contribute effectively to the exchange of scientific information between the scientific communities of Albania and Türkiye. This cooperation will comprise all scientific disciplines within the scope of the mutual activities and responsibilities of both Participants.

Paragraph 1 Purpose, Objective and Scope

The purpose of this MoU is to stimulate cooperation between the Participants.

The objectives of this MoU are to:

- enhance and strengthen academic collaboration between the Participants;
- encourage the exchange of scientific knowledge and experience between the Participants through interactions among scientists and scholars so as to develop cooperative activities in each other's countries;
- facilitate cooperation among the members of the Participants in areas of mutual interest:
- foster collaboration among the members of the Participants with a view to converting advanced research into commercial applications leading to economic growth and job creation; and
- encourage the sharing of best practices among the members of the Participants.

The scope of cooperation activities may cover the entire spectrum of academic field including science and technology, humanities, medicine and social sciences.

Paragraph 2 Forms of Cooperation

The Participants will promote scientific and technological cooperation through:

- bilateral scientific meetings, such as symposia, conferences and workshops;
- exchange of scientists;
- exchange of information and publications;
- other scientific activities to be agreed upon through separate MoUs between the Participants.



Paragraph 3 Execution of the MoU

The Participants may sign separate executive protocols for scientific activities and collaborations within the scope of this MoU, in accordance with their national legislation.

Paragraph 4 Designation of Program Officers

Each Participant will designate a program officer as the principal point of contact for the realization of the bilateral cooperation and the execution of this MoU.

Paragraph 5 Exchange of Scientists

The Participants believe that reciprocal exchanges of scientists will be of benefit to their countries. In selecting scientists to participate in exchange activities, the Participants will take into consideration both the importance of their research and the possible implications of such visits on the development of specific research centers in Albania and Türkiye. The visiting scientists will be carefully selected for the capacity to stimulate and improve the scientific cooperation between the two countries in the spirit of the present MoU.

These exchanges will be designed to enable interested scientists and engineers to develop cooperative activities with scientists from the other country and/or for the training of scientists.

Paragraph 6 Exchange of Information and Publications

The Participants will inform each other about their activities and the developments in their science and technology policies as well as about their meetings, symposia, conferences and workshops and will exchange publications and scientific information that may be of mutual interest.

Paragraph 7 Follow-up of the Cooperation

The representatives of the Participants will meet on an ad hoc basis when the need arises alternately in Albania or Türkiye in order to discuss and assess the ongoing collaboration within the framework of this MoU.



Paragraph 8 Validity, Duration, Amendment and Dispute Settlement

This MoU will come into effect upon signature and remain valid for a period of ten (10) years. Unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this MoU six (6) months prior to the expiration of its validity, this MoU will automatically be extended for successive periods of ten (10) years.

This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants at any time. The amendments will come into effect with the same procedure prescribed in previous subparagraph.

Any dispute concerning the application or interpretation of this MoU will be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

This MoU is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing scientific cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute an international agreement binding upon the States of the Participants under international law. No provision of this MoU will be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Participants.

Each Participant may terminate this MoU at any time by giving to the other Participant a written notification to that effect. In this case, the MoU will be terminated six (6) months after the date of the receipt of the notification.

Signed in İstanbul on 20/04/2024 in two original copies, in the English language.

For the

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