

PROTOCOL
on Co-operation in Science and Technology
between
The Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO)
and
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

The Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO) and The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Recognising the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies,

Wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Preamble

The Parties shall encourage and support co-operation in the field of science and technology between research entities, universities and research institutes of the Flanders Region of Belgium and Turkey according to the provisions of this Protocol and the existing legislation and regulations of each country.

Article 2
Forms of Co-operation

The co-operation will have the following forms in particular:

- a. Joint research cooperation projects, including exchange of research results and exchange of scientists, specialists and researchers;
- b. Exchange of individual scientists for the purpose of conducting research work, exchange of information about ongoing research activities, adoption of new scientific methods, delivering lectures, establishing new scientific contacts for developing joint projects, attending scientific events;
- c. Organising and participating in joint scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc.;
- d. Exchange of scientific and technical research results, information and documentations arising from the bilateral scientific and technological cooperation;
- e. Joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipment;

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Article 3
Other forms of cooperation

- 3.1. Parties will collaborate within the context of participation in European Union Framework Programmes Projects;
- 3.2. The executive details concerning the Cooperation in European Union Framework Programmes Projects will be elaborated by the Joint Committee.

Article 4
Areas of Mutual Interest

Considering priority objectives for their respective countries, the Parties will develop cooperation in the following fields of common interest within the framework of their existing functions:

- Information and Communication Technologies
- Energy
- Transport and Mobility
- Materials, Manufacturing and Production Technologies
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Medical Sciences
- Food and Agriculture
- Biotechnology

Other areas of interest may be included by mutual consent.

Article 5
Joint Committee

- 5.1. For the purpose of implementing this Protocol, a Joint Committee, composed of equal number of representatives designated by the two Parties, shall be established. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:
 - a. Identifying the fields of co-operation on the basis of information delivered by institutions of each country and the national policies in science and technology;
 - b. Creating favourable conditions for the implementation of this Protocol;
 - c. Facilitating the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
 - d. Encouraging exchange of experience arising from the bilateral scientific and technological co-operation and evaluating proposals for its further development.
- 5.2. The Joint Committee meetings are arranged by mutual agreement when matters requiring detailed discussion arise. However, the Joint Committee may also operate by correspondence.
- 5.3. The Joint Committee may elaborate its own rules of procedure.

Article 6

Joint Research Cooperation Projects

In accordance of the provisions of the Article 2.a., the joint research cooperation projects will be implemented as follows:

- a. The Parties will publish simultaneously a Call for Proposals once a year.
- b. Project proposals have to provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each project team and the intended time schedule.
- c. Project proposals prepared in English using the special "Project Proposal Form" (Annex 1) should be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to FWO and TÜBİTAK. Proposals will be independently evaluated and approved by each of the two Parties, following their own rules and regulations, and only the scientific visits requested in those proposals which are approved by both Parties will be supported.
- d. The execution period of a joint research cooperation project should not exceed two years. The total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project should not be more than two months a year, with a total quota of six months a year for all the joint research cooperation projects approved under this Protocol.
- e. Each scientific visit has to be reported by the Flemish scientists to FWO and the Turkish scientists to TÜBİTAK by one month in advance. The application must include a brief description of the work to be performed during the planned visit.
- f. Within two months after completion of the execution period, a final report, presenting the work carried out and the results obtained, will be prepared in English jointly by the two research teams and submitted to FWO and TÜBİTAK.
- g. Besides the financial support towards the scientific visits of project researchers mentioned above, the Parties may provide additional research funds to their respective project teams whenever they consider it appropriate. However, the Parties are not obliged to provide additional research funds to their Project teams.

Article 7

Exchange of Individual Scientists and Experts (Short Term Visits)

In accordance with the provisions of the Article 2.b., the exchange of individual scientists will be implemented as follows:

- a. In addition to the joint research cooperation projects, the Parties agree upon an annual quota of eight weeks for exchange of individual scientists and experts in each direction. The quota runs per calendar year and unused quota from one year cannot be transferred to the following year. The duration of the individual scientific visit should not be more than ten days.
- b. Before proposing a scientific visit, the scientists of both Parties shall make the first contacts themselves; agree to cooperate on a specific topic. The sending Party shall supply the receiving Party with the information requested in the "Application Form for

Short Term Visit" (Annex-2) at least two months prior to each visit. The receiving Party shall review, finalise and approve the programme.

- c. Not later than one month after receipt of a nomination, the receiving Party has to inform the sending Party about the acceptance of the proposed candidate.

Article 8 Organization of Joint Meetings

In accordance with the provisions of the Article 2.c., organization of the joint meetings will be implemented as follows:

- 8.1. Proposals for scientific and technological symposia, conferences and workshops should include, at least, the following data:
 - name, title and affiliation of the proposer
 - his/her areas of specialization
 - title of the proposed workshop
 - the apparent mutual interest to the participating countries
 - names of counterparts abroad and their affiliations (relevant correspondences to be attached)
 - past and existing cooperation with counterparts abroad
 - proposed date and venue, etc. of the workshop.
- 8.2. Proposals for scientific and technological symposia, conferences and workshops shall be approved by FWO and TÜBİTAK. Upon approval of a topic, a scientific coordinator will be appointed by each side to coordinate the scientific programme of the workshop.
- 8.3. The delegation from the sending Party should comprise of 6 to 10 scientists.
- 8.4. The sending Party will cover the international travel costs. The receiving Party will be responsible for the organization and full costs of the event and will cover full costs of stay for a period of up to 7 days.

Article 9 Expenses

The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists, resulting from this Protocol, unless mutually agreed otherwise, will be covered on the following basis:

- 9.1. All travel, lodging and travel related expenses shall be borne by the Sending Party in accordance with their national legislation.
- 9.2. The sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its experts, scientists and other specialists including medical care.

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Article 10
Dissemination of Resulting Information

- 10.1. Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the co-operation activities under this Protocol, will be announced, published or commercially exploited with the consent of both cooperating partners and according to the international agreements concerning intellectual property rights to which both Parties are signatories.
- 10.2. Scientists, technical experts and institutions of the third countries or international organisations may be invited, upon consent of the both co-operating partners, to participate in projects and programmes being carried out under this Protocol. The cost of such participation shall normally be borne by third countries, unless both sides agree otherwise in writing.

Article 11
Implementation and Legal Aspects

- 11.1. This Protocol is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Protocol shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.
- 11.2. The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations arising from other international agreements to which they are parties.
- 11.3. With respect to the co-operation activities established under this Protocol, each Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.
- 11.4. This Protocol shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by either Party.
- 11.5. This Protocol may be amended at any time through mutual consent of the Parties, in writing.

Article 12
Initiation and Termination

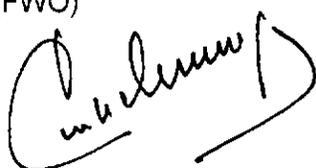
- 12.1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date when it is signed by both Parties.
- 12.2. This Protocol shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years, unless either party notifies in writing its intentions to terminate this Protocol.

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12.3. The termination will come into effect in six months from the date of the said notification. The termination of this Protocol shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Protocol and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Protocol.

Signed in Ankara on 14/5/2012 in two copies in English, both being equally authentic.

For the Research Foundation-Flanders
(FWO)



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Board Member

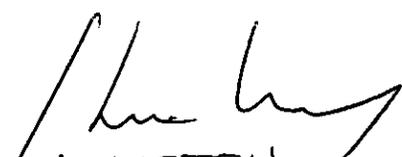


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**JOINT RESEARCH COOPERATION
PROJECT PROPOSAL**

- Please provide the required information briefly. Condensed statements in the boxes available are preferred. However, additional sheets may be used if necessary.
- Please attach the curricula vitae of all the participating scientists.
- Flemish scientists should submit copies of the proposal to FWO and Turkish scientists should submit 1 copies and 1 CD of the proposal to TÜBİTAK.

PART 1

Project title	
Duration	Starting date

Flemish Side			Turkish Side		
Co-director			Co-director		
Date	Signature		Date	Signature	
Address			Address		
Telephone	Fax	e-mail	Telephone	Fax	e-mail
List of researchers			List of researchers		
Head of research institution			Head of research institution		
Date	Signature		Date	Signature	

PART 2 - PROJECT INFORMATION

- d.1. **General Information-** Present a summary of the work proposed and give key words. (up to 1 page)
- d.2. **Introduction-** Describe accurately the subject and objectives of the work proposed. Present a critical and comparative summary of a literature survey justifying the work proposed. (up to 2 page)
- d.3. **Scope-** Specify the scope accurately referring to the objectives described.
- d.4. **Method-** Itemise the parameters to be studied and specify the method to be applied.
- d.5. **Research Facilities-** Explain in detail the research facilities (lab. etc.) of each team to conduct the work proposed.
- d.6. **International Cooperation-** Explain in detail the work items to be realized through international cooperation. Describe the roles to be played by each research team.
- d.7. **Expected Results and Benefits-** List the expected results of the work proposed and discuss the expected modes of implementation of the results obtained. Explain the scientific, technological, economical benefits to the partner countries.

PART 3 - EXECUTION MATTERS

3.1 Time Table- Fill the following table indicating each major step in project evolution.

Time schedule	Responsibilities of the Turkish Team	Responsibilities of the Team
Year 20..		
Year 20..		

3.2 Travel Details- Fill the following table justifying each visit proposed.

Visits to Belgium

Year 20..			Year 20..		
Trip No	No of visitors	Duration of visit per visitor (in days)	Trip No	No of visitors	Duration of visit per visitor (in days)

Visits to Turkey

Year 20..			Year 20..		
Trip No	No of visitors	Duration of visit per visitor (in days)	Trip No	No of visitors	Duration of visit per visitor (in days)

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PART 4 - BUDGETARY INFORMATION- Give detailed justification for each item requested. Specify the support obtained for the work proposed from other institutions if any.

Financial Support (in Euro)

Items requested	FWO		TÜBİTAK	
	Requested	Approved	Requested	Approved
Internal Travel				
Year 20..				
Year 20..				
Total				
International Travel				
Year 20..				
Year 20..				
Total				
Daily Allowances & Accommodation				
Year 20..				
Year 20..				
Total				
GRAND TOTAL				

ANNEX-2

APPLICATION FORM FOR SHORT-TERM VISIT

1. Last name:
2. Name:
3. Name of research institution:
4. Contact telephones:
5. Specialization:
6. Term of the visit:
7. Place of destination:
8. Names of scientists/research institutions to be visited:
9. Programme of the visit:
10. Brief write up on the purpose of the visit and results to be expected:
11. Attach CV and list of publications of the visitor:

Handwritten signature and initials, possibly 'TA'.