

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
CO-OPERATION**

The Republic of Austria

and

the Federative Republic of Brazil
hereinafter referred to as Parties,

Recognising that the scientific and technological co-operation on the basis of mutual benefit and equality is an important base of the relationship between the Parties,

Acknowledging the positive experience gained through excellent bilateral relationships in the fields of science and technology and the necessity to improve these relationships for increased mutual benefit,

Taking into account the rapid growth of scientific and technological knowledge as well as the increasing relevance of internationalisation of science and technology,

Desiring to establish a framework for co-operation in scientific and technological research and innovation, which will extend and strengthen the conduct of co-operative activities in areas of common interest and encourage the application of the results of such co-operation to their economic and social benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall support co-operative activities in the field of science and technology on the basis of mutual benefit based on national priorities in the field of science and technology and in accordance with national laws.

Article 2

(1) The Parties shall encourage the development of direct scientific and technological contacts between their governmental institutions, institutions of higher education, the Academies of Sciences and their national centres for scientific and technological research.

(2) The Parties shall encourage the participation of scientists and experts in joint projects in the framework of existing and future European and bilateral programmes in conformity with their respective national laws.

Article 3

The co-operation provided for in Article 1 shall comprise especially the following forms:

1. Exchange of information on scientific and technological activities, documentations, publications and policy papers pertaining to science and technology;
2. Exchange of scientists, researchers and experts within bilateral scientific projects approved by the Parties;
3. Realisation and support of bilateral or multilateral scientific events;
4. Further projects and programmes and other forms of co-operative activities mutually agreed upon.

Article 4

With regard to co-operative activities under this Agreement, the Parties may allow the participation of researchers and research organisations in both the public and private sectors according to national regulations.

Article 5

(1) According to this Agreement no financial transactions between the Parties are foreseen.

(2) For joint projects under Article 3.2 each Party shall cover travel and accommodation costs for its own personnel.

(3) The sending Party shall assure that outgoing personnel is sufficiently insured for health.

Article 6

- (1) For the implementation of this Agreement the Parties shall establish a Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation hereinafter referred to as Joint Commission.
- (2) The main tasks of the Joint Commission shall be:
 1. Consultations on basic questions of scientific and technological co-operation;
 2. Decision on a multiannual Work Programme and discussion of and decision-taking on the fields and forms of co-operative activities under Article 3.
 3. Monitoring of scientific and technological co-operation under this Agreement;
- (3) The Joint Commission may, if necessary, establish working groups to discuss and carry out joint activities in defined areas of scientific and technological co-operation according to Article 3.4, as well as invite external experts to the meetings of the Joint Commission.
- (4) The Joint Commission shall meet alternately in Austria and in Brazil at a date set by both Parties as mutually agreed. Meetings may be held and decisions made through electronic communications.
- (5) The working language of the Joint Commission shall be English.

Article 7

Issues pertaining to the protection of intellectual property rights arising from co-operative activities under this Agreement shall be subject to the respective national laws as well as international agreements on intellectual property rights which are applicable for both the Republic of Austria and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Article 8

The public authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement are the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication of the Federative Republic Brazil.

Article 9

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by the Joint Commission. If the dispute cannot be settled by the Joint Commission, the Parties shall consult through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the month in which the Parties have informed each other in writing through diplomatic channels, that the respective national requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time. Each Party may terminate this Agreement in writing through diplomatic channels at any time. The termination of this Agreement shall be effective six (6) months from the date of the diplomatic notification of termination.
- (3) This Agreement may be amended by consent of the Parties through diplomatic channels. The amendment shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the second diplomatic note in which the Parties inform each other that the national legal requirements for the entry into force of the amendment have been met.
- (4) The termination of this Agreement shall not affect ongoing joint projects at the time of termination that are based on this Agreement.

Done at on , in two original copies, each in German, Portuguese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergences of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

FOR THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
BRAZIL
