

PROTOCOL
of the 15th Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation
between the Republic of Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

In accordance with the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, signed on 28 September, 1995 and on the basis of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on cooperation in culture, education and science, which was signed on 19 October, 1999 year in Ljubljana, the 15th session of the Joint Committee was held in December 2025 via electronic correspondence.

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The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Review of project proposals of Slovenian and Bosnian and Herzegovinian research institutions for the period 2026 – 2027 and selection of projects
2. Financing of Selected Projects
3. Preparations of the Working programme for the next period
4. Closing provisions

1. Review of joint Slovenian- B&H project proposals 2026 – 2027 and selection of projects

The Slovenian side received 42 projects proposals while the Bosnian and Herzegovinian side received 47 proposals for joint research projects.

The project proposals were peer reviewed by both sides. 5 project proposal was submitted only to the Bosnia and Herzegovina side and 2 projects were rejected by the Bosnia and Herzegovina side for eligibility reasons. 40 project proposals were thus considered for co-funding.

Based on the results of the evaluation of project proposals the Joint Committee came to an agreement that 35 projects listed in Annex I, which is an integral part of this Protocol, would be jointly funded in the period from 1 January, 2026 to 31 December, 2027.

2. Financial support for the approved projects

The implementing institutions in charge of cooperation in science and technology between the two countries shall administer the exchange of scientists, i.e. travel and accommodation costs in accordance with the following mutually agreed provisions:

The receiving Party shall bear the costs of accommodation (in accordance with the applicable regulations) as well as the travel costs on its territory that are necessary for the implementation of the project.

The sending Party shall bear the cost of per diems and international transport between the headquarters of the cooperating institutions.

The Slovenian side will finance the costs of international transport for young researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, for longer visits to the Republic of Slovenia (1-3 months), in addition to accommodation and per diems, in the most economical way, taking into account the price and time spent.

Both sides will finance selected projects up to the amounts specified in Annex 1.

The selected projects will be funded in accordance with the financial capabilities of the entity ministries responsible for science.

3. Preparations of the Working Program for the next period

3.1. The Joint Committee agreed to publish the next call for proposals not later than spring 2027 with the deadline for submission of project proposals not later than summer 2027. The selection of projects will be made by the Joint Committee in the autumn of 2027. The projects approved by the Joint Committee will start on 1st January 2028.

3.2. At the next call for proposals priority will be given to the new research teams, those who have not been funded in the previous cycle (2026 – 2027).

3.3. The priority fields of cooperation will be agreed by the parties through correspondence and will be based on the national priorities in the field of science and technology.

3.4. The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation early career researchers

3.5. The parties agreed that the aim of the projects is to intensify cooperation among researchers in Horizon Europe .

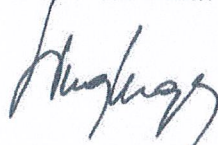
4. Closing provisions

4.1. The provisions stated in the document are valid from the day of signing and are valid until the signing of the next protocol.

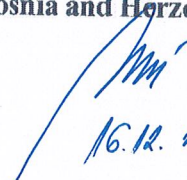
4.2. The 16th Meeting of the Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Co-operation will be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina in October 2027. The exact date of the meeting will be fixed by correspondence.

Signed by correspondence in December 2025 in two copies in English language.

For Slovenia:


15.12.2025

For Bosnia and Herzegovina:


16.12.2025.

Slovenia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – List of Approved Projects (2026-2027)

No	SI organisation	SI researcher	BiH organisation	BiH Researcher	Title of Project	Amount for 2026 and 2027 from SI and BiH	Amount for a young researcher from BiH in 2026 and 2027, covered by SI
1	Univerza v Mariboru	Dejan Romih	University of Tuzla, Faculty of Economics	Jasmina Okličić Džindo	Financial stress, consumption, expectations and healthcare	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
2	Univerza v Mariboru	Daniel Zdošek	University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Economics	Serdar Raković Tajana	Possible instruments for the establishment of a stimulating framework for a sustainable business and reporting: analysis for Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
3	Znanstvenoraziskovalni center Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti	Brina Zagorc	Univerzitet u Sarajevu – Institut za genetičko inženjerstvo i biotehnologiju	Jasmina Čakar	Genetic Histories Beneath Stone: An Interdisciplinary Framework for the Bioarchaeological Study of Medieval Burials under Stećci in Herzegovina	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
4	Univerza v Mariboru	Maja Čolnik	Univerza v Mostarju, Fakulteta za agronomijo in živilsko tehnologijo	Banožić Marija	Green technologies for the valorization of plant waste: advanced methods for the extraction and encapsulation of bioactive compounds - BIOVALINK	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
5	Univerza v Mariboru	Muhamed Turkanović	Elektrotehnički fakultet Univerziteta u Sarajevu	Turčinhodžić Mulahasanović Razija	Applying post-quantum methods in self-sovereign and decentralized identities	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
6	Univerza v Ljubljani	Milan Šernek	Univerzitet u Bihacu, Tehnički fakultet	Čehić Minka	Optimization of the structure of plywood reinforced with basalt mesh	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
7	Inštitut za matematiko, fiziko in mehaniko	David Dolžan	Univerza v Banja Luki	Boris Petković	Combinatorial counting in finite rings and connection with graphs	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €

8	Inštitut za matematiko, fiziko in mehaniko	Nik Stopar	Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, University of Banja Luka	Bogdanić Duško	Commutativity relation on matrix rings and related structures	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
9	Kemijski inštitut	Milutin Smiljanić	University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Science, Department of Chemistry	Gutić Sarjini	Development of noble and non-noble electrocatalysts for water electrolysis	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
10	Institut "Jožef Stefan"	Andrej Gams	University of Sarajevo; Faculty of Electrical Engineering	Senka Krivić	Transparent and Safe Human-Robot Collaboration for Fabric Manipulation and Assembly Tasks - TRUSTFAB	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
11	Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo	David Stanković	Univerzitet u Banjoj Luci, Prirodno-matematički fakultet	Goran Šukalo	AmphiScope: Monitoring endangered amphibians through eDNA analysis and soundscape	2000 € and 4000 BAM	
12	Biotehniški center Naklo	Dragan Žnidarčič	Univerzitet u Sarajevu, Poljoprivredno-prehrambeni fakultet	Lutvija karić	Quality assessment of organic vegetables in Slovenia and Bosnia	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
13	Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo	Katja Klun	UNIVERZITET U SARAJEVU – PRIRODNO MATEMATIČKI FAKULTET	Lukić Bilela Lada	Microbial and Biomaterial Bioprospecting from Adriatic Sponges: A Bilateral Approach to Bioactive Discovery (MIBIAS)	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
14	Urbanistični inštitut Republike Slovenije	Igor Bizjak	Arhitektonski fakultet Sarajevo	Nermina Zagora	From Legacy to Resilience: Rethinking 20th-Century Urbanism and Architecture in Sarajevo and Ljubljana in the Context of Sustainability and Cultural Continuity	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
15	Univerza v Ljubljani	Božo Repe	Univerzitet u Sarajevu, Institut za historiju	Edin Omerčić	Demarcation Lines in Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 20th Century: Causes, Course, and Consequences	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
16	Univerza v Ljubljani	Marta Verginella	Univerza v Sarajevu, Filozofska fakulteta	Amir Duranović	Connected pasts: History of Women, Transnational Views and Comparative History	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
17	Univerza v Ljubljani	Jakob Kljun	University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Science	Zahirović Adnan	New approaches in the design of antidiabetic oxovanadium(IV) complexes	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €

18	Univerza v Ljubljani	Tomaž Urbič	Univerzitet u Tuzli Prirodno-matematički fakultet	Mersiha Suljkanović	Isolation of Bioactive Compounds from Fruit Processing By-products Following the Principles of Green Chemistry	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
19	Kemijski inštitut	Kristijan Vidović	Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo	Sabina Žero	Air Quality Assessment Using Selected Biomonitors	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
20	Univerza v Mariboru	Regina Fuchs- Godec	University of East Sarajevo, Faculty of Technology, Zvornik	Milorad Tomić	Environmentally friendly and sustainable coatings for the corrosion resistance of metallic materials	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
21	Univerza v Mariboru	Jasmin Kaljun	Sveučilište u Mostaru, Fakultet strojarstva, računarstva i elektrotehnike	Nebojša Rašović	Development, Simulation and Experimental Validation of Stochastic Energy-Absorbing Structures for Sports Protective Applications	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
22	Univerza v Ljubljani	Ines Cilenšek	Univerzitet u Tuzli, Medicinski fakultet	Grbić Emin	Molecular mechanisms in the development of myocardial infarction in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: immunohistochemical and genetic analysis of key pathways	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
23	Univerza v Mariboru	Vojko Potočan	Univerzitet u Sarajevu	Munira Šestić	Entrepreneurial Intentions of Female Business Students: Improving Contextual Support in Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
24	Znanstvenorazisko valni center Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti	Lucija Grahek	Odsjek za arheologiju, Filozofski fakultet, Univerzitet u Sarajevu	Edin Bujak	Reuse of Multiperiod Burial Sites in Bosnia-Herzegovina: Spatial and Epistemic Perspectives	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
25	Univerza na Primorskem Universta del Litorale	Miha Koderman	University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Science, Department of Geography	Hrelja Edin	Geographical analysis of factors influencing wetlands in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia: aspects of their protection and possibilities for tourist valorization	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
26	Univerza v Mariboru	Maša Islamčević Razboršek	Univerzitet u Sarajevu- Farmaceutski fakultet (Univerza v Sarajevu- Fakulteta za farmaciju)	Pazalja Mirha	The Impact of Wood Biomass Ash on Soil Contamination with Heavy Metals and PAH	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €

Annex 1

27	Univerza v Ljubljani	Klemen Bohinc	University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Medicine	Valentina Veselinović	Antimicrobial Properties of Polymethylmethacrylate Functionalized by Platinum and Palladium Nanoparticles	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
28	Univerza v Mariboru	Simon Klančnik	Univerzitet u Sarajevu - Mašinski fakultet	Maida Čohodar Husić	Optimization of modern production processes based on innovative solutions and different digital simulation technologies and algorithms	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
29	Univerza v Mariboru	Tone Lerher	Univerzitet u Tuzli - Mašinski fakultet	Topčić Alan	Numerical simulations and optimisation of bulk conveyor systems using coupled DEM and FEM methods	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
30	Univerza na Primorskem Universita del Litorale	Simon Kerma	Univerzitet u Istočnom Sarajevu (University of East Sarajevo)	Vukojević Ateljević Dajana	Indigenous varieties in sustainable wine tourism. Analysis of the situation in Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
31	Univerza v Ljubljani	Marko Nagode	Mašinski fakultet Sarajevo	Pašić Mirza	Modeling the cyclic curve of magnesium alloy AZ31 using a physics-guided deep neural network under variable temperature conditions	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
32	Institut "Jožef Stefan"	Muhammad Shahid Arshad	Sarajevo School of Science and Technology	Belma Ramić-Brkić	Digital Intelligence for Advanced Permanent Magnets (DIAMAG)	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
33	Kmetijski inštitut Slovenije	Barbara Pipan	Institute of Genetic Resources, University of Banja Luka	Mirela Kajkut Zeljković	From biodiversity to bioactivity – Valorisation of Allium genetic resources (AlliVar)	2000 € and 4000 BAM	
34	Univerza v Ljubljani	Tatjana Stanimirović	Pravni fakultet univerziteta u Banjoj Luci	Bojana Vasiljević Poljašević	Sustainable challenges of local public finance	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €
35	Univerza na Primorskem Universita del Litorale	Martina Blečić Kavur	Filozofski fakultet Univerziteta u Sarajevu	Busuladžić Adnan	Archaeological heritage on the edge of the Mediterranean world	2000 € and 4000 BAM	1500 €