#### **DECISION DOCUMENT**

## on co-funding of Serbian - German joint research projects in the period 2025 - 2026 held by correspondence in 2025

#### I. Introduction

Based on the Program between the German Academic Exchange Service of the Republic of Germany and Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia signed on December 17, 2019 in Bon and on August 13, 2019 in Belgrade, and on the Call for submitting applications for joint projects supporting cooperation between organizations in the Republic of Germany and the Republic of Serbia announced by the German Academic Exchange Service and by the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation in 2024, the two Parties realize:

# II. Evaluation of joint Serbian - German project proposals

The Serbian Party received 24 (twenty - four) proposals for joint research projects. The German Party received 24 (twenty - four) proposals for joint research projects.

The project proposals were peer reviewed by each Party.

## III. Approval of joint Serbian-German projects for funding in 2025 - 2026

Based on the results of the evaluation of the project proposals both Parties came to an agreement that according to the peer review screening 6 projects listed in Annex I, which is an integral part of this Decision Document, shall be jointly funded for the period of maximum two years. The research mobility exchanges for both parties should be finished up to December 31, 2026 at the latest.

# Administrative conditions of cooperation

Serbian researchers are required to present annually to the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation and German researchers to the German Academic Exchange Service a comprehensive report dealing with joint work performed within each project during the given year according to the requirements of the responsible institutions.

Upon termination of the project a final report of the results achieved will be submitted to the institutions responsible.

Regarding the publication of the achievements of the joint work and on the possible registration of the intellectual property rights, decisions will be made in conformity to the laws and rules in effect in each country, on the basis of mutual agreements reached in due time by participating institutions.

Both Parties will grant financial support to the approved projects.

The German Party will finance mobility costs for each project up to the maximum of 7.500 €/ calendar year/project and 15.000 € for the full period of the project duration.

The Serbian Party will provide financial support to bilateral projects up to 4.000 €/calendar year/project and up to 8.000 € for full period of the project duration.

Each Party will provide financial support to its own researchers.

In case either of the Parties is not able to provide financial support for certain year, the Party in question will inform the other Party of this situation in writing.

IV. The National Institutions in charge of coordination and implementation of this Decision Document are:

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## V. Date and place of the next Joint Commission Meeting

The Parties agreed that the next Call for Proposals for the period of 2027 - 2028 will be announced in the first half of 2026, if appropriate.

The next meeting of the Serbian – German Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation will be agreed via correspondence.

The two Parties agreed to exchange the texts of their respective Calls for Proposals in the English language no later than 7 days prior to their publication. The Parties also agreed to send the list of proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the Call.

The present Decision Document was signed by correspondence in February 2025, in two copies in the English language.

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