

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION FRAMEWORK
ON THE
SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE
TECHNOLOGIES**

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION FRAMEWORK
ON THE
SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE
TECHNOLOGIES**

Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Albania¹, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Government of Kosovo, the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia (hereinafter referred to as: the Signatories);*

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the Declaration of Intent "Establishment of a South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies", was signed at Geneva (CERN) on 25 October 2017 by eight parties (the Republic of Croatia agreed 'ad referendum'), with the aim of transforming this initiative into a regional project which will promote science and technology and foster cooperation in the Region in the spirit of CERN model;

RECOGNIZING the mutual benefits of scientific and technological cooperation, including, but not limited to exchange and transfer of knowledge and know-how, joint research programs and projects, strengthening of innovation, information exchange and awareness, capacity building, human resources and training;

CONVINCED

- that regional cooperation in scientific and technological research and development, based on a large-scale facility enabling excellence and internationally competitive scientific and technological activities, is a significant means of addressing common challenges and an important instrument for fostering sustainable economic development and social cohesion through joint efforts;
- that this regional project would upraise, in collaboration with existing European research infrastructure, Europe's scientific capacities and industrial competitiveness;

CONSIDERING that two concrete proposals have been presented in the public Forum at the ICTP (Trieste) on 25-26 January 2018.

Have agreed as follows:

Section I Purpose of the Memorandum

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation Framework (hereinafter referred to as: the Memorandum) is the realization of the Preparatory Phase for the establishment of the South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (hereinafter referred to as: the Institute).

The core of the Institute will be the Facility for Tumour Therapy and Biomedical Research with protons and heavier ions (hereinafter referred to as: Facility).

¹ By alphabetical order

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSC 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

Section II

Scope of the Preparatory Phase

The Preparatory Phase primarily consists of:

- Development of the Technical Design Report (TDR) with the Business Plan and conditions for the site.
- Preparation of the project proposal for the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon 2020", Programme part "European Research Infrastructure", Call "Development and long-term sustainability of the new Pan-European research infrastructures", with the topic "Design Study".

The Preparatory Phase will also include capacity building for the scientists, researchers, medical doctors, engineers and technicians (training, workshops, schools, seminars, joint fellowships and other related activities) in order to create adequate human resources needed for the establishment of the Facility and its future operation.

Section III

Cooperation Form

The Steering Committee, set up by the Declaration of Intent "Establishment of a SEEIIST", will be tasked for the implementation of the Preparatory Phase. To this end, the Steering Committee will form an Executive Committee which will be in charge of the coordination of activities and respective working groups where appropriate.

Members of the Executive Committee will be representatives of the Signatories and external experts, nominated by the Steering Committee.

Section IV

Financial and Technical Support

The Preparatory Phase will be financed by EU funds.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and the GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH will host and help the realization of activities defined in Section II of this Memorandum and will offer further support in this regard under the conditions that the financial resources for the Preparatory Phase would be provided.

Capacity building for the future operation of the Facility will be supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Details of the support provided by CERN, GSI and IAEA will be defined later.

Section V Settlements and Disputes

Any dispute that may arise concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved through negotiations.

Section VI Final provisions

This Memorandum will be concluded for indefinite period of time and will come into effect on the day of its signature. Any Signatory may withdraw from this Memorandum, by providing written notice through diplomatic channels to the other Signatories at least 90 days before its intention to withdraw from the Memorandum.

This Memorandum may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Signatories.

Adopted amendments will form an integral part of this Memorandum.

This Memorandum does not create right and obligations under international law.

Signed in Poznań, Poland, on 05 July 2019, in six (6) copies in English language.

For the
**Government of the
Republic of Albania**

Prime Minister

A large, stylized signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

For the
**Council of Ministers of
Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Chairman of the Council

A signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

For the
**Council of Ministers of the
Republic of Bulgaria**

Prime Minister

A signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

For the
**Government of
Kosovo***

Prime Minister

A signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

For the
**Government of
Montenegro**

Prime Minister

A signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

For the
**Government of the
Republic of North Macedonia**

Prime Minister

A signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSC 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence