

DECLARATION OF INTENT
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES

Preamble

RECOGNIZING the mutual benefits of scientific and technological cooperation, including knowledge transfer, promotion, technical and scientific cooperation, strengthening of innovation, information exchange, human resources, training, and more,

CONSIDERING that regional cooperation in scientific and technological research and development, based on a large-scale facility permitting 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,

THE INSTITUTE shall operate with the mission of "Science for Peace", following the 'CERN model'.

The Parties have a common vision and encourage the cooperation of researchers from the Parties in such a way that the primary mission of scientific excellence through peaceful collaboration is achieved.

The success of a similar initiative has been demonstrated by the SESAME Project built in Jordan, which unifies nine member states of different political systems and religions in the Middle East and has achieved all of them to peacefully work together. The main initiator of the idea to establish the Institute was the first President of the SESAME Council, Prof. Herwig Schopper.

The Parties have agreed as follows:

Objective of Cooperation Article 1

Through this Declaration of Intent (hereinafter: the Declaration), the Parties have agreed to initiate the preparation of the project of the South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (hereinafter: the Institute).

Cooperation Form Article 2

The Declaration shall establish cooperation between the Parties, which will be mutually beneficial and contribute to the establishment of a framework for cooperation in a way that would promote cooperation in the field of science, technology and industry, as well as the education and training of talented young people and engineers based on the transfer of knowledge and technology from European centres.

Subject-Matter of Cooperation

Article 3

Cooperation between the Parties shall be exercised through the following activities:

- Assessing the Conceptual Design Reports to be prepared by international expert committees.

Two options are presently proposed for the Institute:

- 1) A synchrotron radiation facility for research in physics, biology, archaeology, nanotechnology etc.
 - 2) A hadron beam facility for research and treatment of tumours, with a large fraction of beam time for research (beams from protons to carbon nuclei).
- Joint organization of trainings, seminars, workshops and other meetings on the topics related to the preparation of the project of the Institute;
 - Other activities in the fields encompassed by the Declaration, in accordance with subsequent agreement of the Parties.

Implementation of the Declaration

Article 4

The Declaration shall be implemented in accordance with the applicable norms of international law and has been aligned to the national legislation of the Parties.

To prepare and assess the necessary steps towards the establishment of the Institute, a Steering Committee with representatives from the competent Ministries shall be set up.

For the purpose of the implementation of the Declaration, the Steering Committee shall nominate its representative in charge of communication and other tasks related to applications.

Transitional and Final Provisions

Article 5

The Declaration shall become valid on the day of signing.

The Declaration may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing. The Party wishing to amend the Declaration shall give a written notice thereon to the other Parties at least 15 working days in advance.

Any Party may withdraw from the Declaration, by means of a written notice sent to the other Parties at least 90 days before the intention to withdraw from the Declaration.

In the case of specific initiatives / projects between the Parties, the contracts defining these specific initiatives / projects shall determine the notice period that must be given to a Party when there is intention to withdraw from the Declaration.

Candidate Parties for the Institute Article 6

At the moment, the parties listed below have expressed their interest in establishing the Institute. The list is not final and the Institute is open to all other parties of the region. Possible participation of other neighbouring parties is being explored.

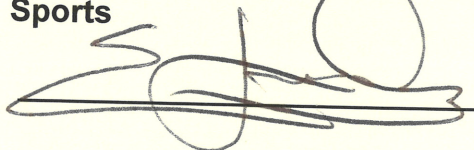
The Declaration shall be signed in English.

Signed in Geneva, on 25 October 2017

On behalf of¹

**Republic of Albania – Ministry
of Education, Sports and Youth**

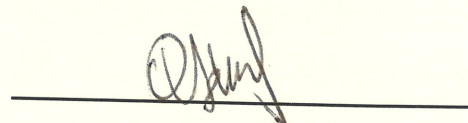
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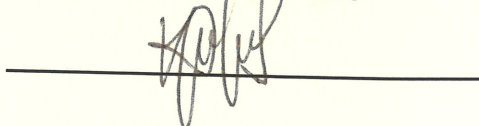
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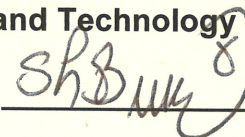


¹ By alphabetical order

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Minister of Education, Science
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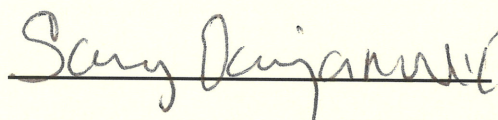
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On behalf of

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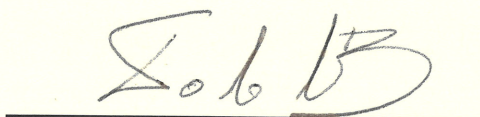
**Ms. Sanja Damjanović, PhD
Minister of Science**



On behalf of

**Republic of Serbia - Ministry
of Education, Science and
Technological Development**

**Prof. Vladimir Popović, PhD
State Secretary**



On behalf of

**Republic of Slovenia - Ministry
of Education, Science and Sport**

**Dr. Tomaž Boh,
State Secretary**



* 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



Geneva , 25 October 2017

Respected Ministers,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, I hereby confirm that the Republic of Macedonia agrees with the provisions of the Declaration of Intent -Establishment of a South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies.

It is considered that with this Instrument the Republic of Macedonia becomes a Signatory State to the Declaration of Intent - Establishment of a South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies.

However, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, I hereby declare that the provisional reference as contained in the said Declaration does not imply that the Republic of Macedonia accepts to refer itself other than by its constitutional name - the Republic of Macedonia.

Please accept, respected Ministers of South East Europe, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Renata Deskoska,
Minister of Education and Science
of the Republic of Macedonia

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Renata Deskoska', is placed below the printed name and title.

TO
the Ministers and Representatives of the
Signatories from South Eastern Europe at the
Signing Event of the Declaration of Intent
for the SEEIIST initiative