

13th Turkish-German Cooperation Council
Minutes
of
Working Group
Science, Research and Technology
Hanover, 16 April 2007

The Working Group "Science, Research and Technology" of the Turkish-German Cooperation Council held its second meeting in Hanover on 16 April 2007. The meeting was attended by the representatives of research and research funding organizations of both countries and was led by

Prof. Ömer Anlağan (TÜBİTAK) on the Turkish side
and
MinDirig Klaus Luther (BMBF) on the German side.

The participants were informed on the activities of both sides and appreciated that the establishment of the Working Group contributed a lot to the already existing cooperation of the two countries in science and research. The participants also welcomed the significant steps that have been taken since the first meeting of the Working Group.

The participants expressed their satisfaction with the successful completion of the Turkish-German Science, Technology and Research Strategic Workshop which was jointly organized by TÜBİTAK and BMBF-IB in Gebze on 13-15 December 2006. The participants also welcomed the direct relations between Koç University and Max-Planck-Society.

Furthermore, the participants appreciated the first announcement of the new IntenC program which is initiated jointly by TÜBİTAK and BMBF-IB to encourage the collaboration of Turkish and German Universities.

The representatives of the Turkish side informed that in order to strengthen the scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries the German side should simplify the visa procedures of the Turkish researchers who are travelling to Germany within the framework of bilateral agreements and EU framework programmes.

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Both Sides

- agreed to jointly promote scientific meetings organized by TÜBİTAK, BMBF as well as Turkish/German Universities and other Science and Research oriented Societies.
- will jointly organize workshops on industry, especially SME oriented research to promote R&D collaboration of industries of both countries.
- will initiate a joint programme to support industry oriented R&D projects (2+2 projects) in cooperation with universities / research institutions.
- agreed to organize workshops focused on EU framework programs
- will collaborate on changing experiences on research project management and contest for young scientists.

TÜBİTAK and BMBF wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit have agreed as follows:

The cooperation between TÜBİTAK and BMBF will have the following forms in particular:

- a. Joint research and development projects, including exchange of research results and exchange of scientists, specialists and researchers;
- b. Exchange of individual scientists for the purpose of conducting research work, exchange of information about ongoing research activities, adoption of new scientific methods, delivering lectures, establishing new scientific contacts for developing joint projects, attending scientific events;
- c. Organising and participating in joint scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc.;

The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists, resulting from the cooperation between TÜBİTAK and BMBF programs run by the International Bureau, unless mutually agreed otherwise, will be covered on the following basis:

The sending party will cover all related cost connected with travel and lodging according to there own regulations and allowances.

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