

Agreement of Cooperation

Between

the Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology

(legal entity code 188730854, registered address A. Goštauto Str. 12-219, LT-01108 Vilnius,
the Republic of Lithuania)

(MITA)

and

the Estonian Research Council

(legal entity code 90000759, registered address Soola 8, 51013 Tartu, the Republic of Estonia)

and

the State Education Development Agency

(legal entity code 90001800413, registered address Vaļņu iela 1, LV-1050, Riga,
the Republic of Latvia)

This Agreement of Cooperation (hereinafter **AoC**) sets out the terms and understanding between MITA, the Estonian Research Council and the State Education Development Agency (hereinafter **the Partners**) to facilitate cooperation between the Baltic States (Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia) in the European Union research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 (hereinafter **Horizon 2020**) through the Baltic Bonus scheme which is established in accordance with provisions of Joint Statement of Prime Ministers Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, signed 8th of November, 2013 and Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia, and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia on Closer Co-operation in Higher Education, Research and Innovation, signed on 29th of November, 2012.

1. Background

1.1. The Partners hereby acknowledge that the full potential for cooperation of the Baltic States in the European Union Framework programmes has not been used so far, therefore new initiatives fostering cooperation are required.

2. Purpose

2.1. The Partners hereby agree to encourage the cooperation of participants from the Baltic States in Horizon 2020 projects by creating the Baltic Bonus scheme.

3. Implementation of cooperation

- 3.1. Baltic Bonus scheme will be implemented by providing financial support by the national research funding agencies in the form of a financial bonus to the participants from their own country in Horizon 2020 projects if the project has participants from at least two Baltic States. Specific eligibility rules may vary from country to country.
- 3.2. The amount of support is 1000 euros and it is an additional support to the existing national support schemes.
- 3.3. The Partners agree to adopt the scheme no later than 1st of January, 2015.

4. Points of Contact

- 4.1. The following personnel are designated as the Points of Contact between the Parties in the performance of this AoC:
 - 4.1.1. For the MITA: Arunas Berzinskas, arunas.berzinskas@mita.lt, +37052644712;
 - 4.1.2. For the Estonian Research Council: Oskar Otsus, oskar.otsus@etag.ee, +3727317350;
 - 4.1.3. For the State Education Development Agency: Maija Bundule, maija.bundule@viaa.gov.lv, +371 67785423.

5. Termination

- 5.1. This AoC is an agreement that all Partners have entered into in good faith. Any Partner may terminate his participation in this AoC without liability by notifying the other partners in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of termination.

6. Term and Amendment

- 6.1. This AoC shall be in effect for the period of the operation of Horizon 2020. All Partners reserve the right to renegotiate this AoC. Any modification of this AoC must be done in writing and signed by the Partners.


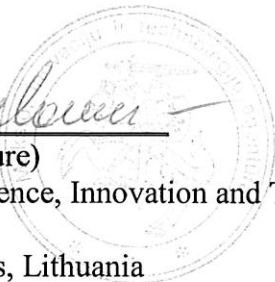
7. Entry into force

- 7.1. This agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature.



8. Applicable law

- 8.1. This agreement shall be construed and interpreted by the laws of Belgium.


This document has been done in three originals to be duly signed by the undersigned authorised representatives.

(Partner signature)
Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology, Director
Date:
Done in Vilnius, Lithuania

(Partner signature)
Estonian Research Council
Date: 18.06.15
Done in Tartu, Estonia



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(Dita Traidās)
State Education Development Agency
Date: 27-06-2015
Done in Riga, Latvia