

Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Cooperation

Signed between

1. The Geological Survey of Austria (GBA), represented by Dr. Peter Seifert, Director of the Geological Survey of Austria, as one party

and

1. The Geological Survey of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Federalni Zavod za geologiju), represented by Dr. Hazim Hrvatovic, Director of the Geological Survey of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the other party,

further the Parties, recognize the importance and need to continue their cooperation for the mutual benefit in various fields of geoscience.

SUBJECT AND SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

1. Basic geological research
2. Correlation of lithostratigraphic units in both countries and more specifically on Quaternary, Cenozoic, Mesozoic and Paleozoic formations and their compilation on geological maps;
3. Geochemistry and environment protection;
4. Structural evolution of the Alps, the Dinarides and the Pannonian Basin;
5. Raw materials including the evaluation of mineral deposits, of aggregates and regional land-use planning;
6. Digital geospatial data processing;
7. Engineering geology -Methodology for the preparation of landslide Susceptibility/Hazard/Risk maps
8. Correlation of the genesis of thermal, mineral and thermomineral waters of Austria and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
9. Exchange of geoscientific literature, periodicals and geological maps published by the Parties and
10. Mutual information on national and international geoscientific meetings, conferences, congresses etc. organised and held in Austria and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina;



MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

The Parties will focus their cooperation on the exchange of information and publications, the application and improvement of research and laboratory methods, joint field work, the collaboration on joint projects of mutual interest, the organisation of meetings and the joint dissemination of scientific and technical results of cooperative projects.

The Parties agree that the research results, all relevant information and the gained know-how of cooperative projects shall be shared and published, or held as confidential in accordance with specific terms agreed upon by both Parties for individual projects. This mode of conduct and the protection of intellectual property must be in accordance with the legislation in Austria and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Parties agree to continue and participate on international projects and more specifically projects under umbrella the EuroGeoSurvey (EGS), Carpatho-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA), the International Geoscience Program of UNESCO (IGCP) and other to further stimulate intergovernmental research and to gain additional financial support.

COSTS

The research activities shall be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations in both countries. Each Party shall cover its own expenditures incurred in carrying out cooperative projects (e. g., personal and equipment costs, travel expenses, accommodation, insurances), unless special financing becomes available for selected projects of mutual interest. Cooperative activities will depend on the availability of finance and manpower. The terms of financing, where necessary, shall be established by the Parties before the commencement of individual projects. The host will assist in the organisation of travelling in his home country.

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

The MoU shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and remain in force for 5 (five) years. It may be amended or extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties. The MoU may be terminated at any time by either Party after 6 months of written notice to the other Party. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the validity or duration of projects which have been initiated under this MoU prior to such a termination.

Date:

14/ June/ 2016



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