

# **Joint Declaration of Intent**

## **on Cooperation in Science, Research and Innovation**

**between**

**the Federal Ministry of Education and Research  
of the Federal Republic of Germany**

**and**

**the Ministry of Education and Research  
of the Republic of Moldova**

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova (hereafter referred to as "sides") emphasize their intent to resume a constructive and trustful relationship concerning the cooperation in science, research and innovation. This cooperation has been originally founded on the Agreement of 11 October 1995 between the Republic of Moldova and the Federal Republic of Germany on the Continuation of the German-Soviet Agreements in combination with the Agreement of 11 October 1995 between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on Cultural Cooperation. The cooperation was further developed with the Agreement of 28 February 1994 between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on Technical Cooperation and the Agreement of 14 March 2008 between the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Moldova and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany on Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

Both sides underline their interest in an intensification of the bilateral cooperation in science, research and innovation as well as in a constructive science and innovation policy dialogue between both countries supporting especially the reforms in research and innovation policy sought by the Moldovan side.

Further, both sides intend to adapt their cooperation to the changed institutional framework in the Republic of Moldova as well as to the importance that the further development of participation in the European Research Area has for both sides.

Taking this into account, both sides aim to deepen their relevant cooperation by the following possible concrete measures:

- Intensification of the dialogue on science policy on different levels,
- Expansion of the science cooperation in research areas of mutual relevance,

- Preparation of possible joint funding measures with the participation of the National Agency of Research and Development as the Moldovan funding agency,
- Intensification of the academic mobility of students and researchers with a special focus on young scientists,
- Fostering of partnerships between Moldovan and German researchers that aim at joint participation in EU programmes,
- Aspiring to build-up or intensify institutional partnerships between German and Moldovan universities and research institutions,
- Enabling of pilot studies and research studies particularly in possible fields of mutual relevance and
- Strengthening of the visibility of research and intermediary organizations in Moldova and Germany through joint networking activities and events.

In addition, both sides emphasize the special significance of the development of innovations within the cooperation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Moldova. In order to realize the joint innovation potential both sides strive to promote in a medium to long term the cooperation between research and economy and to take into account innovative research projects between research institutions, start-ups and companies in their cooperation.

This Joint Declaration of Intent is not intended to constitute an international treaty nor to create any rights or obligations for any side under international law. This Joint Declaration of Intent will come into effect on the date of signature by both sides. It may be amended at any time by mutual consent of both sides; amendments should be done in writing. Each side may end the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent in writing at any time. It should inform the other side of its intention to end the cooperation in writing at least six months in advance.

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