

Joint Declaration of Intent
on Collaboration in Science, Research and Development
between
the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology of the State of Israel
and
the Federal Ministry of Education and Research
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology of the State of Israel ("**MOST**") and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany ("**BMBF**") (hereinafter referred to as "Sides") reiterate in accordance with the "Exchange of Letters" of 1973 and most notably to honour "50 Years of Science and Technology Cooperation 2023" and "60 Years of Diplomatic Relations 2025" the fruitful cooperation between Israel and Germany in the field of science, research, technology and innovation, conscious of the shared values that unite them. Both Sides acknowledge the significance of the existing scientific cooperation between the two countries and emphasise their continued commitment to the cooperation between the two Ministries in the field of science, research, development and innovation.

Therefore, both Sides jointly state:

1. Both Sides emphasise the importance of **science and research as an outstanding pillar of bilateral relations** between the two countries. Therefore, both Sides intend to continue the strategic dialogue on science, research and innovation issues both between the Sides and between researchers, research institutions and scientific organizations. Both sides intend to strongly support collaborative projects as a core element of bilateral cooperation.

2. Both Sides share the interest to explore ways, in compliance with their laws, mechanisms and competence, **to enhance initiatives for strengthening the cooperation** in the fields of scientific excellence, applied research, innovation and technology.
3. Both sides appreciate the decades of excellent scientific cooperation between both countries, which covers a broad spectrum of research topics. They refer in particular to the cooperation in **water technology** and **cancer research**. Both sides reaffirm their intention to further strengthen this cooperation. Both Sides are also open to continuing their successful cooperation in battery research.
4. Both Sides emphasise the importance of international cooperation between students and researchers in academia and research institutions, in accordance with the needs of the scientific community. Therefore, they are open to strengthening their cooperation through new bilateral calls for project proposals on topics of mutual interest.
5. Both Sides emphasise the importance of young scientists for successful cooperation and mutual understanding. In particular, they acknowledge the role of the **Minerva Foundation**. They reaffirm their wish to cooperate intensively in favour of the exchange of young scientists.
6. Both Sides recognize the success of the support of the **German Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research & Development (GIF)** as a major pillar of the bilateral cooperation in their strategic objectives. They reaffirm their strong will to continue this support and to ensure the long-term stability of the foundation for the benefit of bilateral cooperation.
7. Both Sides encourage the German and the Israeli **Research and Intermediary Organizations** to further intensify their joint commitment at bilateral and multilateral levels, including through Horizon Europe and within the European Research Framework.
8. As a further means of supporting bilateral cooperation in scientific Research & Development, both Sides wish to encourage German and Israeli scientists to cooperate in carrying out joint projects within the **European Research and Innovation Programmes**.

9. Both Sides reaffirm their intention to strengthen their cooperation within the framework of the multilateral **Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area** (PRIMA).
10. This Joint Declaration of Intent may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of both Sides.
11. This Joint Declaration of Intent is not intended to and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations.

Signed in Berlin on March, 19, 2025, in duplicate in the English language.

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