

**AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION**

**ON**

**HUNGARIAN STATE SECURITY AND AUSTRIA**  
**1945 TO 1989**

**BETWEEN**

**HISTORICAL ARCHIVES**  
**OF THE HUNGARIAN STATE SECURITY**

**AND THE**

**LUDWIG BOLTZMANN INSTITUTE**  
**FOR RESEARCH ON CONSEQUENCES OF WAR**

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between

the **Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security (ABTL)**, hereinafter referred to as „ABTL“, represented by Gergö Bendeguz Cseh Ph.D., Director-general of the ABTL,

and

the **Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War**, hereinafter referred to as „LBI“, represented by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Stefan Karner, head of the institute,

hereinafter referred to as „the Parties“.

## Article I – Declaration

With this agreement of Cooperation, the ABTL and the LBI declare that both institutes will cooperate and support each other's research approaches and projects regarding the research topics mentioned below.

The ABTL preserves the documents related to the activity of Hungarian authorities which facilitated state security services after 21<sup>st</sup> December 1944. It is an independent, exercising state archives subordinated to the Hungarian Parliament and is responsible for handling the records, providing possibility to research the records and ensuring insight.

The LBI is a renowned Austria research institution in the field of contemporary history, specialized on Austria's relations towards the former Soviet realm of influence. During the last 24 years a whole variety of topics has been covered, resulting in a research-archive that contains especially Soviet as well as Austrian documentation. One of the LBI's main focuses is the research of the role of foreign intelligence services in Austria during the Cold War. Thereby the LBI's research archives has been complemented with documentation covering this field of interest.

The Parties have decided to conclude this Agreement in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

## Article II Common Research topics

The ABTL and the LBI will cooperate in their research on the following topics:

- The activities of the Hungarian state security services on the territory of Austria 1945 to 1989
- The fate of Hungarian citizens sentenced by Soviet authorities in Austria 1945 to 1955
- Austrian citizens observed by Hungarian state security in Hungary 1945 to 1989
- Operations towards Hungarian refugees in Austria 1945 to 1989 and incidents at the Hungarian-Austrian border connected to these operations

It is mentioned that these topics will be subject to evaluation and eventual changes, based on the results of the research done. Depending on the sources and results of the research, these topics can be subject to change when both sides agree.

## Article III Research work

The ABTL and the LBI agree upon naming two contact persons responsible for coordinating and supervising the research conducted. From the side of the ABTL, it will be Magdolna Barath, historian and international relations adviser at the ABTL, and from the side of the LBI, it will be Dieter Bacher, research fellow at the LBI.

For conducting the research itself, both Parties agree upon establishing special working groups. Size, tasks and research conducted by these special working groups will be subject to further plannings by both parties.

Both Parties agree to share documents and information for their research efforts, according to data protection regulations.

The Parties do recognize and shall respect all rights of the other Party resulting from the fact that the originals of documents and inventories are owned by the respective Party.

The shared records and information are not available for third partners, with the exception if both parties agree in form of an amendment agreement to this Agreement approved separately by the representatives of the Parties.

## Article IV Publication of research

Both parties agree to publish results out of the cooperation together and to cooperate in joint publication projects.

Furthermore, both Parties agree to cooperate in planning, organization and realization of workshops and conferences dedicated to the research done according to this Agreement.

#### Article V Addresses

The addresses for service of the ABTL and of the Committee are as follows:

1. Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security, Eötvös u. 7, 1067 Budapest, Hungary
2. Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung, Cluster Geschichte, Schörgelgasse 43, 8010 Graz, Österreich

#### Article VI Validity

This Agreement is concluded for 5 years from the date of its signature.

Either party may at any time terminate this Agreement before its expiration subject to giving a 90-day notice in writing.

The dissolution of the Agreement is without prejudice to the validity of any obligations concluded beforehand. Especially shared materials have to stay confidential even after expiry of this agreement.

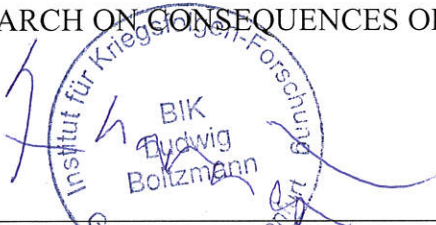
#### Article VII Alterations and copies of the Agreement

This Agreement shall constitute an entire agreement of the parties with respect to the purpose of this Agreement. Any alterations and amendments to the content of this Agreement shall only come into force if being a subject-matter of an amendment agreement to this Agreement approved separately by the representatives of the Parties.

This Agreement is executed in 2 copies, two in English. Each of the Parties will obtain a copy of the Agreement.

Date: 10th October 2017

On behalf of the  
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