

Action Plan
for the Implementation of the Strategic Partnership
between the Republic of Korea and the Czech Republic
for Years 2025-2027

The Republic of Korea and the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as “Sides”),

Recognizing the remarkable progress made in bilateral relations in various fields between the Republic of Korea and the Czech Republic since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1990;

Recalling the Strategic Partnership between the two countries established in February 2015 in Seoul;

Recalling the two subsequent Action plans outlining specific measures for the implementation of the Strategic Partnership for the years 2016-2018 and for the years 2019-2021 adopted in Prague in December 2015 and in January 2019;

Reaffirming their willingness to further expand and strengthen cooperation in the fields of mutual interest;

Have agreed as follows:

Political and Security Cooperation

1. Both Sides will continue their efforts to increase political dialogues at all levels. Based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperation and Policy Consultation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, both Sides will establish a strategic dialogue between the two Foreign Ministries and make continued efforts to hold Foreign Ministers’ meetings, taking advantage of bilateral visits as well as multilateral frameworks, and reinforce political consultations at the level of Deputy/Vice Foreign Ministers or other senior officials.

2. Both Sides will encourage the strengthening of parliamentary cooperation and exchanges through various means including visits by the Parliamentary Friendship Groups.
3. The Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic will develop defense and defense industrial cooperation through exchanges among various personnel, including high-level officials, on the basis of the MOU between the Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic concerning Cooperation in the Field of Defense, signed in Seoul on 26 February 2015.
4. Both Sides will seek to hold the Korea-Czech Joint Defense Industry and Logistics Committee as agreed in the MOU between the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic concerning Cooperation in the Field of Defense Industry and Logistics, signed in Prague on 31 August 2015. Furthermore, mutual interest in the development of cooperation was encouraged by the MOU between the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic on scientific and technological cooperation.
5. Both Sides will encourage the development of closer cooperation between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Republic of Korea in security issues of mutual interest within appropriate frameworks.
6. Both Sides will continue to strengthen existing cooperation in combating crime, also by way of concluding a bilateral agreement.
7. Both Sides will continue to cooperate on international cyber issues, including cyber security, cyber defense, cybercrime and enhance coordination in these areas by holding the bilateral Cyber Policy Consultations on a regular basis, exchange of practical experience and sharing best practices.
8. Both Sides will promote norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace. They aim to foster a secure, stable, and peaceful cyberspace and digital environment by engaging in diplomatic efforts including through advocating for the adherence to existing international law, developing new frameworks as needed, and supporting confidence-building measures to prevent conflicts and misunderstandings in the digital domain.
9. Both Sides will promote and support cooperation within the Visegrad Group plus the Republic of Korea (V4+Korea) format.
10. Both Sides will cooperate within the framework of the United Nations and will promote mutual cooperation in other international organizations and fora.
11. Both Sides will cooperate on promoting human rights, democracy, the rule of law and related issues.
12. Both Sides will promote cooperation in the field of public administration, with a special focus on modernization, e-Government, personnel management, and public services, mainly in the form of exchange of knowledge and experience, consultations, or exchange of visits and materials.

Cooperation in the field of Economy, Industry, and Transportation

13. Both Sides will promote regular communication and cooperation between the ministries and other public/private bodies dealing with economic cooperation, including trade and investment, with a view to further promoting dialogue on issues of mutual interest, business cooperation, and macroeconomic policies. For this purpose, both Sides will hold the Economic Commission on Economic Cooperation on a regular basis, and promote high-level visits. Both Sides will also encourage full implementation of the ROK-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) which entered into force in July 2011 to deepen and expand mutually beneficial economic and trade cooperation.
14. Both Sides will encourage the cooperative activities in light of the Trade and Investment Promotion Framework (TIPF) which aims to not only expand trade and investment but also promote comprehensive cooperation across industry, energy and supply chains between the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. Both Sides will also promote mutual business opportunities and support the development of comprehensive economic cooperation in the field of advanced manufacturing, supply chains, carbon free energy, civil nuclear energy, and collaborative actions through the Supply Chain and Energy Dialogue (SCED) between the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. Based on the Vltava High-Tech Industry Cooperation Vision MOU, both Sides intend to provide support for R&D institutes or universities of both countries with a view to establishing cooperation centers for the four high-tech industries (batteries, future vehicles, semiconductors, robots and potentially other areas) in the Czech Republic and to support cooperative projects such as joint research, personnel exchanges and technology demonstrations and discuss the possible future establishment of a Korea-Czech Industrial Cooperation Foundation.
15. Both Sides will encourage partnerships among financial institutions to explore co-financing opportunities and share information on large scale projects across strategic industries, in accordance with the MOU between Korean financial institutions (the Export-Import Bank of Korea and the Korea Trade Insurance Corporation) and Czech financial institutions (the National Development Bank, the Czech Export Bank, and the Export Guarantee and Insurance Corporation).
16. The Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic will establish the Korea-Czech economic dialogue with an ambition to ensure economic prosperity of both countries by deepening their partnership and sharing information in areas such as macroeconomic stability, fiscal policy and other relevant economic cooperation issues.
17. Both Sides, acknowledging the designation of Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company Co., Ltd. (KHNP) as the preferred bidder for the construction of new nuclear power sources in the Czech Republic, will actively pursue strategic cooperation in the field of nuclear energy and R&D using relevant existing frameworks in accordance with the MOU between the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Concerning Civil Nuclear

Energy Cooperation. In this respect, both Sides will support the involvement of the Czech industry in the implementation of new nuclear power sources projects of KHNP in the Czech Republic.

18. Both Sides will encourage R&D projects mainly in areas of electric vehicle (EV) batteries and EVs production, hydrogen technologies, AI, ICT, digital technologies, semiconductor development and production, photonics, advanced materials and machinery.
19. Both Sides will support further cooperation between the private sectors, including through the organization of bilateral business forums and missions as well as participation in fairs and conferences, to create a favorable environment for promoting bilateral economic, trade and investment cooperation.
20. Both Sides will further explore ways to facilitate the mobility of workers between the two countries through simplifying administrative procedures, allowing manpower to enter each other's labor market, and through other relevant measures, as appropriate.
21. Both Sides will work together in the international fora to contribute to the development of standards for 5G/6G telecommunication, hydrogen technologies, AI and other new technologies.
22. Both Sides will encourage bilateral business and technology cooperation forums to create a favorable environment for promoting bilateral cooperation in, inter alia, the automotive industry, machinery, engineering, hydrogen technologies, low-carbon technologies, and ICT, and to support cooperation in the private sector.
23. Both Sides will also continue their efforts to further develop clean energy technologies and to accelerate the deployment of existing, emerging, and new carbon-free energy technologies, including renewable, nuclear, and hydrogen energy and their derivatives as well as abatement and removal technologies such as Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS). In this respect, the Czech Republic will support the Carbon Free Energy (CFE) Initiative proposed by the Republic of Korea and both Sides will work together within the CFE Initiative Global Working Group.
24. Both Sides acknowledge the urgency to scale up climate action in line with the commitments under the Paris Agreement and new climate policies.
25. Both Sides will continue to hold the Korea-Czech Infrastructure and Transportation Meeting on Railways and the Joint Working Group on Railway Transport on a regular basis to discuss and strengthen bilateral cooperation and exchange of best practices especially in the development, operation, maintenance and financing of high-speed rails.
26. Both Sides will work together closely in international transport organizations, such as the Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) or multilateral platforms such as the International Transport Forum (ITF).
27. Both Sides will enhance cooperation in the field of veterinary and phytosanitary issues by focusing on the facilitation of administrative procedures related to the market access of food and agricultural products.

28. Both Sides will encourage efforts and involvement of businesses, research teams and academia to identify and implement reconstruction projects in Ukraine in areas such as transport, infrastructure, modern solutions and other relevant areas.

Cooperation in the field of Science, Technology, and Innovation

29. Both Sides will collaborate in the preparation and execution of a Work Plan for the Joint Call for bilateral Korea-Czech research projects between the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic. A Joint Call between the respective ministries will be announced following the Work Plan at the beginning of 2025.
30. Both Sides will support cooperation in the area of nuclear education and human resources development based on, inter alia, proposals and involvement of the Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) International Nuclear Graduate School (KINGS), Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), and the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI) Nuclear Training and Education Center.
31. Both Sides will promote the strengthening of joint participation in Horizon Europe and Eureka as well as cooperation between scientists of both countries, including through preferential access to research infrastructures of both countries.
32. Both Sides will explore further opportunities to promote cooperation in research and technology development that will support the priorities of both Governments in the framework of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Czech Republic on the Scientific and Technological Cooperation signed on 4 March 1995 and the MOU on Technology and Innovation Partnership signed on 2 December 2015. In particular, both Sides will pursue R&D cooperation in the field of ICT (including cybersecurity), AI, the Internet of Things, quantum technologies, nanotechnologies, thermonuclear fusion and semiconductors. In addition, events (conferences, missions etc.) will be organized to encourage and boost collaboration in such research, development and innovation (R&D&I) areas.
33. Both Sides will continue to support the biennial meetings of the Korea-Czech Science and Technology Joint Committee as a platform for cooperative activities in the areas of science, technology, and innovation. This committee remains an important forum for strengthening cooperation in R&D&I. In order to maximize the efficiency of such exchanges, an establishment of a regular Korea-Czech R&D&I forum should be considered.
34. Both Sides will continue to strengthen cooperation to promote R&D&I in industrial technologies with the main emphasis on supporting and developing innovative companies; Korea Energy Terminals (KETs); nuclear power including stability of electricity transmission and distribution; sustainable energy and energy efficiency; distributed power generation including smart grids; microgrids and energy storage systems; hydrogen technologies; low-carbon technologies; green cars, automobile parts

and smart mobility; general machinery; electronics/electrical engineering; robotics and cybernetics; and embedded software as stated as the main areas of cooperation in the MOU between the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic and the MOUs between the Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT), the Korea Institute of Energy Technology, Evaluation and Planning (KETEP) and the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TACR).

35. Both Sides will encourage further collaboration between KIAT, KETEP and the TACR, which will provide necessary support for new bilateral R&D projects in the above-mentioned areas following the TACR's joint project proposals with KIAT and KETEP.
36. Both Sides will support the existing V4+Korea Joint Research Projects in the Framework of the MOU on Scientific and Technological Cooperation signed between the Korean and relevant V4 ministries and institutions on 2 December 2015 in Prague and the renewed MOU signed on 2 December 2021 in Budapest. Additionally, both Sides will foster and support bilateral or multilateral cooperation in scientific and technological research.
37. Based on the successful cooperation under the Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP), both Sides will support new forms of joint research and business cooperation, including the Czech Republic's possible participation in the Economic Innovation Partnership Program under the supervision of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea.
38. Both Sides will further promote exchange of experience and best practices in the field of hydrogen technologies and their use in clean mobility, public transport, chemical industry and energy production. Both Sides will also promote the cooperation of companies on decarbonization projects using hydrogen technologies in both countries as well as in third countries.
39. Both Sides will also support cooperation in the fields of civil aviation, logistics, sustainable urban mobility, smart mobility, including intelligent transport systems and automated mobility and use of smart solutions in transport, as well as support transport-oriented research, institutional cooperation and development of technology incubation partnership in smart mobility, autonomous mobility and clean mobility.
40. Both Sides will work together to initiate bilateral cooperation in the field of space activities to develop the potential of economic, scientific and research cooperation and support technology incubation and long-term investment partnerships.
41. Both Sides will strengthen cooperation in the field of environmental protection, support the development of environmentally friendly technologies, and promote efficient energy and material use as well as the development of a green and circular economy. Both Sides will make efforts to exchange expertise and scientific know-how and to enhance cooperation in the private sector.
42. Both Sides will encourage closer cooperation between innovative ecosystems of both countries, including collaboration between innovation centers, incubators, accelerators, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups.

43. Both Sides acknowledge that the open nature of international research cooperation can be exploited and misused by foreign powers with the intention of increasing their own technological, economic, political and military power. Therefore, strong efforts are necessary to safeguard the open cooperation and research integrity. In this respect, both Sides commit to promoting the exchange of experiences and best practices to enhance research security.

Cooperation in Environmental Protection and Climate Change

44. Both Sides are willing to strengthen their cooperation to tackle climate change, including adaptation and mitigation measures to enhance their climate resilience. Both Sides are parties to the most important multilateral environmental agreements including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). These agreements complement and support the achievement of the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), through synergistic actions that also address biodiversity loss and land degradation.
45. Both Sides recognize potential for mutual cooperation in areas such as circular economy and waste management (including recycling of plastics), water management, air quality, protection and conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development. Both Sides will promote collaboration through the exchange of expertise, study visits, sharing of green technologies or implementation of joint projects. The ROK-EU Green Partnership which was concluded in May 2023 can serve as a useful framework in this regard.

Promotion of Cultural, Educational, People-to-People Exchanges, and Tourism

46. Acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected cultural and people-to-people exchanges which had greatly contributed in the previous period to strengthening the bilateral relations of the two countries, both Sides will continue to make efforts to host cultural exchange events and to encourage tourism in both countries.
47. Both Sides appreciate the Working Holiday Program and exchanges facilitated by the Erasmus+ Programme that promote youth mobility between both countries.
48. Both Sides commend the long-standing cooperation between the respective ministries of both countries in the area of higher education and will continue their efforts to maintain and develop the intergovernmental exchange of scholarships that facilitate study and research stays at their higher education institutions as well as participation in summer courses of their languages.
49. The respective ministries of both countries express their intention to prolong the validity of the Implementing Programme for Cooperation in the Fields of Education and Culture between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Czech

Republic until the end of 2026 and express their readiness to take steps to conclude a new Implementing Programme or, alternatively, a departmental agreement that would provide for the aforementioned scholarship exchanges also in the future.

50. Both Sides commend the promising developments in the area of diploma mobility between the Republic of Korea and the Czech Republic. The respective ministries of both countries will cooperate to ensure that degrees issued in the country of one Side in accordance with its own laws and regulations are properly recognized in the country of the other Side in accordance with its own laws and regulations.
51. Both Sides hold in high regard the existing level of cooperation between their institutions of higher education noting that direct contacts between the universities contribute to promoting quality research and enhancing the quality of education for exchange students.
52. Both Sides will support regional-level partnership projects as well as culture and tourism exchange activities, such as festivals and events, in the areas of culinary arts, intangible heritage, and arts.
53. In order to promote the tourism industry of both countries and develop tourism standards and regulations, both Sides will support the exchange and institutional collaboration between the relevant authorities such as between the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic and between the Korea Tourism Organization and the Czech Tourism.
54. Both Sides will support the exchange of best practices in destination marketing between the relevant authorities and major cities of both countries.

East Asia, Indo-Pacific and the Korean Peninsula

55. Both Sides will support exchanges and practical cooperation as part of the implementation of the EU's Strategy on Cooperation with the Indo-Pacific and respective national strategies of the Republic of Korea and the Czech Republic, as well as the Global Gateway. Joint activities will be considered with a special emphasis on the areas of promotion of effective multilateralism, defense against foreign information manipulation and interference, cyber security, economic resilience, security of supply chains and space and digital connectivity. Joint connectivity projects including in third countries under the Global Gateway should be considered.
56. Both Sides will strengthen cooperation and exchanges of views on the situation on the Korean Peninsula towards the complete denuclearization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the full implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions. Both Sides reaffirm that the rule of law and respect for human rights are an essential element in building sustainable peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula. Both Sides will continue to strengthen cooperation to promote human rights in the DPRK.

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