

AUSTRIA / CZECH REPUBLIC / REPUBLIC OF SERBIA / SLOVAK REPUBLIC / REPUBLIC OF FRANCE*

MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THE DANUBE REGION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021 JOINT PROJECTS

CLOSING DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

Aims of the Call

- To contribute to scientific advancement in the abovementioned countries by funding researchers' mobility in the frame of joint research projects;
- To contribute to research capacity development in the region;
- To support the advancement of cross-border research cooperation;
- To provide an opportunity for young/female researchers (as applicable) in the abovementioned countries to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers;
- To facilitate the joint participation in European research projects.

Areas of Cooperation

The Call is open to all scientific disciplines and thematic areas, including social sciences as well as humanities.

Duration of projects

The projects will be supported for a period of max. 22 months from **March 2020** until **December 2021**.

Who may apply?

AUSTRIA: Researchers at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in the areas of basic research are eligible for application. Minimum requirement for the Austrian Principal Investigator is a PhD/Dr. degree. Minimum requirement for project members is a Master degree or equivalent.

CZECH REPUBLIC: Researchers working at research organization in accordance with Article 1.3 point. ee) Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (2014 / C 198/01).

* Please note the special conditions for participation for French researchers

Eligible research organisations are listed on this website: <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/vyzkumne-organizace>

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA: The researchers from Serbia, participating in this Programme, should be full-time employees of the Serbian Universities or Research Institutes or Innovative Organisations, registered within the Serbian Register of accredited scientific and research organisations, in accordance with the national legislation. Criteria which must be fulfilled for application in this Programme is the engagements of the Serbian researchers in the national scientific programmes and ongoing national projects.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: Any Slovak legal entity or Slovak natural person - an entrepreneur who holds valid certificate of competence to carry out research and development under § 26a sect. 11 or 12 of Act No. 172/2005 Coll. as amended.

FRANCE: Eligibility criteria applied by the French evaluators are available on the website of Campus France under the following link: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/danube>

How do I apply?

It is up to the applicants to find their own research partners. **Proposals must be submitted to all responsible national funding bodies of the participating partners simultaneously.** Proposals which have not been received by all participating partners will not be considered for funding. The call process is highly competitive therefore application does not guarantee funding.

AUSTRIA: the entire application for the research project must be submitted in English online via the [WTZ Online Submission System](#). The application must include the following documents (in PDF format):

- Brief academic CV for each Austrian project member
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the Austrian side
- Project description including the methodological part (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and other participating countries)
- Further cooperation perspective

CZECH REPUBLIC:

The application must include the following documents:

- Project description including the methodological part (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief academic CV for each Czech project member
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years
- Brief description of the partner institution
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members
- Further cooperation perspective
- Mandatory annexes as specified below

Proposals with the same content and thematic aspects will not be accepted if they have already been submitted and funded in the framework of bilateral or multilateral cooperation.

Proposals for a joint research project on the Czech side are completed and submitted in English via forms available on <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/podunajska-spoluprace> (under the reference of the Call). Complete project proposals and annexes in electronic format must be sent via data box with address **vidaawt**. There has to be a clearly visible notice: „Výzva Danube - NEOTVÍRAT“ in the data box message. In the column *K rukám*, please, fill “Oddělení 33”.

Proposals for a joint research project on the Czech side must have only one principal investigator, even in case that its solution will be implemented by a larger number of collaborating institutions. When the solution of the joint research project on the Czech side involves more collaborating institutions (i.e. in addition to the institution mentioned in the project proposal as a "beneficiary" also other institution referred to as the "other participants" participates), Section 7 of the application "Financial Plan" must be completed separately for all cooperating institutions. The resulting "Project Budget" is then the sum of "financial plans" of individual project's participants.

As the "Mandatory annex" to the application these documents should be attached:

1. The consent to the processing of personal data

The form for consent to the processing of personal data is available for download at website <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/podunajska-spoluprace> (under the reference of the Call).

Consent to the processing of personal data must be provided by the person referred to in the draft joint research project as a "principal investigator". When the Czech part of the research project team has a larger number of members, consent to the processing of personal data must be provided by all members of the Czech part of the research team of the project mentioned in the draft project as "members of the research team", respectively "Team members". Consent to the processing of personal data bearing the signature must be attached to the projects proposal in electronic form.

2. The form Guideline of good practices

The form provided with the appropriate signature (a statutory body / authorized member statutory body) must be attached to the application form electronically in pdf format. The form Guideline of good practices is available for download at website <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/podunajska-spoluprace> (under the reference of the Call).

As "Other attachments" documents associated with the solution of proposed joint research project (tables, graphs, scheme etc.) can be attached to the application.

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA: the entire application for the research project must be submitted in English and Serbian language online via the website: <http://www.mpn.gov.rs/nauka/naucna-i-tehnoloska-saradnja-u-dunavskom-regionu/>

- Project description including the objectives and methodological part (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief academic CV for each Serbian project member
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years
- Brief description of the partner institution
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members
- Expected project results and further cooperation perspective

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: the entire application for the research and development support project must be submitted in Slovak and English online at www.apvv.sk until call deadline. The application must include the following information:

- Brief academic information **for Slovak PI** and list of other project members
- List of relevant **Slovak PI** publications or important research results of the last 5 years
- Project description including the methodological part (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members

- Further cooperation perspective

FRANCE: the application must be submitted online on the following website:
<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater>.

Which activities may I apply for?

The purpose of this call is to support the mobility of researchers among the participating countries to carry out joint research projects. In this regard, funding will be made available for visits and exchanges of scientists conducting joint research.

The sending state will cover the travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs and insurance of its own researchers.

In Austria in well-justified cases EUR 2,000.- per project may be applied for material and/or other costs.

In the Slovak Republic other costs associated with the project provided by the Agency in each financial year can be set at a minimum of EUR 100, while not exceeding 20% of the total project costs.

Funding Modalities*

Funding will be available for a maximum of two years for **collaborative research projects** jointly developed and completed by researchers from a **minimum of 3 participating countries**.

Funding will be provided for activities within the scope of these guidelines only.

AUSTRIA:

<i>Number of participating countries</i>	<i>Maximum funding per project</i>
3	EUR 11,000.-
4	EUR 13,500.-
5	EUR 16,000.-

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Austrian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country based on submitted invoices. For travels up to seven hours bus and train shall be used.
- Accommodation expenses: 1) PHD students: EUR 100.- per working day for Austrian PHD students travelling to an abovementioned country for up to 12 days or EUR 1,250.- per month for periods longer than 12 days up to a maximum of 3 months. 2) researchers: EUR 100.- per working day for Austrian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country for up to 14 days or EUR 1,400.- per month for periods longer than 14 days up to a maximum of 3 months.
- Project related material costs: max. EUR 2000.- per project as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.

CZECH REPUBLIC:

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<i>Number of participating countries</i>	<i>Maximum funding per project</i>
3	250 000 CZK (125 000 CZK per year)
4	300 000 CZK(150 000 CZK per year)
5	350 000 CZK (175 000 CZK per year)

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: 7 000 CZK - per trip for Czech researchers travelling to an abovementioned country (lump sum).
- Accommodation expenses: According to the rules set by Ministry of Finance CR. They can change every year. For 2019: Austria up to EUR 130.- Serbia up to EUR 100.- Slovakia up to EUR 100.- France up to EUR 150.- per day for Czech researchers travelling to abovementioned countries for up to 14 days **OR** CZK 30 000.- per month for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum.

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA:

<i>Number of participating countries</i>	<i>Maximum funding per project</i>
3	EUR 7,000.- (EUR 3,500.- per year)
4	EUR 8,500.- (EUR 4.250.- per year)
5	EUR 9,000.- (EUR 4.500.- per year)

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses including the costs of Health Insurance will be reimbursed for Serbian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country based on submitted invoices: maximum EUR 400.- per trip
- Accommodation expenses: EUR 100.- per day for Serbian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country for up to 14 days or EUR 1,400.- per month for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC:

<i>Number of participating countries</i>	<i>Maximum funding per project</i>
3	EUR 10,000.- (EUR 5,000.- per year)
4	EUR 12,500.- (EUR 6,250.- per year)
5	EUR 15,000.- (EUR 7,500.- per year)

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses for Slovak researchers travelling on the territories of Slovakia and the participating partner countries, which are demonstrably related directly to the project.
- Accommodation expenses: for Slovak researchers travelling on the territories of Slovakia and the participating partner countries, which are demonstrably related directly to the project.
- Subsistence costs for Slovak researchers

- Documented necessary extra costs for Slovak researchers (visa, conference fees, travel health insurance abroad, tolls/fees and parking fees demonstrably related to the business trip covered within the project solution, compulsory and recommended vaccination, etc.)
- Other costs: minimum 100 EUR and maximum 20% from of the total project costs provided by the Agency in each financial year (material, services)

More details about Slovak national rules can be found in the consolidated version of the public call and their annex.

FRANCE:

Number of participating countries	Maximum funding per project
3	EUR 10,000.- (EUR 5,000.- per year)
4	EUR 12,500.- (EUR 6,250.- per year)
5	EUR 15,000.- (EUR 7,500.- per year)

The funding will be allocated as follows:

- Travel costs will be reimbursed for French researchers travelling to an above-mentioned country based on submitted invoices: maximum EUR 500.- per trip
- Accommodation and food expenses: EUR 110.- flat rate per person and per day for French researchers travelling to an above-mentioned country

As France is participating for the first time in this call, only the 2 to 3 best ranked projects will be selected by the French experts and eligible for funding. The additional projects approved by the selection committee can include French partners; however, the French researchers will have to bear their own expenses.

How are applications evaluated?

Following the closing date of the call indicated below, applications will be submitted to recognized national experts in the various fields of research represented by the proposals received. These experts will evaluate each proposal based on the following criteria:

- Scientific value of the intended research project (Points 0-25)
- Feasibility of the joint research plan and adequacy of the scientific method (Points 0-15)
- Competence, expertise and complementarity of the scientists/research teams involved (Points 0-20)
- Added value expected from the multilateral research collaboration (Points 0-15)
- Potential for further or future European and international cooperation (Points 0-15)
- Participation of young (5 Points / 10 Points for SK) and female (5 Points / 0 Points for SK) research talent (Points 0-10)

Due to legal reasons, evaluation procedures within the Slovak Research and Development Agency (SDRA) only foresee an evaluation regarding the participation of young research talent in this category.

A maximum of 100 points can be achieved.

Following national evaluation, a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the implementing agencies/ministries based on the results of the national

evaluations. The project selection will be carried out by the funding agencies and ministries of the participating countries. The results of the project selection meeting will be announced presumably by February 2020.

Reporting and Publications

Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory.

- A final scientific and financial report has to be submitted in English (for Slovakian partners only in Slovak) by all project partners to their national implementation agencies/ministries no more than 30 days after the end of the project.
- The report has to mention outputs of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the proposal.
- Joint publications by researchers have to mention the support from the respective funding agencies/ministries.

Additionally in Austria: A brief project progress report has to be submitted after one year via the OeAD GmbH online tool as a precondition for further funding.

Additionally in the Slovak Republic: A brief project progress report has to be submitted online and per regular post after one year to the Slovak Research and Development Agency as a precondition for further funding.

Additionally in France: A scientific and financial progress report has to be submitted after one year to the French embassies (please see contacts below) as a precondition for further funding.

Intellectual property

The researchers of each country must take adequate steps to ensure protection and sharing of the intellectual property that could result from the joint projects.

Closing date for applications

Applications must be submitted by **20 September 2019**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Please note that the implementing agencies/ministries will not be held responsible for applications that were not received. Principal Investigators have to ensure that their research partners submit their applications in time.

Further information

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