

AUSTRIA / CROATIA

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (formerly WTZ programme) CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS in 2018-2019

CLOSING DATE: 19 May 2017

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation is carried out in the frame of the bilateral "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on Scientific & Technological Co-operation" and is financed equally by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) and by the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.

Aims of the Programme

- Funding researchers' mobility in the frame of joint research projects to stimulate international research cooperation;
- Providing an opportunity for researchers to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers, especially for early-stage¹, mid-career² as well as female researchers.

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. two years from January 2018 until December 2019.

Who may apply?

AUSTRIA: Researchers working at universities, universities of applied sciences and other legal entities (e.g. higher education and research institutions, companies) planning to carry out a non-profit-oriented research project within the frame of this call are eligible for application.

Project proposals submitted by early-stage¹ or mid-career researchers² as well as project proposals with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early-stage¹ and/or female researchers will be particularly considered.

The focus of the programme lies on new international partnerships. Follow-up proposals with the same research partners will not be eligible for funding if they have already been funded under this programme.

CROATIA: Higher education faculty (at least assistant professors) holding permanent positions at Croatian higher education institutions, and researchers (at least research assistants) holding permanent positions at Croatian scientific research institutes are eligible for application.

Project proposals with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, young and/or female researchers will be particularly considered.

¹ Researchers with an experience up to 5 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family reasons, health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

² Researchers with an experience of 5 to 15 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family reasons, health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

Follow-up proposals with the same research partners will not be eligible for funding if they have already been funded under this programme.

How do I apply?

It is up to the applicants to find their own research partners. **Proposals must be submitted both in Austria (OeAD GmbH) and in Croatia (Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia)**. Proposals which have not been received in both countries 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 at [\[S&T Austria-Croatia 2018_19\]](#). 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 institution
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Croatian)
- Further cooperation perspective

CROATIA: The application for the research project must be submitted in print by regular mail (and additionally scanned by e-mail) in Croatian or English language (optional).

The application must include the following documents:

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

Which activities may I apply for?

The purpose of this call is to support the mobility of researchers between 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 pay the travel expenses whereas the accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting state (and vice versa).

In Austria and in Croatia in well-justified cases and only within the granted maximum budget EUR 400.- per project may be applied for consumables (lump sum).

Funding Modalities

Funding will be available for a maximum of two years for **collaborative research projects** jointly developed and completed by researchers on both sides.

Funding Limits

AUSTRIA:

The total sum of **EUR 7,000** per project (**EUR 3,500** per project per year) can be applied for. The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: **EUR 300** per trip for Austrian researchers travelling to Croatia (lump sum).*
- * In case the travel costs are at 50% of the lump sum or below, only the actual costs will be refunded on the basis of provided travel receipts. Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100 per day** for Croatian researchers travelling to Austria **for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,500 per month** for long-term visits **between 15 days and 2 months** maximum.
- Consumables: **EUR 400** lump sum per project in justified cases as part of the granted maximum budget.

CROATIA:

The total sum of **EUR 7,000** per project (**EUR 3,500** per project per year) can be applied for. The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: **EUR 300** per trip for Croatian researchers travelling to Austria (maximum).
- Accommodation and meals expenses: **EUR 100 per day** for Austrian researchers travelling to Croatia **for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,500 per month** for long-term visits **between 15 days and 2 months** maximum.
- Consumables: **EUR 400** lump sum per project in justified cases as part of the granted maximum budget.

The amount of **EUR 3,500** per project per year, calculated in Croatian Kuna, will be transferred to the Croatian hosting institution. From this amount the actual costs of Croatian researchers travelling to Austria will be paid. Also, from this amount the hosting institution will pay for the accommodation costs of Austrian researchers up to the amount of **EUR 80** per day and the remaining **EUR 20** per day, the corresponding sum of **150 Kuna** for meals, will be paid to Austrian researchers in Croatia.

In case of a long-term visit of one month/30 days, from the amount of **EUR 1,500** the hosting institution will pay for the accommodation costs of Austrian researchers up to the amount of **EUR 900** and the remaining **EUR 600**, the corresponding sum of **4.500 Kuna** (150 kunasX30 days) for meals, will be paid to Austrian researchers in Croatia.

In any case, the Austrian researchers in Croatia receive the amount of **150 Kuna** for meals, multiplied by the actual number of days of their stay in Croatia, and their accommodation is provided for by the hosting institution within the limits stated above.

Please note:

- Should you be successful you will be funded only for the activities within the scope of the guidelines;
- Scientific and financial reporting on the project is **OBLIGATORY**.
- Research stays in both countries are **OBLIGATORY**.

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 quality of the intended research project incl.
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan
 - Adequacy of the scientific method
 - Competence and expertise of the scientists/research teams involved (max. 25 points)
- Plausibility of the described further cooperation perspective (max. 15 points)

Project proposals submitted by early-stage or mid-career researchers (10 points) OR project proposals with the involvement of doctoral students, early-stage (5 points) or female researchers (5 points) will receive up to 10 points additionally. (max. 10 points)

On the Croatian side, national evaluation criteria for bilateral projects will be applied.

Following national evaluation, a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia based on the results of the national evaluations. The project selection will be carried out by the Austrian-Croatian Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The results of the project selection meeting will be announced presumably by December 2017.

Projects follow-up and reporting

- A final scientific and financial report has to be submitted in English by both the Austrian and the Croatian project leaders no more than 3 months after the end of the project.
- The report has to mention outputs of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the proposal.

- The final report must include a short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons. The final report will be made available to researchers within this programme in similar disciplines.
- Joint publications by researchers have to mention the support from BMWFW and the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.

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 **19 May 2017**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Please note that the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia will not be held responsible for applications that were not received. Researchers are also advised to ensure that their research partners' applications are submitted and have also been received in the partner countries in time.

Further information

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