

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)
AUSTRIA / BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2023-2024**

CLOSING DATE:14 October 2022 – 12:00 noon

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation (WTZ) is carried out in the frame of international agreements with selected partner countries with the aim to stimulate international research.

Thematic priority areas

Open to all scientific disciplines and thematic areas, including social sciences as well as humanities.

Target group

AUSTRIA:

- **Researchers** at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research (minimum requirement Dr./PhD degree)
- **PhD/Doctoral students** (Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding)

Minimum requirement for the Austrian Principal Investigator: PhD/doctoral degree

Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers¹ as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized².

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme³.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

(1) The right to submit projects based on this grant have scientific research organizations and institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina that are registered by laws or other regulations to carry out scientific research and research development activities

(2) Entities from paragraph (1) in order to participate in joint projects one should provide the written consent of the partners on the application form.

(3) The project leader/coordinator can submit only one project application

(4) minimum requirement for the project leader/coordinator is Dr./PhD degree

Funding

Funding will be provided for the **mobility of researchers to carry out bilateral research projects.**

In addition up to EUR 2,000.- per project of the granted funding may be applied for project-related material costs in Austria.

Project duration: 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2024

¹ Researchers with an experience of up to 10 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family or health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

² These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

³ (Follow-up-) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

Funding mode: The sending side covers the travel expenses whereas the accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting side (and vice versa).

Please note: Research stays in both countries are obligatory as long as the COVID-19 situation allows travelling. Funding will be provided for activities within the scope of these guidelines only.

AUSTRIA:

Funding amount: max. EUR 9,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.⁴
- **Accommodation expenses:**
 - **Researchers: EUR 100.- per working day for up to 14 days OR EUR 1,400.- per month for long-term stays between 14 days and 3 months maximum**
 - **PhD/Doctoral students: EUR 100.- per working day for up to 12 days OR EUR 1,250.- per month for long-term stays between 12 days and 3 months maximum.**
- **Project related material costs: max. EUR 2000.-** as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.⁵

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, a project application can be submitted for a maximum amount of up to 5 000 Euro per project (2 500 Euro per project per year).

Funds will be allocated for:

- **International travel costs for Bosnian researchers, incurred in the most economical way, respecting economical transportation prices.**
- **Accommodation costs for Austrian researchers in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the amount of up to 80 Euro - per day up to 14 days, or 800 Euro - per month for long-term visits between 14 days and a maximum of three months.**

- **A maximum of 10 joint projects will be supported under this call. (to agree with Austria)**

Application process and content

It is up to the applicants to find suitable partners in the respective country.

⁴ Journeys of up to seven hours must be by bus or train. A subsidy for private car usage is only possible in exceptions and in accordance with the OeAD.

⁵ Only project-specific material costs will be reimbursed, that are essential to carry out the research project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution's infrastructure. Infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions cannot be funded.

Applications must be submitted both in Austria to OeAD and in Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Only applications submitted in time in both countries are eligible for funding.

AUSTRIA: Electronic application only [[web-link](#)].

Content: (in PDF format)

- Brief academic CV of each project member from the Austrian side including their academic status (early stage researchers, PhD/doctoral students)
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the **Austrian** side
- Project description including methodology (about 3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Brief description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian)
- Further cooperation perspective

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

**Javni konkurs za dodjelu sredstava iz tekućeg za realizaciju projekata bilateralne saradnje u oblasti nauke na po osnovu međunarodnih sporazuma za 2022. godinu Ministarstvo civilnih poslova,
Trg BiH 1, 71 000 Sarajevo.**

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- a) Application form filled in, signed and certified by the applicant
- b) current extract from the register of the competent body in which the project applicant is registered, not older than three months (original or copy certified by the competent body),
- c) Short CV for each member of the project team
- d) List of relevant works published in the last five years for all members of the project team
- e) Brief description of partner institutions
- f) Proof of participation in international programs
- g) Perspective of further cooperation
- h) Researcher exchange plan
- i) Brief description of project tasks for all members of the project team (Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The documentation from point a) to point i) is to be submitted in the same order as stated. It must be bound as a whole (as a hard bound book or spiral coil binding) so that individual sheets cannot be inserted, removed or replaced later.

Documentation that is not bound in the manner defined in the previous paragraph will not be taken into consideration and will be considered out of order.

Project applications for the competition are submitted on forms that can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina www.mcp.gov.ba.

Researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in joint projects must provide the written consent of the Austrian partner on the application form.

The documentation from point 6 is submitted in a sealed envelope, in the same order as stated above, EXCLUSIVELY BY MAIL to the Ministry, with the indication

Public competition for the allocation of funds from the current one for the implementation of bilateral cooperation projects in the field of science on the basis of international agreements for 2022.

Ministry of Civil Affairs,
Trg BiH 1, 71 000 Sarajevo.

Evaluation criteria:

- **Scientific quality** of the proposed research project incl.
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan
 - Adequacy of the scientific method
 - Qualification of the scientists/research teams involved **(max. 25 points)**

- Perspective for **further joint cooperation activities** **(max. 15 points)**

- Project applications will receive up to 10 points additionally,
 - Either if **submitted by early-stage researchers**² (+10 points)
 - Or if **involving doctoral students/early-stage researchers**² (+5 points) and/or **female researchers** (+5 points) **(max. 10 points)**

Maximum score: 50 points

Funding decision

Based on national evaluations in Austria and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian- Bosnian-Herzegovinian Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and **announced presumably by December 2022.**

Reporting and publications

Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory:

- **Brief project progress report after one year** via the OeAD online tool as a precondition for further funding!
- **Final scientific and financial report** no more than 3 months after the end of the project incl.:
 - Output of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the application
 - Short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons⁶

Joint publications resulting from these cooperation projects have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Intellectual property

⁶ This short report will be distributed to researchers within OeAD's WTZ-funding programme in similar disciplines to increase networking in the sector of international cooperation.

The project partners 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 before **14 October 2022, 12:00 noon** to be eligible for funding.

Further information

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