

AUSTRIA / CROATIA

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

(WTZ Programme)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS in 2020-2021

CLOSING DATE: 17 May 2019

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 funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and by the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.

Aims of the Programme

- To stimulate international research cooperation by promoting the mobility of researchers to carry out joint research projects.
- To provide an opportunity for researchers to cooperate in an international setting to develop their international network and experience, 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.

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.

Project applications submitted by early-stage¹ or mid-career researchers² as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early-stage¹ and/or female researchers will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

The focus of the programme lies on new international partnerships. (Follow-up) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

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.

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).

Project applications submitted by early-stage¹ or mid-career researchers² as well as project applications 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) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

An acceptable applicant on the Croatian side needs to have an active project (as Principal Investigator or member with a written consent of the Principal Investigator, the end of the project not before July 2021) financed by the central national body for the funding of scientific projects or an active project financed from the European Structural and Investment Funds or Programmes of the European Union.

How do I apply?

It is up to the applicants to find suitable partners in the respective country. **Applications must be submitted both in Austria to OeAD GmbH and in Croatia to the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.** Applications which have not been received in time in both countries are not eligible 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 online application](#)]. 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 (about 3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Brief description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Croatia)
- 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
- Brief 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 provided for visits and the exchange of scientists conducting joint research.

Research stays in both countries are obligatory.

The sending side will cover the travel expenses whereas the accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting side (and vice versa).

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

Funding Modalities

The basic funding of the cooperation project must be provided on both sides.

Collaborative research projects will be supported for a period of max. two years from January 2020 until

December 2021.

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

AUSTRIA:

Maximum funding: **EUR 8,000.-** per project

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Austrian researchers travelling to Croatia based on submitted invoices.³
- Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100.- per working day** for Croatian researchers travelling to Austria **for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,400.- per month** for long-term visits **between 14 days and 3 months** maximum.
- Project related material costs: **max. EUR 2000.-** per project as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.

CROATIA:

Maximum funding: **EUR 7,000.-** per project (**EUR 3,500** per project per year)

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: **EUR 300** per trip for Croatian researchers travelling to Austria (maximum).
- Accommodation and meals expenses: **EUR 100.- per working day** for Austrian researchers travelling to Croatia **for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,400.- per month** for long-term visits **between 14 days and 2 months** maximum.
- Project related material costs: **max. EUR 500.-** per project **in the first year** as part of the granted maximum budget. **In the second year**, after the report of the first year, additional **max. EUR 500,-** can be requested.

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 77** per day and the remaining **EUR 23** per day, the corresponding sum of **170 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 1,400.-** the hosting institution will pay for the accommodation costs of Austrian researchers up to the amount of **EUR 710.-** and the remaining **EUR 690.-**, the corresponding sum of **5.100 Kuna** (170 KunaX30 days) for meals, will be paid to Austrian researchers in Croatia.

In any case, the Austrian researchers in Croatia receive the amount of **170 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.

How are applications evaluated?

In Austria eligible project applications will be evaluated by recognized experts in the various fields of research represented by the applications received.

Evaluation 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 applications submitted by early-stage or mid-career researchers (10 points) OR project applications 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)

³ For travels up to seven hours bus and train shall be used.

Maximum score: 50 points

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

Based on the results of national evaluations carried out in parallel in Austria and in Croatia 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. 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 2019.

Reporting and Publications

Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory.

- A brief project progress report has to be submitted after one year via the OeAD GmbH online tool as a precondition for further funding.
- A final scientific and financial report has to be submitted 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 application.
- The final report must include a short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons. The final report will be made available to researchers within OeAD's WTZ-funding programme in similar disciplines.

Joint publications by researchers have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.

Intellectual property

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 by **17 May 2019**. Applications received after this date are not eligible for funding.

Please note that the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia cannot 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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