

Call for Mobility Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Slovenia
Partner organisation:	Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA)
Programme:	Mobility
Period:	2024 – 2025

Legal framework

The call is based on the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2023 between the Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as SAS) and the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (hereinafter referred to as SAZU).

Basic definitions

Objectives

- Improvement of scientific cooperation between both countries;
- Stimulation of involvement of young researchers and PhD students;
- Supporting research teams aspiring to cooperate on large international projects in the future;
- Enabling the use of methodology, infrastructure and equipment for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

Eligibility criteria

Project proposals from **all research fields** are accepted.

Maximum project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Slovak side** by a [SAS institute or center](#)
- **On the Slovenian side** by universities and research institutions in Slovenia.

The principal investigator and the participating team members can be only involved in one proposal in this call, regardless of whether they participate as a principal investigator or as team members.

Research team

Each research team consists of:

- One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher);
- One or more co-investigators.

Research team members are divided into four categories:

- Senior researchers (5 or more years after receiving PhD);
- Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 5 years after receiving PhD);
- PhD students;
- Others (e.g. engineers, technicians).

On the Slovak side:

- All members must be employees of the SAS institutes or centers.
- Out of the whole team, at least 1/3 must be junior researchers or PhD students.



On the Slovenian side:

- Researchers from the universities and research institutes supported by SAZU.

Financial provisions

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

Three two-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

On the Slovak side:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the SAS towards the costs of the Slovak research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 2,500** per mobility project per year.
- **Eligible costs:** mobility costs and research costs (consumables, services, small equipment).
- Max. 30% of the approved financial contribution can be used to cover research costs: consumables, services, small equipment.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment, overheads.
- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- The beneficiaries of this program will have to justify the activities and expenses in two reports (intermediate and final). Each justification report shall include a Scientific-technical report and a Financial report

On the Slovenian side:

- The maximum financial contribution shall be **2.500,00 EUR** per mobility project per year (regardless of the number of participants-refund).
- Eligible costs are: travel to and from the basic destination (in the amount of the cheapest public transport), living expenses (per diems, average accommodation).
- Non-eligible costs are: research costs: consumables, services, small equipment and networking, personnel, large equipment, overheads and other direct or indirect costs.
- The Slovenian researchers must inform SAZU at least three months before their planned visit abroad.
- Financial means will be provided within the capacity of the approved State Budget for the fiscal year.
- Details of the funding will be agreed between SAZU and the participating Slovenian university or research institution.
- The course of project implementation shall be monitored through annual and final reports including use of financial means.

Project proposal submission

Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both partner organisations.

On the Slovak side:

- Project proposals in English must be completed and submitted within the stated deadline exclusively via the Intranet online application.
- To submit a project proposal, log in to the SAS Intranet. Select Intranet Rights, Standard Rights, Bilateral Mobility Call and fill in a project proposal. After finishing your proposal, you shall forward it through your Intranet account to the Director of your SAS Institute for its approval. The Director shall approve your proposal. Once the project proposal is approved by the Director, it will be automatically sent to OMS Úrad SAV (Department of International Cooperation, Office of the SAS) via his/her Intranet account. **All project proposals must be submitted by the SAS Institute Directors by 30 October 2023.**
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data within the meaning of the Act No. 18/2018 Coll., On Personal Data Protection, as amended;
- Declares that the information he/she stated is accurate, true and complete and that he/she is aware that if otherwise they will face all the legal consequences;
- Declares that, if approved, he/she will during the realization of the project follow:
 - The SAS Code of Ethics;
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#) (Slovak translation available [here](#)).

On the Slovenian side:

- Project proposals in Slovene and English must be complete and submitted within the stated **deadline (30 October 2023)** via e-mail address: **international@sazu.si**.
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data contained in the project proposal pursuant to the relevant Slovenian legislation;
- Declares that the information he/she stated is accurate, true and complete and that he/she is aware that if otherwise they will face all the legal consequences;
- Declares that, if approved, he/she will during the realization of the project follow:
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#);



Evaluation and Selection

Consists of two-step process:

- At the national level, each partner organisation evaluates submitted proposals based on its internal rules and prepares a ranking list.
- At the international level, both partner organisations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. Total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals:

- **Quality of the project:**
 - Scientific relevance (concept, innovative character in relation to the state-of-the art, quality of objectives);
 - Methodology, work plan of activities and outputs;
 - Impact of project results, their dissemination and exploitation.
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - Composition and expertise of research teams;
 - Complementarity, methodology and equipment; previous cooperation and outputs;
 - Justification of collaboration needs.
- **Active involvement of junior researchers and PhD students.**
- **Added value and broader impact of bilateral cooperation.**

Schedule

4 September 2023	Announcement of the call for project proposals
30 October 2023	Deadline for submission of project proposals
November 2023	Completion of assessment at national level Completion of the joint assessment at international level, approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2023	Announcement of results

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