ANNEX 1

AUSTRIA / CZECH REPUBLIC / REPUBLIC OF SERBIA / SLOVAK REPUBLIC

MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THE DANUBE REGION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018 JOINT PROJECTS

CLOSING DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

The overall aim of this call is to support project cooperation among the following participating Danube region countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Republic of Serbia and Slovak Republic.

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; and
- To provide an opportunity for young/female researchers in the abovementioned countries to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers.

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 2017 until December 2018.

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.

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).
Provider reserves the right to request additional documentation to prove the criteria that must be complied by research organization.

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 legal or natural person in science and technology in the Slovak Republic within all research and development sectors planning to carry out a non-profit-oriented research project within the frame of this call are eligible for application.

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. Proposals with the same content and thematic aspects will not be accepted if they have already been submitted and funded in the frame of bilateral cooperation in 2016.

AUSTRIA: the entire application for the research project must be submitted in English online at [*web-link*]. 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

Proposal for a joint research project on the Czech side is completed and submitted via forms available on http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj/formulare-1 in English. Complete project proposal must be sent in electronic form at: danube@msmt.cz and in written form including all annexes, signed by the principal investigator and statutory authority / authorized member of the statutory body of the institution stated in the proposal as a "beneficiary" and bearing the stamp to the following address:

Ministerstvo školství, mládeže a tělovýchovy
Odbor strategických programů a projektů
Karmelitská 529/5
118 12 Praha 1 - Malá Strana
With a clearly visible notice: „Výzva Danube- NEOTVÍRAT“

Proposal for a joint research project on the Czech side must have only one principal investigator, even in case that its solution will be realized by a larger number of collaborating institutions. When the solution of the joint research project on the Czech side involves more collaborating institutions (ie. 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/mobility-6, section "Forms".
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 both in electronic and written form.
2. The form best practice guidelines

The form provided with the appropriate signature (a statutory body / authorized member statutory body) must be attached to the documentary form in the original proposal and to the application form electronically in pdf format. The form of best practice guidelines is available for download at website http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj/mobility-6, section "Forms".

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 at www.mpn.gov.rs.

- 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 project must be submitted in Slovak and English online at [*web-link*] until call deadline. The application must include the following information:

- Brief academic CV **for Slovak** PI and list of other project members
- List of relevant 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

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 and in Slovakia in well-justified cases EUR 500.- per project may be applied for material and/or other 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 Limits

AUSTRIA:

Number of participating countries	***Funding per project*** *(Funding per project per year)*
3	**EUR 10,000.-** (EUR 5,000.- per year)
4	**EUR 12,500.-** (EUR 6,250.- per year)

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: EUR 350.- per trip for Austrian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country (lump sum).
- Accommodation expenses: EUR 90.- per day for Austrian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country for up to 14 days or EUR 1,300.- per month for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum.
- Material costs: EUR 500.- lump sum per project in justified cases as part of the granted maximum budget.

***CZECH REPUBLIC*:**

Number of participating countries	***Funding per project*** *(Funding per project per year)*
3	***EUR 9,260,- (****EUR 4630,- per year)* *250 000 CZK (125 000 CZK per year)*
4	***EUR 11,100,-*** *(EUR 5,55 per year)* *300 000 CZK(150 000 CZK per year)*

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: EUR 260 (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 2015 : Austria up to EUR 130, Serbia up to EUR 100, Slovakia up to EUR 100 per day for Czech researchers travelling to abovementioned countries for up to 14 days **OR** EUR 1,111 (30 000 CZK) - per month for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum.

***REPUBLIC OF SERBIA*:**

Number of participating countries	***Funding per project*** *(Funding per project per year)*
3	**EUR 6,000.-** (EUR 3,000.- per year)
4	**EUR 7,500.-** (EUR 3,750.- per year)

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses including the costs of Health Insurance: EUR 300.- per trip for Serbian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country (lump sum).
- Accommodation expenses: EUR 90.- per day for Serbian researchers travelling to an abovementioned country for up to 14 days or EUR 1,000.- per month for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum.

***SLOVAK REPUBLIC*:**

Number of participating countries	***Funding per project*** *(Funding per project per year)*
3	**EUR 10,000.-** (EUR 5,000.- per year)
4	**EUR 12,500.-** (EUR 6,250.- per year)

The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses for Slovak researchers travelling to/from an abovementioned country (the use of any means of transport is refunded up to maximum of an economy class air ticket price or train ticket [over 300 km 1st class express train], taxi fares shall only be refunded in extraordinary and relevant cases)
- Accommodation expenses: EUR 90.- per day for Slovak researchers travelling to an abovementioned country for up to 14 days or EUR 1,300.- per month for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum
- Other costs: max. 500 EUR per project in justified cases (material, publication fee..)

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**.

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 and expertise 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 international cooperation (Points 0-15)
- Promotion of young and female research talent (Points 0-10)

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 December 2016.

Projects follow-up and reporting

- A final scientific and financial report has to be submitted in English 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.

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.

When is the closing date for applications?

Applications must be submitted by **30 September 2016**. 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. Researchers are also advised to ensure that their research partners' applications are submitted and have also been received in the partner countries in time.

Where can I obtain more information?

For Austria	For Czech Republic

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