

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Italy
Partner organisation:	Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects
Implementation period:	2019 – 2021

Legal framework

The call is based on the Agreement on scientific cooperation of the year 2018 and the Protocol between the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as CAS) and the (hereinafter referred to as CNR), and in accordance with art. 2 par. 2 of the Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on the Czech Academy of Sciences, as amended, and art. 3 par. 2 of the Statutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Basic definitions

Objectives

- Improvement of scientific cooperation between both countries;
- Stimulation of involvement of young researchers and PhD students;
- Support of 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 **3 years, i.e. 36 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Czech side:** By a CAS institute (<http://www.avcr.cz/en/about-us/cas-structure/research-institutes/>)
- **On the Italian side:** By employees of CNR Institutes.

In case the principal investigator submits more than one project proposal within one call, only one of them can be funded.

Only two subsequent projects realized by the same research teams can be funded.

Applicant submitting a project proposal following a running project with the same team must justify the need for a continuing project and describe outcomes of the running project. This shall be stated in the Project Proposal form in the part "Description of the project".

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 Czech side:

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

On the Partner side:

- See the Italian call for proposals.

Financial conditions

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

Up to 3 (three) projects shall be selected for financing.

On the Czech side:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the CAS towards the costs of the Czech research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be CZK 100,000 per 1 project per 1 year.
- Minimally 50% of the approved financial contribution shall be used to cover mobility costs: travel, living expenses;
- Minimally 30% of the approved financial contribution shall be used to cover research costs: consumables, services, small equipment, and networking.
- Non-eligible costs are: Personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 40,000), overheads.
- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- The ratio between mobility and research costs shall be maintained on the project level as well as yearly. Transferring financial contributions between these two categories is allowed if the minimal ratio for both categories is maintained.

The course of project implementation shall be monitored through annual and final reports including use of financial means and justification of costs and possible transfers between categories.

On the Italian side:

Financial contribution for joint mobility projects can only be granted to the research network of the CNR.

CNR will provide up to 4,000.00 Euro per 1 project per 1 year to the Italian research team, including (international and domestic) travel, and accommodation expenses.

Project proposal submission

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

On the Czech side:

- The call and the form of project proposal are available for download on the CAS website in the International cooperation section
<http://www.avcr.cz/cs/veda-a-vyzkum/mezinarodni-vztahy/aktuality/>.
- The project proposal must be submitted to the CAS by the institute within the above stated deadline (the date of posting is decisive), namely:
 - By mail in one copy (printed single sided in the A4 format, signed, stamped and unbound), envelope labelled „CNR – Mobility Plus Projects 1919-2021“, addressed to the contact person (see below); and simultaneously
 - Electronically (one file copy - a completed form for administrative purposes) to the e-mail address of the contact person (see below).
- Proposals submitted in other than the above described 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. 101/2000 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 Code of Ethics of researchers at the Czech Academy of Sciences
(<http://new.avcr.cz/cs/o-nas/pravni-predpisy/eticky-kodex-vyzkumnych-pracovniku-v-av-cr/>);
 - The European Charter and Code for researchers
(http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/brochure_rights/kina21620b1c_cs.pdf);
 - Recommendations of the International Commission "Self-Control in Science" (Recommendations of the International Commission on Professional Self-Regulation in Science).
(http://www.dfg.de/download/pdf/dfg_im_profil/reden_stellungnahmen/download/empfehlung_wiss_praxis_1310.pdf).

Evaluation and Selection

Consists of a 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 organizations 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.**

Evaluation of the final report

The project results and outputs will be evaluated. Absence of at least one joint result will hold the submission of a subsequent project proposal back for 6 years. For definition of results see the **Methodology of Evaluation of Research Organizations and Evaluation of Finished Programmes** (<http://www.vyzkum.cz/FrontClanek.aspx?idsekce=754005>).

Schedule

April, 9 2018	Announcement of the call for project proposals
June 26, 2018	Deadline for submission of project proposals
September, 2018	Completion of the assessment at national level
October/2018	Completion of the joint selection at international level
November 2018	Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2018	Announcement of results

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