

# **CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR COMMON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROJECTS ON COOPERATIONS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA IN YEARS 2009 AND 2010**

## **1. LEGAL FRAME**

Based on the Agreement between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of the Republic of Austria on the Scientific and Technological Co-operation, signed on February 19, 2004 in Vienna, the Slovak Research and Development Agency (APVV) in co-operation with Division of Science and Technology of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic opens a Call for submitting proposals for common scientific and technological projects between collaborating organizations in the Slovak Republic and Republic of Austria.

## **2. THEMATIC FIELDS**

This Call does not define any priority research areas. On the basis of common RTD activities the proposals from any RTD field can be submitted with duration of two years.

Cooperating partners from RTD organizations with common objectives and complementary skills are invited to submit joint proposal. The projects will be implemented by means of exchange of scientists and information.

## **3. ELIGIBLE PROPOSERS**

Project proposals can be submitted by any legal or physical body in science and technology in the Slovak Republic within research and development sectors - universities, governmental, non-profit that is involved in an agreed research program by means of existing supported projects. At least one partner within the proposal must be from Austria.

## **4. CALL DURATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

The Call was opened on **March 14, 2008**, the deadline being **May 14, 2008**. Applications must be submitted in electronic form using on-line system in Slovak and English language with deadline **14. 5. 2008** until 13:00. An original copy of signed form should be delivered to the Agency at the latest by 18.00 on **May 14, 2008**, or sent by mail to the address APVV, Mýtne 23, P.O.Box. 346, 814 99 Bratislava with post stamp date latest **May 14, 2008**.

After this deadline it is impossible to submit proposals. The proposal must be signed by all participating organizations (signatures of responsible project leaders, statutory body and stamps). Signatures and stamps of Austrian partners sent by fax will be accepted (signed English version is enough).

## **5. START AND TERMINATION OF THE PROJECT**

The projects submitted in the frame of this Call can start at the earliest on February 1, 2009, and must be completed on December 31, 2010.

## 6. FINANCING

The financial support offered within this call is strictly limited to mobility (travelling costs and daily subsistence allowances). The involved organizations must be able to demonstrate that they have the other necessary resources to carry out the project (a grant, institutional resources, commercial funding, etc.). The numbers of grants and the way of financing should be declared in box „Actual ensured financial resources“. It is possible to plan short-time stays maximum 2x10 days/year or long-time stays maximum 30 days/year.

The Slovak party provides:

- travel expenses up to the level of max. two return way per year (car/train/bus)
  - to Austrian for Slovak researchers (twice per year)
- health insurance of Slovak researchers during their stay in Austria
- daily allowances for Austrian researchers in Slovakia in accord with the Slovak law on reimbursement of travel expenses (Art. 283/2002)
- accommodation for Austrian researchers in Slovakia maximum 20 nights/year in case of short-time stays or in case of long-time stays maximum 30 nights/year (max. 2000,- Sk/night)
- travel expenses, daily allowances and accommodation for Slovak researchers which accompanied Austrian researchers in Slovakia
- conference expenses for Slovak researchers (travel, daily allowances, accommodation, no conference fee) in Slovakia in case the conference is clearly connected with project's subject.

Similarly, the Austria party will cover travel expenses for Austrian researchers coming to Slovakia. Further, daily allowances for Slovak researchers during their stay in Austria will be provided.

Finances will be provided in accordance with the approved budget of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic by the Agency (APVV) for project duration. The expenses in the Slovak Republic will be provided in accord with approved budget for bilateral scientific and technological cooperation for years 2009 and 2010.

## 7. EVALUATION

The selection of projects has two stages. In the first stage the proposals will be treated separately by national committees, the second round will be done by a Joint Committee.

At national level the proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- I. Scientific and application targets (60 points)
  - Added value in given RD sector (10 points)
  - Originality at national and international level (10 points)
  - Quality of presentation and targets (10 points)
  - Reasons for cooperation (10 points)
  - Appropriateness and emergency of proposed methods (10 points)
  - Potential socio-economic and scientific contribution (10 points)
- II. Expertise of proposer and organization (20 points)
  - Professional expertness (15 points)

- Infrastructure (5 points)

Maximum points: 80

The evaluation in Joint Committee will be done under these conditions:

- Single party proposal will be not evaluated
- Proposal with high ranking from both parties will have priority as compared to controversial ones
- Discrepancies will be discussed having in mind mutual interest

**Evaluation results and final list of financed projects will be announced after Joint Committee meeting.**

## **8. RULES FOR PROPOSERS**

Each project must have one responsible person from each Slovak and each Austrian participating organisation. The proposal must be submitted parallel by the leading Slovak partner in Slovakia and the leading Austrian partner in Austria. The responsible persons submit forms filled in Slovak (respectively in German language) and English. The proposals must involve the title, list of all participants, duration and specific goals. Further, the timetable and financial requirements distributed in chapters and years, brief CV`s of Slovak participants, list of Austrian participants and clear arguments for international cooperation should be present. If the projects are linked to already existing cooperation, the responsible proposer should mention the anticipated results and their added value for Slovakia.

## **9. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROPOSER**

The statutory of the Slovak organization will sign a contract for financial support with the Agency (APVV). At the end of each year the responsible person reports to the Agency. The report must include a statement of progress with the project and cost statements relating to the claimed travel and subsistence expenses for the period in question. After the project is terminated the responsible person must provide a final report to the Agency.

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