



The Call for submitting proposals for projects supporting the collaboration between organizations in Slovak Republic and Republic of Serbia in years 2012 – 2013 Full text of the Call

The legal framework for submitting research and development projects in 2011 issues from the Act. No. 172/2005 Coll. on the Organization of State Support of Research and Development and on amendment of Act. No. 575/2001 Coll. on the Structure of Activities of the Government and Central State Administration as amended by later regulations and as in Act No. 233/2008 Coll. (hereinafter referred to as the Act 172/2005 Coll. as amended by later regulations) and is based on the Agreement between the Government of Slovak Republic and the Federal Government of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, signed on February 26, 2001 in Bratislava. Slovak Research and Development Agency (SRDA) on the basis of the delimitation protocol agreed between the Division of Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak Republic and SRDA on June 9, 2006

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**the Call for submitting proposals for projects supporting the collaboration between
organizations in Slovak Republic and Republic of Serbia in years 2012 – 2013
according to § 12 col. 2 c) Act . No. 172/2005 Coll. on the Organization of State Support
of Research and Development**

Thematic fields and objectives

This Call does not define any priority research areas. On the basis of joint R&D activities, the proposals from any R&D field can be submitted with duration of maximum 24 months.

Cooperating partners from R&D organizations on both sides are invited to submit joint proposals. The projects will be implemented by means of exchange of scientists and information.

The projects of bilateral cooperation are intended to have these objectives:

- preparation of joint international projects
- preparation of joint publications and other outputs
- common active participation at conferences as an output from joint R&D activities
- mutual use of special laboratory equipment and apparatus
- research material collection

Definition of the basic terms

- **Applicant** is a legal or physical body in science and technology in Slovak Republic within all research and development sectors which submits project proposal. Project for which applicant asks the financial support is part of the proposal.

- **Receiver** is a legal or physical body in science and technology in Slovak Republic within all research and development sectors which receives the financial support from state budget and which is responsible for the project financial management.
- **Provider – Slovak Research and Development Agency** is an institution which decides about project financial support from state budget to the applicant.
- **Principal Investigator** is a person who is responsible for the project accomplishment and for financial support objectives and also for project financial management.
- **Participant's Mobility** – includes travel expenses, daily allowances, accommodation expenses, health insurance and other relevant expenses connected to travel of the research team members.

Call conditions

- The proposal must be submitted parallel by Slovak applicant in Slovakia and by Serbian applicant in Serbia.
- Each project must have one responsible person – Principal Investigator (PI) from Slovak and Serbian participating party, also in a case of a multilateral cooperation of more cooperating organizations from both countries.
- Principal Investigator (PI) submits forms on behalf of the applicant filled in Slovak and English or Serbian and English, respectively.
- The proposal on the Slovak side will include:
 1. the title
 2. the name of Slovak and Serbian PIs
 3. the name and the address of Slovak applicant and Serbian partner organization
 4. project annotation
 5. specific goals and activity focus
 6. clear arguments for international cooperation
 7. the anticipated results
 8. the time schedule
 9. professional experience of Slovak PI and lists of Slovak and Serbian research team members
 10. the budget (see instructions)
 11. if the projects are linked to an already existing cooperation, the PI should mention the results and their contribution for Slovakia.

Specific call conditions

- In summary SRDA allocates **73 000 €** for this call for the whole period of the projects realization.
- Finances will be provided in accordance with the approved budget of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak Republic by SRDA for project duration. The expenses in Slovak Republic will be covered in accord with approved budget for bilateral research and development cooperation for years 2012 to 2013.

- The financial support offered within this call is strictly limited to participants mobility up to the maximum of **2 430 € for calendar year/1 project** and **4 860 € for 24 months/1 project**.

The Slovak party provides:

- travel expenses for Slovak researchers for travelling to Serbia (the use of any means of transport is refunded up to the maximum of an economy class air ticket price)
 - health insurance of Slovak researchers during their stay in Serbia
 - daily allowances for Serbian researchers in Slovakia in accord with the Slovak Law on Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (Art. 283/2002) as amended by the Law
 - accommodation for Serbian researchers in Slovakia up to a maximum of **100 €/day**
 - possible relevant travel expenses, daily allowances and accommodation for Slovak researchers who accompany Serbian researchers in Slovakia
 - other relevant expenses connected to travel and transportation services (visa fees...)
- Similarly, the Serbian party will cover travel expenses and health insurance for Serbian researchers coming to Slovakia and daily allowances and accommodation for Slovak researchers during their stay in Serbia.

Call duration

The Call is opened on **May 3, 2011** and will be closed on **July 4, 2011**.

Proposal submission

Applications must be submitted in electronic form using on-line system in Slovak and English language with deadline **July 4, 2011** until **12:00**. One signed original form (in Slovak and also in English version) should be delivered to SRDA at the latest by **16:00** on **July 4, 2011**, or sent by mail to SRDA address (Slovak Research and Development Agency, Mýtna 23, P. O. Box 839 04, 839 04 Bratislava 32) with post stamp date latest **July 4, 2011**.

After this deadline it is impossible to submit proposals. The proposal must be signed by both participating organizations (signatures of principal investigators and statutory representatives). Signatures of Serbian partners sent by fax or scanned versions will be accepted.

Example of the form is in **Annex 1**.

Instructions for Project Cost Calculation are in **Annex 2**.

Project start and termination

The projects submitted in the frame of this Call can start at the earliest on **January 1, 2012**, and must be completed latest on **December 31, 2013**.

Project evaluation

Formal and technical rules for project acceptance are in **Annex 3**.

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 the International Joint Committee and followed by the confirmation of the SRDA International Board.

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

1. Specific project targets and their relevance to the call (25 points)

2. Originality of the project (15 points)
3. Importance of international cooperation at project participation (25 points)
4. The anticipated contribution of international cooperation project for Slovakia (25 points)
5. Professional experience of Slovak responsible principal investigator – PI (10 points)

Maximum points: 100

The evaluation on international level will be accomplished by using the following criteria:

1. single party proposals will not be evaluated
2. proposal with high ranking from both parties will have priority as compared to the proposal which is differently evaluated by every party.

Evaluation results and the final list of financed projects will be announced after Joint Committee meeting and followed confirmation of the SRDA International Board.

Announcement of the results

- Decisions according to the § 19 col. 1 the Act 172/2005 Coll. SRDA announces by written delivery at the latest time of 3 months after the date of the latest submitted proposal.
- Decisions according to the § 19 col. 8 the Act 172/2005 Coll. SRDA announces at the latest time of 6 months after the date of the latest submitted proposal by announcement on SRDA web site www.apvv.sk, followed by written delivery.

Providing the financial support and obligations of the applicant

- SRDA will provide the financial support to the receiver's account stated in an Agreement for the financial support at the latest time of 2 months after the Agreement was signed.
- The date of Agreement signature is conditioned by the submission of the revised proposal according the remarks stated in proposal Evaluation Report.
- At the end of each calendar year, the PI reports to SRDA. The report must include a statement of progress with the project and a cost statement related to the expenses of the period in question. After the project is terminated, the PI must provide a final report to SRDA.

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