

SERBIA

Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (MESTD)

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development is the central organization that promotes and finances research in Serbia. The MESTD serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects of the national programs defined under Article 10. of the Law on Scientific and Research Activities (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 110/05, 50/06, 18/2010 and 112/2015). <http://www.mpn.gov.rs/dokumenta-i-propisi/zakonski-okvir>

All call topics of the ERA.Net RUS Plus S&T call 2017 are supported by MESTD:

1. Nanotechnologies

- 1.1 Advanced nano-sensors for Environment and Health
- 1.2 Novel functional nanomaterials based on design and modelling

2. Environment/Climate change

- 2.1 Impact of climate change and extreme climate events on the environment
- 2.2 Prevention and remediation of pollution of aquatic systems

3. Health

- 3.1 Regenerative Medicine, Biomaterials and Organ-on -a chip-systems
- 3.2 Drug discovery for cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases

4. Social Sciences and Humanities

- 4.1 Demography, conflicts and security issues
- 4.2 Traditional and non-traditional cultural values
- 4.3 Opportunities for and challenges to regional development and social cohesion

5. Robotics

- 5.1 Robotics Design and Human-Robot Interaction
- 5.2 Robots in agriculture, medicine, industry, maritime and education

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by Serbian Universities/Faculties and Research institutions, registered within the Serbian Register of accredited scientific and research organisations, in accordance with the national legislation.

A company and/or a public enterprise can be a participant in the project under the National Programme if it contributes in kind: (material, equipment) and/or financially.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

II. Direct costs

a) Costs of personnel

Funding can be provided for scientific staff, which is not fully engaged in national projects according to the corresponding national regulations.

b) Costs of durable equipment

Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does not form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks, photo & video cameras or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

c) Consumables and supplies

Any consumables necessary for the project implementation (chemicals, devices, literature, rents, orders, etc.) may be considered as direct costs.

d) Travel and subsistence allowance

The travel-related expenses: subsistence allowance per full day (including accommodation, meals), health insurance, and tickets tour-retour in the context of a business trip should be calculated according to the corresponding national regulations.

e) Other costs

The general rule should be that applicants shall implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, it is acceptable that as an exception certain parts that are not "core" parts of the project may be subcontracted. Examples for minor services to be subcontracted are rent of locations, translation costs, costs for technical equipment in the context of the organization of events, or printing and materials multiplication services etc.

Events: In case of organization of workshops in Serbia, expenses such as the following are eligible: preparation of the workshop, catering and rental of the venue. For the expenses related to the event organization in Serbia, the corresponding national regulations shall be applied.

III. Indirect costs

Overhead costs are eligible within the limit of 10% of total project funding.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the single joint call:

Although a project proposal can involve several principal investigators from Serbia, they will be treated by MESTD as one team only. In case the project will be selected for funding, the MESTD grant award will be managed within one project through only one Serbian legal entity. Therefore Serbian researchers should agree beforehand through which legal institution they will manage the grant award and appoint a person to be responsible for managing the grant award and acting on behalf of the team in negotiations with MESTD.

Upper funding limits for eligible costs?

Upper funding limit: 25.000 EUR/project. Project duration is 24 months.

Any other information relevant to the single joint call

National Contact Point

- Funding Institution – Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development

- Name of contact person – Svetlana Bogdanovic, senior adviser
- Phone + 38111 3616-529
- E-mail svetlana.bogdanovic@mpn.gov.rs

- Name of contact person – Milica Golubovic Tasevska, adviser
- Phone + 38111 3616-589
- E-mail milica.g.tasevska@mpn.gov.rs