

## **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

### **Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)**

**The following call topics of the joint call are supported by “Funding Institution”:**

#### **1. Nanotechnologies**

- 1.1 Advanced nano-sensors for environment and health
- 1.2 Novel functional nanomaterials based on design and modelling
- 1.3 Nanomaterials for efficient lighting

#### **2. Environment/Climate change**

- 2.1 Increasing the reliability of regional climate projections: models and measurement
- 2.2 Environmental impact and risk of raw materials extraction and transportation
- 2.3 Extreme climate events and their impact on the environment

#### **3. S&T projects in Health**

- 3.1 Molecular mechanisms of brain function and pathology
- 3.2 Regenerative medicine and biomaterials
- 3.3 Drug discovery for cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases

#### **4. Social Sciences and Humanities**

- 4.1 Understanding conflict, identity, and memory: past and present
- 4.2 Demographic change, migration and migrants
- 4.3 Opportunities for and challenges to regional development and social cohesion

### **Who can apply?**

Only research Institutes of Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding (up to 100%). Applicants from other Slovak R&D centers have to cover the project costs from their own sources (Letter of Commitment). The teams outside of SAS can be consortium members but not the coordinator of the consortium

### **What types of funding are eligible for Slovak researchers?**

#### **1. Direct costs**

##### 1.1 Personal costs

- must accurately reflect the work on the project
- may be used only to cover the costs (including health and social insurance) related to work agreements performed outside of employment

- maximum of 15 % of all direct costs

## 1,2 Material costs and expenditures

- Consumables*: minor equipment and instruments, small-scale office and laboratory material (no basic equipment of the workplace; essential computer equipment is exception)
- costs and expenditures for services directly related to the project*: contracts, consultations, publication of project results, conference fees
- travel costs and living expenses*: limits for travel costs and daily subsistence allowance vary depending on destination country (pursuant to Slovak Act. 283/2002 Col. Of Laws on travel reimbursement)

## 2. Indirect Costs

- administration, energy and infrastructure
- maximum of 20% of all direct costs

### **Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the joint call**

**Eligible costs as defined in the ToR of the joint call of ERA.Net RUS Plus text can be applied unless they are in conflict with the SAS Financial Rules for awarding grants for research projects. Priority is given to the SAS Financial Rules.**

### **Upper funding limits for eligible costs?**

Maximum amount to 25.000 € per project/year for the funding period of 2 years. The funding can be extended up to 30 months only on the condition that all respective FPs involved allow and agree it.

### **Any other information relevant to the joint call**

**National phase:** Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required in parallel to the international evaluation. The submission will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the ERA.Net RUS Plus Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Slovak project partner has been informed by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit the proposal to it (Formular MVTIS). The Presidium of SAS makes the final decision for funding of selected projects.

### **Further guidance:**

- Web site: <http://www.sav.sk>
- 133 Act of February 19, 2002 on the Slovak Academy of Sciences,
- Financial rules for awarding SAS grants for research projects in frame of ERA.Net
- Programme for research institutes of SAS

- Principles of allocation of funds for the institutes of SAS to support projects in the field of international scientific cooperation

**For more information please contact the NCP**

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