



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*



ITALY – POLAND

CALL FOR JOINT PROJECT PROPOSALS PROGRAMME CANALETTO BILATERAL EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS

CLOSING DATE: 31 October 2018 h: 15:00 C.E.T.

BACKGROUND

In the framework of the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Italy and the Government of the Republic of Poland, signed in Warsaw on November 27th, 1960, which came into force on July 31st, 1961, the **Directorate General Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation - Office IX** - of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the **Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange – NAWA**, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”, issue the present call for the submission of joint projects proposals for the “Exchange of Scientists” in the Executive Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation for the **years 2019-2020**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FUNDING SCHEMES

The purpose of this call is to support the mobility of researchers between the participating countries to carry out joint research projects.

Funding will be made available for visits and exchanges of scientists conducting joint research.

Research activities performed within the projects should be funded by other sources.

B. SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES

The call is open to the following scientific disciplines only:

- Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry
- Space
- Agriculture, Food and Sustainable Environment
- Nano-sciences and Advanced Materials
- Information and Communication Technologies, including technologies applied to Cultural Heritage
- Medicine and Health.

Applications in fields out of them will not be considered.

For the Polish Party an application must indicate the thematic area of the project referring to the OECD classification of fields of science and technology.

C. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Each project coordinator may submit one project proposal only.

Proposals submitted to only one of the two Parties or in two different areas will not be considered.

For the Italian Party, the call is open to coordinators having the Italian nationality or any other EU nationality provided they are legally resident in Italy and a permanent working position or a temporary position covering at least the time extent of the project in the Organization they belong.

For the Polish Party the call is open to coordinators holding the Polish nationality or any other EU nationality provided they are legally resident in Poland.

D. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- a. Project must be drafted in Italian or Polish, depending on the country of the applicant. A short summary in English must be in each case included to the application (for the Italian Party in the section “*Sintesi*” of the application form)

- b. Projects shall have the same duration of the Executive Protocol (1st January 2019 – 31st December 2020). The applications for mobility from researchers may be posted according to the guidelines listed in the paragraph “**Financing of Projects**” of this call, only.
- c. For projects involving living organisms and humans, it is the responsibility of the investigator to ensure that all facets of animal care and use meet the requirements of the International Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes. This includes a responsibility to protect and promote the welfare of animals used. Institutional ethics committee approval and informed consent are obligatory parts in all interventional studies (human or animal).

PROCEDURES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The proposal must be jointly submitted to both Parties. In particular, the Italian coordinator submits it to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Polish coordinator submits it to the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange – NAWA.

For the Polish Party, applications should be submitted by duly authorised person whose scope of representation is specified in registration documents. Should an application be submitted by a person other than those specified in registration documents, the applicant is obliged to attach a scanned copy of legal authorisation concerning that person.

The Italian coordinator must submit the proposal exclusively through the ad-hoc online platform: <http://web.esteri.it/pgr>

Any inquire about the present call can be sent to: dgsp-09bandi2@esteri.it

The Polish coordinator must submit the project proposal exclusively through the ad hoc online platform. Detailed information is available on the web site <https://nawa.gov.pl> .

Any inquire about the present call can be sent to the
Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange
Department of Programmes for Scientists,
ul. Polna 40
00-635 Warszawa

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Applications must be submitted from 17th September to 31st October 2018 closing at 15:00, Polish and Italian local time. Applications must only be submitted through the NAWA's and MAECI's ICT systems. Applications submitted after the expiry of the above deadline will not be considered for funding.

PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

After the expiration of the call, all applications received will be checked for eligibility requirements. Eligible applications will then move on to a three-step selection process.

Joint research projects will be evaluated in Poland and Italy separately, according to each country's procedure.

In Poland applications are assessed by the evaluation team, which is appointed by the Director of NAWA. The evaluation team rates the proposals, justifies the assessment and recommends to the Director of NAWA the highest scored projects.

In Italy the projects are assessed by the evaluation team of MAECI.

STEP 1. Proposals will be evaluated at national level on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific significance of the project
- Proposed research methodology
- Involvement of early carrier researchers
- Qualifications and experience of both research teams
- Significance of the bilateral scientific cooperation
- Added value in addressing societal challenges
- Effective exploitation and dissemination of results
- Perspectives of cooperation with partners from business

- **STEP 2.** Each Party will elaborate a short list of priority projects.
- **STEP 3.** The final project selection will be carried out by the joint committee, composed of the representatives of both countries, as defined in Article 4 of the aforementioned Agreement. The two Parties will reach consensus on priority projects eligible for funding.

REASONS FOR EXCLUSION

- Lack of eligibility conditions
- Submission of more than one proposal by the same coordinator
- Incomplete application.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

For the Italian Party, the list of the selected projects and funding procedures will be posted exclusively on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at the following address:

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/IT/Politica_Estera/CooperScientificaTecnologica/ProgrammiEsecutivi/ElencoProgrammiEsecutivi.htm

For the Polish Party, the list of the selected projects and funding procedures will be posted on the website of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange – NAWA at the following address:

<https://nawa.gov.pl>

FINANCING OF PROJECTS

Financing will be granted within the limits of the available annual resources of each Party.

Only the cost of the exchange of researchers will be financed.

For each project, **either** 2 stays (up to 12 days, each) **or** 1 stay (up to 30 days) and 1 up-to-12-day stay in Italy and Poland may be financed yearly.

The sending state will pay the travel expenses whereas the maintenance and accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting state.

The Italian Party will pay the international travel expenses to researchers with Italian nationality (or any other EU nationality who are legally resident in Italy) visiting Poland and will provide a contribution for accommodation expenses in Italy to researchers with Polish nationality (or any other EU nationality who are legally resident in Poland) as follows:

- 93 Euros/day, from day 1 to day 10
- 18,50 Euros/day, from day 11 to day 30, up to a maximum amount of 1.300 Euros/month

In Italy, applications for mobility from Polish (accommodation expenses) or Italian (travel expenses) scientists may be submitted online by granted applicants in the website reserved by the Italian MAECI, from January 15th until October 31st, only. The application must be submitted at least two months before the scheduled research visit.

For the Polish Party, the maximum grant amount assigned for a project cannot exceed PLN 20 000. This amount may be increased by the applicants by contributing their own funds.

Eligible costs include:

- travel expenses of the researchers from Poland to Italy – a maximum amount of PLN 2.000 per person,
- maintenance and accommodation expenses of the researchers coming from Italy to Poland as follows:
 - PLN 350 per day, from day 1 to day 12;
 - PLN 4.200 per month, if a stay lasts longer than 12 days in a given month.

Cost of research activities and other cost related to the joint projects are ineligible.

Funding will be available for a maximum of 24 months for collaborative research projects jointly developed and completed by researchers on both sides.

Payment principles **from Polish Authorities** are as follows:

two payments will be made: the first within 30 days upon signing the agreement and the second after the acceptance of the interim report.

The Italian and the Polish coordinators must submit an ***annual interim report*** on the progress of their project by January 31st 2020 at latest, as indicated in the text of the Executive Programme.

Funding for the second year will not be granted if the coordinators fail to submit their interim report.