



# Call for Mobility Project proposals

## Identification information

Partner country:	<b>Romania</b>
Partner organisation:	<b>Romanian Academy</b>
Programme:	<b>Mobility</b>
Period:	<b>2022 – 2023</b>

## Legal framework

The call is based on Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2021 between the Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as SAS) and the Romanian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as RA).

## Basic definitions

### Objectives

- Improvement of scientific cooperation between both countries;
- Stimulation of involvement of young researchers and PhD students;
- Supporting research teams aspiring to cooperate on large international projects in the future;
- Enabling the use of methodology, infrastructure and equipment for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

### Eligibility criteria

Project proposals from **all research fields** are accepted.

Maximum project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Slovak side** by a [SAS institute or center](#)
- **On the Partner side** by a RA institute;

In case applicant submits more than one project proposal within one call, only one of them can be funded.

Only two subsequent projects realized by the same research teams can be funded.

### Research team

Each research team consists of:

- One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher);
- One or more co-investigators.

Research team members are divided into four categories:

- Senior researchers (5 or more years after receiving PhD);
- Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 5 years after receiving PhD);



- PhD students;
- Others (e.g. engineers, technicians).

#### **On the Slovak side:**

- All members must be employees of the SAS institutes.
- Out of the whole team, at least 1/3 must be junior researchers or PhD students.

#### **On the Romanian side:**

- All members must be employees of the SAS institutes.

### **Financial provisions**

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

**Up to 3 (three)** two-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

#### **On the Slovak side:**

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the SAS towards the costs of the Slovak research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 1,500** per mobility project per year.
- The approved financial contribution shall be used first of all to cover mobility costs: travel, living expenses.
- Max. 30% of the approved financial contribution can be used to cover research costs: consumables, services, small equipment, and networking.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment (exceeding **EUR 1,500**), overheads.
- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- The ratio between mobility and research costs shall be maintained on the project level as well as yearly.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports including use of financial means and justification of costs.

#### **On the Romanian side:**

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the RA towards the mobility costs of the Romanian research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 1,500** per mobility project per year.
- Conditions are available on the website:

### **Project proposal submission**

Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both partner organisations.

#### **On the Slovak side:**

- Project proposals in English must be completed and submitted by email to [kurthiova@up.upsav.sk](mailto:kurthiova@up.upsav.sk), and also in hardcopy to the address below within the stated deadline;



- Conditions for submission and relevant form/s are available on the website: <https://www.sav.sk/?lang=en&doc=educ-mobility>

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data within the meaning of the Act No. 18/2018 Coll., On Personal Data Protection, as amended;
- Declares that the information he/she stated is accurate, true and complete and that he/she is aware that if otherwise they will face all the legal consequences;
- Declares that, if approved, he/she will during the realization of the project follow:
  - The SAS Code of Ethics;
  - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#) (Slovak translation available [here](#)).

### **On the Romanian side:**

- Project proposals in English must be completed and submitted by email to [mihaela.paduraru@acad.ro](mailto:mihaela.paduraru@acad.ro), and also in hardcopy to the address below within the stated deadline;
- Conditions for submission and relevant form/s are available on the website:

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## **Evaluation and Selection**

Consists of two-step process:

- At the national level, each partner organisation evaluates submitted proposals based on its internal rules and prepares a ranking list.
- At the international level, both partner organisations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. Total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.

### **Criteria for evaluation of project proposals:**

- **Quality of the project:**
  - Scientific relevance (concept, innovative character in relation to the state-of-the art, quality of objectives);
  - Methodology, work plan of activities and outputs;
  - Impact of project results, their dissemination and exploitation.
- **Quality of research teams:**
  - Composition and expertise of research teams;



- Complementarity, methodology and equipment; previous cooperation and outputs;
- Justification of collaboration needs.
- **Active involvement of junior researchers and PhD students.**
- **Added value and broader impact of bilateral cooperation.**

## Schedule

<b>14 July 2021</b>	<b>Announcement of the call for project proposals</b>
<b>14 September 2021</b>	<b>Deadline for submission of project proposals</b>
October 2021	Completion of the assessment at national level
November 2021	Completion of the joint assessment at international level, approval of the final results by both partner organisations
<b>December 2021</b>	<b>Announcement of results</b>

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