



Call for Mobility Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Slovenia
Partner organisation:	Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SAZU)
Programme:	Mobility
Period:	2026 – 2027
Maximum project duration	2 years, i.e., 24 months Extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Legal framework

The call is based on the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2023 between the Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as SAS) and the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (hereinafter referred to as SAZU).

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.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Slovak side** by a [SAS institute or center](#)
- **On the Slovenian side** by universities and research institutions in Slovenia.

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

Only two subsequent mobility projects implemented by the same research team can be funded.

Applicant submitting a project proposal following a running project with the same team must justify the need for a continuing project and describe the outcomes of the running project. This must be stated in the project proposal form in the part “Short description of the project and methodology”.

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 a PhD);



- Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 5 years after receiving a PhD);
- PhD students;
- Others (e.g., engineers, technicians).

On the SAS side:

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

On the SAZU side:

- Researchers from the universities and research institutes supported by SAZU.

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 **two** two-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

SAS funding regulations:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the SAS towards to the Slovak research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 2,500** per mobility project per year.
- **Eligible costs:** mobility costs and research costs (consumables, services, small equipment).
- Max. 30% of the approved financial contribution can be used to cover research costs: consumables, services, and small equipment.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment, and overheads.
- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports, including the use of financial means and justification of costs.

SAZU funding regulations:

- The maximum financial contribution shall be **2.500,00 EUR** per mobility project per year (regardless of the number of participants-refund).
- Eligible costs are: travel to and from the basic destination (in the amount of the cheapest public transport), living expenses (per diems, average accommodation).
- Non-eligible costs are: research costs: consumables, services, small equipment and networking, personnel, large equipment, overheads and other direct or indirect costs.
- The Slovenian researchers must inform SAZU at least three months before their planned visit abroad.
- Financial means will be provided within the capacity of the approved State Budget for the fiscal year.
- Details of the funding will be agreed between SAZU and the participating Slovenian university or research institution.
- The course of project implementation shall be monitored through annual and final reports, including the use of financial means.



Project proposal submission

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

On the SAS side:

- Project proposals in English must be completed and submitted within the stated deadline exclusively via the Intranet online application.
- To submit a project proposal, log in to the SAS Intranet. Select Intranet Rights, Standard Rights, Bilateral Mobility Call, and fill in a project proposal. After finishing your proposal, you shall forward it through your Intranet account to the Director of your SAS Institute for its approval. The Director shall approve your proposal. Once the project proposal is approved by the Director, it will be automatically sent to OMS Úrad SAV (Department of International Cooperation, Office of the SAS) via his/her Intranet account. **All project proposals must be submitted by the SAS Institute Directors by 3 June 2025.**
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting a project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to the 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 SAZU side:

- Project proposals in Slovene and English must be complete and submitted within the stated **deadline (3 June 2025)** via e-mail address: **international@sazu.si**.
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting a project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to the processing of personal data contained in the project proposal pursuant to the relevant Slovenian legislation;
- 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 European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#);

Evaluation and Selection

It consists of a 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. The total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organisations.



Criteria for evaluation of project proposals:

- **Scientific and formal quality:**
 - quality of project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, schedule, outcomes)
 - state-of-the art
 - innovation potential and perspective to broaden knowledge
 - expected mutual benefits for both research teams
 - potential of project results and its possible outreach
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - justification of collaboration
 - competence and qualification of the research team
 - level of involvement of junior researchers and PhD students
 - research teams' complementarity

Schedule

3 April 2025	Announcement of the call for project proposals
3 June 2025	Deadline for submission of project proposals
October 2025	Completion of assessment at the national level
November 2025	Comparison and approval of results by both partner organizations
December 2025	Announcement of results

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