



## 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Call for Proposals of TÜBİTAK - SAS Bilateral Cooperation Projects

### 1. Preamble

**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** is the leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey. It was established in 1963 with a mission to advance science and technology, conduct research and support Turkish researchers. The Council is an affiliated institution for Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology and is governed by a Scientific Board whose members are selected from prominent scholars from universities, industry and research institutions.

TÜBİTAK is responsible for promoting, developing, organizing, conducting and coordinating research and development in line with national targets and priorities. In addition, TÜBİTAK carries out and monitors international scientific and technological collaboration activities with the rest of the world through Directorate for International Cooperation.

**Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)** was legally grounded in an act passed by the Slovak National Council on 18 June 1953. Nowadays, the SAS undertakes scientific research in Slovakia as an autonomous non-university research institution which is primarily funded from public finances (Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak Republic).

Currently, SAS consists of 45 scientific institutes divided into 3 sections and service and supporting institute along with academic library (<http://www.sav.sk/?lang=en>). The Assembly, the Scientific Council, and the Presidium are the Academy's self-governing bodies.

### 2. Objectives and the Scope of the Call

The aim of the call is to allow partners to collaborate internationally, and gain access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge, and expertise, in order to enhance the quality of their research and enable them to translate research and innovation into economic and societal benefit.

The funding will be provided jointly by TÜBİTAK and SAS in the form of non-repayable project grants.

## 2.1 Call Topics

There is no any limitation on topics of the call. The call is open to all scientific disciplines.

## 2.2. Funding Available

As a rule, Turkish academy partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 720,000 Turkish Liras ( $\approx$  110.000 EURO) of funding in total. The Slovak partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 120.000 EURO per project.

TÜBİTAK -funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with its funding guidelines and procedures.

Similarly, SAS-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by SAS according to its funding guidelines and procedures. Slovak applicants are requested to submit Cooperation Agreement between both partners up until 3 months after the project approval by Presidium SAS.

More details available here

[https://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source\\_no=25&news\\_no=7569](https://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source_no=25&news_no=7569)

Please liaise closely with prospective partners to ensure that both TÜBİTAK and SAS -supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funders.

## 2.3. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects will be up to **36 months**. The projects will be monitored through progress and financial reports and the final report by both SAS and TÜBİTAK for its content and progress.

The continuation of funding will be decided on the basis of this evaluation with reference to innovative insights, exploitable research results and the creation of foundations for a well-founded and sustainable partnership between Slovakia and Turkey.

# 3. Call Schedule, Eligibility and Submission

The 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Call will be **opened from 13 December 2019 to 9 February 2020** for the online applications. Turkish and Slovak applicants will elaborate their joint application which is submitted via TÜBİTAK's online system reachable from <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/> .

## 3.1. Eligibility

It is a prerequisite that projects include the participation of at least one Slovak SAS research institute and one Turkish research institution/university eligible to TÜBİTAK.

TÜBİTAK and SAS will cover the costs of their respective country's participants. On the Turkish side, the Turkish consortium will be provided funding from TÜBİTAK Bilateral Programme. All Turkish researchers who apply for this Programme should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <http://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

On the Slovak side, SAS will cover the costs of Slovak scientists as described in [https://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source\\_no=25&news\\_no=7569](https://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source_no=25&news_no=7569) Eligible SAS project Principal Investigator (PI) must be full-time employee of SAS (either one, or more SAS institutes is accepted). Any other applicants will be considered as ineligible and thus the whole project proposal will be ineligible and will not be evaluated.

There is no obligation for Slovak partner to register to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information system). Slovak coordinators, whose projects will be recommended for funding, will also have to submit specific form (MVTs Form) in Slovakia.

### 3.2. Proposal Submission

Turkish and Slovak scientists will elaborate one joint project proposal (Application Form). Consequently Turkish partner submits the application form to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information System) accessible at <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr> .

However, to complete the application process SAS and TÜBİTAK might need supporting documents. Please contact respective contact person listed in Section 5 to obtain further information.

#### **For the Turkish side**

The Turkish applicants are expected to submit the online application through UIDB-PBS system and sign the e-signatures of relevant sides and provide additional documents and/or make requested adjustments by **21 February 2020**, otherwise they will be rejected from evaluation and could not apply to this call in the same call period.

#### **For the Slovak side**

The Slovak applicants are expected to send the printed Application Form with signatures of both sides and supporting documents (Annexes) until **21 February 2020**.

The Slovak participants are requested to submit "Declaration" according to the particular Resolution of SAS Presidium. For further information, please contact SAS International Cooperation Department (see contact details at the end of this document).

## 4. The Evaluation Procedure

Projects that are submitted online but that did not submit their supporting documents and the necessary documents with original or e- signature(s) will not be evaluated and thus not considered for funding. Only projects eligible on both sides TÜBİTAK and SAS will be evaluated.

#### 4.1. Evaluation Method

The proposals that are found eligible, will be reviewed by external reviewers which are selected according internal procedures by TÜBİTAK and SAS. Consequently, at Slovak side the project proposals will be evaluated by SAS Committee for Evaluation of International Projects. The projects to be recommended for funding will be selected according to the evaluations on a Joint Committee meeting in which both institutions will be present. On Slovak side, final decision about financing of recommended project proposals is made by Presidium of SAS.

#### 4.2. Evaluation Criteria

The project proposals received will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific and Technological Excellence
- Methodology
- Project Management
- Importance of International Collaboration
- Impact

#### 4.3. Timeline

##### One Stage Joint Call

ACTIONS	DATES
Pre-announcement	26 November 2019
Publication of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Joint Call for proposals	<b>13 December 2019</b>
<b>Deadline for electronic applications</b>	<b>9 February 2020</b>
<b>Deadline for e-signature</b> (TÜBİTAK applicants only) <b>Deadline for original project submission</b> (SAS applicants only)	<b>21 February 2020</b>
Sharing eligibility check results	20 March 2020
Relaying of projects to evaluation	23 March 2020
Sharing evaluation results	11 May 2020
Joint Committee Meeting (Recommendation for funding)	15 May 2020
Final approval of results by the authorities SAS and TUBİTAK	Early June 2020
Feedback sent to applicants	June 2020
Launch of the approved projects	July – September 2020

## 5. Contacts

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