**The French-Estonian cooperation programme PARROT**

**Call for travel grant applications 2021-2022**

**The objectives of the programme**

The aim of the program is to develop research and technology cooperation between the two countries in all fields of fundamental and applied science, including humanities and social sciences. Since the first competition, the inclusion of PhD students and young researchers in projects is a priority for the program. New collaborations will in all cases be given priority.

**Conditions of eligibility of research teams**

The call is launched in every two years. The call for applications is open to researchers from research laboratories attached to higher education institutions or research organizations.

Companies may participate in the project, provided that they are associated with an academic partner.

Projects that have already received support under this program are not eligible for a new application immediately after their completion.

Only applications co-submitted by partner researchers to the authorities responsible for the program in their respective countries will be declared admissible. The researchers must check with their partner.

The partners must submit an identical joint application in English to the responsible authorities in both countries.

**Project evaluation criteria**

• Scientific quality of the project and teams

• Active participation of young researchers, in particular doctoral and post-doctoral students

• Interest of cooperation and complementarity of French and foreign teams

• Prospects for structuring or enhancing the project. Priority will be given in particular to network projects with an European dimension. Researchers will thus be able to apply for another PHC on the same research theme.

**Project selection committee**

Eligible projects shall be subject to a separate scientific assessment by each of the two Parties. The bodies of the two countries shall then meet to compare the evaluations and decide jointly on the support granted to the selected projects.

For the French side, the Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) of MESRI will carry out the scientific evaluation of the dossiers.

**Duration of the projects and reporting**

The duration of the projects is two years. Funding is granted on an annual basis, for two consecutive years.

It must be used up between 1 January and 31 December and cannot be carried over to the following year.

It covers only the cost of mobility between the two countries of researchers involved in the program.

Any other funding necessary for the implementation of joint projects must be provided by the partner laboratories' own resources or from other sources.

Renewal of funding for a second year is subject to:

• An optimal consumption of the funding granted for the 1st year.

• The submission of a progress report mentioning the scientific results obtained (1 page in free format) and the mobilities carried out or planned before the end of the current year.

• The drafting of a financial report on the actions carried out or planned before the end of the calendar year.

The progress report and the financial statement must be sent before 15 November of the 1st year both to the ETAg and French Embassy (see contact for the program below). A final scientific and financial report is required no later than three months after the end of the projects.

Particular attention will be paid to scientific co-publications written within the framework of this project, which must mention the support granted by the Ministries of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI).

**Eligible expenses**

The resources granted by France cover exclusively the payment of residence allowances for Estonian researchers and travel expenses for French researchers:

• Residence allowances: EUR 110/day,

• Travel: reimbursement of actual costs up to EUR 450 and insurance costs during their stay in Estonia.

The resources granted by Estonia cover exclusively the payment of residence allowances for French researchers and travel expenses for Estonian researchers:

• Residence allowances: EUR 100/day (including accommodation costs),

• Travel: reimbursement of actual costs up to a maximum of EUR 500 per return journey Estonia / France, as well as medical insurance costs.

As an indication, in 2020 the annual funding granted per project was 2660 €.

**Intellectual property**

It is the responsibility of the project managers to take all the necessary measures to protect intellectual property.

Please read carefully the attached document on good practices, including intellectual property rules. The submission of the project includes, in fact, the adherence, by all parties, to these rules.

**Practical arrangements for submitting a project**

• Deadline for co-submission of applications: 02 June 2020

• Release of results: December 2020

• Start of projects: January 2021

**Submission of application**

The Estonian applicant must send the electronically signed application to maarja.soonberg@etag.ee.

**Contacts for the program**

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