



# The French-Estonian cooperation program PARROT Call 2022

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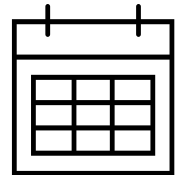
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# PARROT

- The first joint travel grant application round for the PARROT program was held in 2002 and to date there are 140 applications submitted in nine public competitions, with 76 joint projects funded.
- The aim is to develop research and technology cooperation between the two countries in all fields of fundamental and applied science, including humanities and social sciences.
- The call is launched in every two years.

# Dates and deadlines

- Next application round opens: 30 March 2022
- Deadline for applications: 31 May 2022
- Release of results: December 2022
- Start of projects: January 2023



# Who can apply?

- Open to researchers from research laboratories attached to higher education institutions or research organizations. Companies may participate in the project, if 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.
- The partners must submit an identical joint application in English to the responsible authorities in both countries.



# Eligible Expenses

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

Daily allowances EUR 110/day and reimbursement of actual travel costs up to a maximum of EUR 500 per return journey Estonia / France (including medical insurance costs).

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

Daily allowances EUR 100/day and reimbursement of actual travel costs up to EUR 450 (including medical insurance costs).



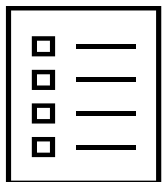
# Eligible Expenses

- The funding 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;
- In the last call for applications in 2020, 10 projects were selected for two years with a success rate of 50%, and an average annual funding of 5 000€.



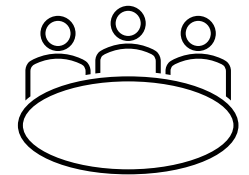
# Project evaluation criteria

- Scientific quality of the project.
- Quality and competence of the French and Estonian 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 the European dimension.
- Particular attention will be paid to projects that fit into the political priorities of the European Union as expressed in the new Horizon Europe framework program.



# Project selection

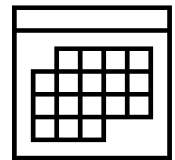
- Eligible projects will be assessed separately by the two parties and they will decide then jointly which projects to choose.
- For the French side, the Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) of MESRI will carry out the scientific evaluation of the dossiers.
- For the Estonian side, it will be done by the Evaluation Committee of Estonian Research Council.





# Methods of operation

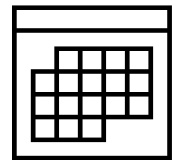
- The duration of the projects is two years.
- Funding is granted on an annual basis, for two consecutive years. It must be used up between 1 January and 31 December and cannot be carried over to the following year.
- The funding partners reserve the right to decide on the funding for the second year of a joint project that has not been launched in the first year or has partially completed the work plan.



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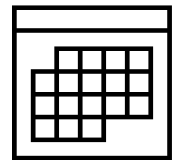
Renewal of funding for a second year is subject to:

- 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.



# Project monitoring

- A final scientific and financial report is required no later than three months after the end of the projects.
- French project leaders must imperatively use the downloadable report template and attach it to their online application within this deadline.
- 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).



# How to apply?

- For the Estonian side:

Send filled application form to Estonian program manager.

- For the French side:

To Campus France via the extranet <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater>



# ETAg support

- Information on ETAg webpage:  
<https://www.etag.ee/en/cooperation/bilateral-cooperation/parrot-french-estonian-science-and-technology-cooperation-program/>
- Newsfeed in the email list:  
<https://www.etag.ee/teadusagentuur/avalik-teave/liitu-uudistelistiga/>
- FB group „Väliteaduskoostöö“

The screenshot shows the ETAg website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Eesti Teadusagentuur' logo, language options 'EESTI / ENGLISH', and a search bar. The main menu features 'RESEARCH COUNCIL', 'NEWS', 'FUNDING', 'COOPERATION', and 'ACTIVITIES'. The left sidebar lists 'INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION' categories: Horizon Europe, Baltic & Nordic, Bilateral cooperation (expanded to show Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowship, PARROT French-Estonian science and technology cooperation programme, and Taiwan-Estonia cooperation programme), COST, EURAXESS, Research Infrastructures, RTD Office in Brussels, and Research in Estonia. The main content area is titled 'PARROT French-Estonian science and technology cooperation programme'. It provides contact information for Maarja Soonberg at the Estonian Research Council, including her phone number (+372 731 7387) and email (maarja.soonberg@etag.ee). A text block states that the first joint application round was in 2002 and that 140 applications were submitted, with 76 projects funded. It also announces that the next application round for 2023-2024 will be in March 2022. The 'The objectives of the programme' section explains the aim to develop research and technology cooperation between Estonia and France. The 'Conditions of eligibility of research teams' section notes that the call is launched every two years and is open to researchers from research laboratories attached to higher education institutions or research organizations, with a note that companies may also participate.

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