**The French-Estonian cooperation program PARROT**

**Call for travel grant applications 2023-2024**

Parrot is the Franco-Estonian Hubert Curien Partnership (PHC). It is implemented in France by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI), and in the partner country by the Estonian Research Council (ETAG).

Calls for applications for this program are launched on a bi-annual basis.

Deadline for applications: **31/05/2022.**

**Types of projects concerned**

The objective of this program is to develop scientific and technological exchanges of excellence between laboratories in both countries, by promoting new cooperation and the participation of young researchers and doctoral students.

All scientific fields are concerned by this program.

**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 in 2020 are not eligible for a new application immediately after their completion. New collaborations will in all cases be given priority.

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

• 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 an European dimension. Researchers will thus be able to apply for another PHC on the same research theme.

• 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 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**

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.

**Eligible expenses**

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

• Daily allowances: EUR 125/day (including accommodation costs);

• Travel: reimbursement of actual costs up to EUR 450 per return journey (incl. insurance costs): France → Estonia → France

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

• Daily allowances: EUR 110/day (including accommodation costs);

• Travel: reimbursement of actual costs up to a maximum of EUR 500 per return journey (incl. insurance costs): Estonia → France→ Estonia

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| **Team** | **Per diem amount** | **Funding country** | **Country of departure** → **country of arrival** |
| Researcher of the French team  | 125 € / day | France | France → Estonia |
| Researcher of the Estonian team | 110 € / day | Estonia | Estonia → France |
| **Team** | **Travel cap amount** | **Funding country** | **Trip** |
| Researcher of the French team | 450 € | France | France → Estonia→ France |
| Researcher of the Estonian team | 500 € | Estonia | Estonia → France→ Estonia |

As an indication, in 2021 the average annual funding for each project was €5,000, totaling the requests of the Estonian and French parties.

**Intellectual property**

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

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

Projects submitted to this call may be examined under the PPST policy (Protection of Scientific and Technical Potential and Economic Intelligence). More information on this policy (in French): <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid27031/protection-du-potentiel-scientifique-et-technique-et-intelligence-economique-p.p.s.t.html>

**Practical arrangements for submitting a project**

• Deadline for co-submission of applications: May 31st 2022

• Publication of results on the Campus France extranet <http://chercheurs.campusfrance.org> : December 1st 2022

• Release of results: December 1st 2022

• Start of the projects: January 2023

**Submission of application**

The Estonian applicant must send the electronically signed application to darja.matt@etag.ee

French applications may be submitted in French or English on the website: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater>.

Project leaders are invited to submit their applications early to avoid technical problems that could jeopardize the timely submission of their applications.

**Managing mobility**

For each mobility, the French project leader must fill in a commitment form and send the complete file at least 3 weeks before the researcher's departure, to the email address on the back of each commitment form;

For each researcher mobility, the French project leader must also send a copy of the commitment form to the French Embassy.

**Project reporting**

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 contacts for the program below). 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).

**Contacts for the program**

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