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«RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation

PROGRAMME

HORIZON EUROPE- 2nd OPPORTUNITY

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

OPPTY- MSCA / 1122



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INTRODUCTION

The Research and Innovation Foundation announces the Call for Proposals for the «**HORIZON EUROPE- 2nd Opportunity**» Programme within the framework of the **RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation – Programmes for the Period May 2022 – March 2023** and invites potential beneficiaries to submit relevant Project Proposals (Proposals).

The present Call will be co-financed by the Republic of Cyprus and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), in the frame of the Operational Programme «ΘΑΛΕΙΑ» 2021-2027 under Priority 1: «Competitive, Smart and Digital Economy» and the Specific Objective (1i): «Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies».

GENERAL CALL INFORMATION

Pillar	II. Sustainable RTDI System
Programme	HORIZON EUROPE- 2nd Opportunity
Call Identifier	OPPTY- MSCA/1122
Call Budget	2.500.000 Euro
Maximun Funding Per Project	150.000 Euro or 170.000 Euro if the proposal includes Industry Placement in Cyprus
Publication Date	4 November 2022
Deadline	27 April 2023, 13:00

The English version of the Call, even though an official translation endorsed by the Research and Innovation Foundation, is provided for information purposes only. Only the Greek version of the Call is legally binding and shall prevail in case of any divergence in interpretation.

OBJECTIVES

The Programme’s objective is to provide a second opportunity to entities and natural persons (researchers) who attempted to receive a grant under Horizon Europe Programme, and whose proposals despite of being of high quality did not manage to secure funding due to budget exhaustion.

DESCRIPTION

The «HORIZON EUROPE- 2nd Opportunity -MSCA» Call for Proposals offers a second opportunity to researchers who attempted to obtain a grant under the “Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Postdoctoral Fellowships” Action of the Horizon Europe, whose proposals were



eligible for funding, but did not manage to secure a grant due to budget exhaustion and received a Seal of Excellence.

BENEFICIARIES

Research Organisations, Enterprises, Other Organisations

SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

The Host Organisation is the Cypriot Research Organisation, Enterprise or Other Organisation that would have been responsible for hosting the Researcher for the implementation of the Project in Cyprus, on the condition the proposals under the “Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Postdoctoral Fellowships” were eligible for funding, but were not funded due to budget exhaustion (Seal of Excellence).

The participation of Partner Organisations is only allowed in the case there is an industry placement in Cyprus (Enterprises or Other Organisations).

The participation of Foreign Research Organisations (FRO) is not allowed.

The relevant EC’s Letter regarding the evaluation result of a proposal must be dated after the announcement date of the “Horizon 2020 - 2nd Opportunity -MSCA” Call for Proposals. This condition forms a criterion of the eligibility check.

In case where the proposal funded by the RIF is re-submitted to the EC and is selected for funding, the Host Organisation should immediately inform the RIF and the project Contract will be terminated. The Host Organisation should also notify the EC.

Proposals that are submitted to the EC and include activities that are implemented before RIF’s funding decision will not be funded. This is in compliance with RIF’s general rule that project activities and expenditures must necessarily fall within the project’s timeframe.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

It includes activities that had been described in the proposal submitted to the European Commission and which have been adapted accordingly to the rules and procedures of the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes.

Projects must include experimental development activities. Projects can also include Basic Research and/or Industrial Research.

Projects must fall within Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 1-8 in compliance with the relevant definitions adopted by the EU.



DURATION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Up to 24 Months for projects that do not include Industry Placement and up to 30 months for projects that include industry placement in Cyprus. In any case the duration cannot exceed the duration of the proposal that was submitted to the EC.

BUDGET

€ 2.500.000

MAXIMUM FUNDING PER PROJECT

€ 150.000 or €170.000 for proposals that include Industry Placement in Cyprus.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Personnel costs, Instruments and Equipment Costs, Costs for External Services, Costs for Travelling Abroad, Consumables, Other Specific Costs, Overheads.

It is noted that, all beneficiaries that have not previously participated in the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, should make use of the simplified cost Method «Standard Scales of Unit Costs» for the calculation of personnel costs.

The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the simplified cost method “Personnel costs plus 40% on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs”.

RESTART 2016-2020 WORK PROGRAMME

All general rules and procedures for the participation of organisations and individuals, the eligible activities and costs, as well as the specific information regarding the «Innovation Vouchers» Programme, as well as the other RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, are included in the **[RIF's Work Programme for the «RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation – Programmes for the Period 05/2022 – 03/2023](#)**, which is the main reference document and an important information source for interested parties and can be found on the Research and Innovation Foundation's IRIS (Innovation Research Information System) Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

SERVICES OF THE CENTRAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER OFFICE (KTO)

Aiming at enhancing the projects' potential for exploitation of research results, all Project Consortia funded under the present Call will be required to contact the Central Knowledge



Transfer Office (KTO) for the preparation of a specialised Service Delivery Plan.

Acceptance of the Service Delivery Plan by the Project Consortia and utilization of the central KTO services will be optional.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

In the frame of the present Call, the following specific conditions apply:

- All private law entities (Host Organisation and Partner Organisations) should submit to Competent National Registries updated data regarding their ultimate beneficial owners as per «The prevention and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing Law of 2007 (188(I)/2007)». RIF reserves the right to carry out checks in the competent Registers and to request an official proof for the registration.
- Funded Projects should comply with the «Do No Significant Harm» principle, according to which they must not include or support activities that could cause significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives, as per Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 2020/852, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.

SUBMISSION

Proposals are submitted through the Research and Innovation Foundation's **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy>).

The Project Coordinator and all local participating organisations in the Project Consortium, should register in advance on the IRIS Portal.

Potential applicants are advised to use the «**Guide for Applicants**», which contains guidelines and clarifications regarding the Submission procedure and the «**IRIS Portal User Manual**» which can be found on the IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

The Research and Innovation Foundation encourages in all its Calls for Proposals:

- *the participation of women as Project Coordinators, and*
- *the gender-balanced formation of projects.*

The Project Proposal consists of the following parts:

1. Part A – General Information & Budget (electronic form (fields) to be completed online through the IRIS Portal).
2. Part B – Technical Annex (document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format). It is noted that the template provided for this Call must be submitted,



without any differentiation. The Part B template can be found on the IRIS Portal, under the relevant Call for Proposals (Call Documents).

3. Annex I – Curricula Vitae (document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format and includes the CVs of the Coordinator and the key personnel of the project team – Optional Submission).
4. Annex II – Call Specific Information to be disclosed to the Evaluators (to be submitted in pdf format in the IRIS Portal): (a) Copy of the notification letter (and of the Evaluation Summary Report, where applicable) on the evaluation results for the proposal submitted to the EC and (b) Copy of the proposal submitted to the EC with submission verification - electronic timestamp by the EC

PROJECT SELECTION

Evaluation Procedure

An internal evaluation procedure will be used for the evaluation of proposals submitted under the “Horizon Europe – 2nd Opportunity” Programme, carried out by RIF’s staff. The decision as to whether a particular entity is a beneficiary in the frame of the said Programme is taken in accordance to the result of the Scientific Evaluation of the European Commission. During the internal evaluation procedure the RIF can ask for additional information or / and an expert’s recommendation.

Selection

All proposals that have industry placement in Cyprus and the rest of the proposals in order of highest score, until the budget is exhausted.

INFORMATION – CONTACT DETAILS

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The Research and Innovation Foundation may at its discretion, proceed to the extension or revocation of the present Call by applying the same publication procedure.