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# ITALY – BRAZIL JOINT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION CALL FOR JOINT PROJECT PROPOSALS

In the framework of the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the federal Republic of Brazil, has been launched the present call for the submission of joint project proposals for projects of "Particular Relevance".

# AREAS OF COOPERATION:

Projects may be submitted in one of the following priority research areas:

- 1. Artificial Intelligence;
- 2. Basic Sciences (Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics);
- 3. Communicable diseases;
- 4. Distributed power generation from renewable sources;
- 5. Nutrition and metabolic diseases.
- 6. Precision Agriculture;
- 7. Space science;
- 8. Sustainable production and use of strategic minerals.

Projects submitted in other research areas will not be considered for evaluation.

# **ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:**

For the Italian Party, the call is open to public or private research organizations.

The Coordinator/Principal Investigator (PI) must hold:

- Italian or any other EU nationality;
- legal residence in Italy;
- a permanent position, or a temporary position covering at least the time extent of the project.

The project proposals must be jointly elaborated and must be submitted by the Principal Investigators of both Parties, in the same priority area.

Proposals submitted to only one of the two Parties or in different areas will not be considered.

For the Brazilian side, in case of involvement of more than one State within the same proposal, the submission must be done by the Brazilian PI/Coordinator, on behalf of the other involved PIs from other Brazilian States.

# **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Projects must be written in English (projects submitted in other languages will not be considered for evaluation);
- Projects must have the same duration of the Executive Protocol (three-years: 20202022);
- Each researcher can submit only one project proposal as Principal Investigator (PI).

In Italy, for **projects involving experiments with animals**, ethics approval by the competent Ethics Committee must be provided when submitting the proposal. The approval is mandatory to obtain formal authorization from the competent Ministry of Health to start the activities (D.Lgs 26\_04/03/2014 and Directive 2010/63 EU). **Projects involving experiments with human beings** must be performed in accordance with the Directive 536/2014/EC. The Italian Principal Investigator should include a selfdeclaration of adhesion to the above cited rules in the text of the proposal.

# **REASONS FOR EXCLUSION:**

Submission of more than one proposal by the same coordinator/PI; Incomplete application;

Application drafted in other languages than English;

Institution of the Brazilian PI located in Sates not supporting the present call.

# **PUBLICATION OF RESULTS:**

For the Italian Party, the list of selected projects will be posted exclusively on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

# **FUNDING PROCEDURES:**

Funding will be granted to the projects listed in the Executive Programme within the limits of the available annual resources of each Party.

For the Italian Party, financial contribution by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation is intended as co-funding of about 50% of the project's total costs; therefore the applying Institution must co-fund the remaining 50% on the basis of the salary of involved personnel and indirect costs of the project. The applying Institution is expected to anticipate all project expenses and will be reimbursed on a yearly basis after submitting fully completed and adequately documented reimbursement papers. According to the Italian law Nr.401/90, at the beginning of each year of activity, the Principal Investigators of the projects listed in the Executive Programme will be invited to submit a request for funding, in accordance with a specific annual call issued by Office IX of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: 24/01/2020 17:00 (Central European Time)** 

# **More information:**

https://www.esteri.it/mae/resource/garegemellaggi/2019/11/call\_italy-brazil\_final.pdf