



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY  
3<sup>RD</sup> COMMUNITY SUPPORT FRAMEWORK (2000 – 2006)  
OPERATIONAL PROGRAM «COMPETITIVENESS» (EPAN)  
Measure 4.3, Action 4.3.6.1**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
for BILATERAL S & T COOPERATION  
between the HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
and the REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO  
(2006-2008)**

The General Secretariat for Research & Technology of the Greek Ministry of Development and the Department of Science and Higher Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro, in the framework of their bilateral S & T Cooperation Program between Greece and Montenegro for the years 2006-2008, invites Universities, Research Centers and Institutes, as well as private and public Enterprises, to submit joint proposals for R+T projects. The deadline for the submission of proposals is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March **2006**.

This call for proposals is launched within the framework of the Action 4.3.6.1ε “Bilateral RTD Cooperation - 2005”, of the Operational Program COMPETITIVENESS (EPAN), Measure 4.3 “*Support of the activities for international scientific and technological cooperation and transfer of technology*”. The Program is co-financed (70%) by the European Fund of Regional Development (EFRD), which aims to facilitate the reduction of the inequalities within the European Union regions.

In Greece, the program is implemented according to the Law 1514/85 “*Development of Scientific and Technological Research*” and its modifications, as well as the Law 2919/01 “*Linking Science and Technology and the Productive Sector etc*”. As to the funding of the private enterprises, the national scheme 274/2000 is applicable and its modification (103/2003), as well as the 69/2001 E.U. Regulation on the “de minimis rule” (articles 87 and 88 of the E.U. Treaty).

**Priority Research Areas**

The research areas included in the present call for proposals are the following:

1. Marine Biology
2. Biotechnology, Agriculture
3. I.C.T (Information and Communication Technologies)
4. Environmental Protection
5. New Materials

### **Evaluation criteria**

The proposals should be clear in scope and based upon mutual interests of the co-operating teams.

The criteria (and their corresponding gravity coefficient), on which the evaluation of the proposals is based, are the following:

- The scientific quality and the research experience of the team submitting the proposal
- The innovative character, originality and the comprehensive description of the proposal
- The suitability of the proposed methodology
- The scope of the co-operation with the cooperating country and the specific scientific team
- The deliverables of the project
- Participation of private enterprise

In case a certain number of proposals receive the same ranking preference, priority will be given to the proposals submitted by a private enterprise or in which participation of a private enterprise is involved.

The final selection of the proposals will be made by the Joint Committee, which will take into consideration the evaluation of both sides.

The duration of the projects should not exceed 18 months

**Please note that only jointly submitted proposals will be eligible for evaluation.**

### **Eligible costs**

1. Exchanges of Scientists
  - 1.1 Funding of the Greek side
    - A) Travel costs for Greek scientists visiting Montenegro
    - B) Daily allowance to the Montenegrin scientists visiting Greece
      - For short -term visits (up to 10 days) 110 € (euros) per diem.
      - For long-term visits (up to 3 months) 1.100 € (euros) monthly.
    - C) Internal travel costs in Greece for the Montenegrin scientists necessary for the implementation of the cooperation project
  - 1.2 Funding of the Montenegrin side
    - A) Travel costs for the Montenegrin scientists visiting Greece
    - B) Daily allowance to the Greek scientists visiting Montenegro

For short -term visits (up to 10 days) 60 euros per diem.

- For long -term visits (up to 3 months) 500 euros monthly.
- C) Internal travel costs for the Greek scientists necessary for the implementation of the cooperation project

2. Scholarships for Young Scientists<sup>1</sup> involved in the bilateral project
3. Consumables
4. Small Equipment items
5. Publications

### **Funding**

It is desirable but not necessary, that the two co-operating countries provide the same amount of money for the implementation of each project.

By the beginning of each approved project concerning the Public domain, the 80% of the total funding is paid in advance. The reimbursement of the 20% is accompanied by the final report of the project, on the scientific and financial issues, as well as after their control and verification.

Respectively concerning projects submitted from Private Sector Enterprises only 50% of the total funding is paid in advance and the rest 50% is reimbursed after control and verification of the deliverables.

In case of RTD cooperation projects concerning both Public and Private Sector, the cooperating Institutions are considered independents and the funding is paid as described above.

The indicative total funding from the Greek side comes up to **220.000 €** of which public expenditure cannot exceed the amount of 198.000 €. The estimated private funding should come up to **22.000 €**.

The total funding from the Greek side, per project, comes up to **23.480 €** of which public expenditure cannot exceed the amount of 17.600 €, per project. In particular:

- a. Proposals submitted by Universities, Technological Institutes, Research Bodies and Public Law entities, are funded up to 100% of their total budget. In that case the total public expenditure amounts to **11.740 €** per project.
- b. Proposals submitted by other entities, both of the public and private sector, are funded up to 50% of their total budget. In that case the total public expenditure amounts to 11.740 € per project.
- c. Proposals submitted jointly by bodies of the groups (a) and (b) will be provided with a total budget of 23.480 €. In that case the total public expenditure amounts to **17.600 €** per project.

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<sup>1</sup>As a young scientist is considered a PhD graduated or a PhD candidate without any work obligation in a public or private organization that, within the present research project, is promoted to a scientific professional vocation. His/her age should not exceed 35 years.

It is underlined that up to two (2) projects are approved altogether for the same coordinator, or for the same enterprise, within the whole spectrum of the bilateral relations of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology, with the exception of one more project in case of the implementation of a new R+T Bilateral Agreement. The present call is not included in this category.

### **Participation of enterprises**

Participation of enterprises of the private and public sector to the projects of bilateral co-operation is encouraged in the frame of the Greek-Montenegrin bilateral co-operation.

For the funding of the enterprises by the Greek side, the E.U. Regulation (EE) 69/2001 is applied, related to the aids «de minimis». The proposals submitted to the Greek side by enterprises, or proposals in which enterprises participate, must be accompanied by an affirmation of the legal representative of the enterprise, which will include information regarding the level and the type of any other aid that the enterprise received during the last three years prior to the submission of the proposal (for the control of the rule de minimis) by any other body or entity. In case the enterprise declares fake data, then it is obliged to return on interest the whole funding which has received from EPAN, according to the existing legislation.

### **Guidelines for the submission of proposals**

Proposals should be submitted using the relevant application forms distributed by the G.S.R.T., International S&T Co-operation Directorate, Bilateral Relations Division (for the Greek coordinators) and in the Department of Science and Higher Education by the Ministry for Education and Science of Montenegro (for the Montenegrin coordinators). The Greek coordinators should submit three (3) copies of their proposals, as well as a floppy disc with the proposal in electronic format (Word document), accompanied by short CV's of both research team (Greek and Montenegrin), to the G.S.R.T.'s registration service (office no 004), until 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2006 at 12:00. Alternatively, proposals could also be sent by post until 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2006, having a seal with the date of mailing. The Montenegrin coordinators have to submit three (3 ) copies of their proposals (accompanied also by short CV's of both research teams) to the Department of Science and Higher Education. Only proposals accordingly submitted will be taken into consideration.

For further information and application forms:

- **Greece:** Ministry of Development, General Secretariat for Research and Technology, International S&T Co-operation Directorate, Bilateral Relations Division (room 306 – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 14-18, Messoghion Ave., 115 10 Athens ,
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Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail is not allowed.

The present call for proposals, in Greek and English Language, and the application forms are retrievable from the GSRT's web site : <http://www.gsrt.gr>. In addition, the proposal and the application forms, in Montenegrin and English Language, can be found in the web site of : Ministry of Education and Science Department of Science and Higher Education <http://www.mpin.cg.yu>