

1st MSRT – BMBF Joint Mobility-Call 2018

Overall objective of the joint call

- Mobility, i.e. exchange of researchers, development of research consortia, preparation of full scale research projects and their application
- Coordination of bilateral cooperation between Iranian and German partners
- Preparation and conduction of mutual events such as conferences, workshops or field campaigns
- Preparation of new or intensification of developed cooperation between Iranian and German partners
- Preparation of cooperatively developed applications for major research projects (funded e.g. by EU, BMBF or other funders)
- Duration of projects: 2 years

Funding and Implementation

This call is defined between MSRT and BMBF, where MSRT and DLR-PT are the main implementation bodies of this call.

Iran

- Funding partner on the Iranian side will be MSRT (i.e. Dr. Koochian), MoHME (for health-related applications, i.e. Dr Mesgarpour) and Islamic Azad university (i.e. Dr Sheikh Attar)
 - o MSRT: implementation agency will be CISC – Centre for International Scientific Cooperation
 - o MoHME: implementation agency will be NIMAD
 - o Islamic Azad University: Deputy for International Scientific Affairs
- The earmarked budget for this call shall be used to pay for mobility of researchers (maximum of 2 round economy class tickets only per project) to Germany, for all project-related expenditure in Iran, and accommodation of researchers.

Germany

- Funding partner on the German side will be BMBF (i.e. Susanne Madders)
- Implementation agency for the call will be DLR-PT (i.e. Hendrik Meurs)
- The earmarked budget for this call on the German side is 250.000 of which 200.000 are for cooperation with MSRT and 50.000 for health-related projects in cooperation with MoHME. The budget shall be used by the German side to pay for mobility of researchers (economy class tickets only) to Iran and for all project-related expenditure in Germany.

Eligible Applicants in the call

Iran

- Universities affiliated to MSRT or MoHME
- Institutions of Science and Research affiliated to MSRT or MoHME



- Science and Technology Parks affiliated to MSRT or MoHME
- Research related Small and Medium Sized enterprises
- Islamic Azad University

Germany

- Universities and universities of applied sciences
- Non university research institutes
- Research oriented Small- and Medium Sized enterprises
- Other research oriented organisations

Activities to be funded and supported

Iran

- Mobility and Research
 - o A small budget can be provided to cover the required research for initiation of the project.
- Travel cost
 - o The country sending the scientists covers the transport cost of the trip towards the receiving country (i.e. Iranian side covers all transport costs of the trips of the Iranian scientists towards Germany, including visa, 2 round economy class per project only).
- Workshops
 - o All related costs (including e.g. hotel, transfer, catering, rent for rooms etc.). Daily allowances are not covered
- Accommodation
 - o Iranian side shall cover the costs associated with the accommodation of the German researchers during their visits; maximum of 10 nights per stay (if visiting twice) and maximum stay of 15 nights (if visiting once)
- Office supplies
 - o A limited amount of office supplies (books etc.) can be funded.
- Personnel / basic funding
 - o Given this is a mobility funding, personnel (salaries) won't be supported. Equally no basic funding (heating, office material, communication devices, computers etc.) is supported.

Germany

- Travel cost
 - o The country sending the scientists covers the transport cost of the trip towards the receiving country (i.e. BMBF covers all transport costs of the trips of the German scientists towards Iran, including visa, economy class only).
 - o The receiving country covers the cost of the visit (i.e. BMBF allows for a lump-sum of €104 / full day in Germany with a maximum of €2,300 per month) + all trips by received scientists within Germany.
- Workshops

- Covering all related costs (including e.g. hotel, transfer, catering, rent for rooms etc.). Daily allowances are not covered (covered under travel costs)
- Office supplies
 - A limited amount of office supplies (laboratory material, books etc.) can be funded.
- General costs
 - BMBF shall cover the all costs (accommodation, catering, transport. Etc.), associated with the project related visit of the Iranian researchers in Germany.
- Personnel / basic funding
 - Given this is a mobility funding, personnel (salaries) won't be supported. Equally no basic funding (heating, office material, communication devices, computers etc.) is supported.

Eligibility and Evaluation

Iran

Eligibility criteria

- Complete Application
- Eligible Applicant; researchers and faculty members affiliated to universities, research institutions, ST Parks and SMEs
- Iranian Coordinator + Partner(s) in Germany/Iran
- Fitting Topic

Evaluation criteria

- Qualification of the applicant and his partners
- Quality and Originality of the project
- Development of new cooperation (of great importance in the context of our call)
- Quality of the proposed cooperation
- Participation of young scientists
- Usability of the expected results
- Adequacy and necessity of the requested funds

Germany

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Suggested Thematic priorities

According to the meeting from May 5th 2017 in combination with the topics discussed during the Funding Parties Workshop held between the ministries on October 18th 2017 and 8th September 2018, the call does not a priori exclude any topic, but will focus on the discussed topics. The topics will therefore be roughly introduced the following way:

“Eligible for funding are applications on research, among others, in the fields of:

- Biodiversity
- Bioeconomy (including Food Security)
- Environment (including Water and Climate Change)
- Health

Priority will be given to the projects in these fields, that involve aspects of Technical and Vocational training.

Call Timeframe

December 19th

Date for publication – call is published and open

April 15th

Deadline

April 2019

Eligibility-Check on both sides

May - June 2019

National evaluation of eligible proposals in GER and IRN

July 2019

Selection of Eligible projects

August – November 2019

Administrative preparation of contracts for German projects

From December 2019

Projects start