

CROATIA

Participating organization: Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)

Indicative Budget: 200,000 €

National Contact Person(s):

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Max. project duration: proposed projects may last from 24 to 36 months

Max. funding per project: 100,000 EUR

Croatian researchers are not allowed to participate in more than one project funded within this Call.

1-3 projects can be funded

Funding criteria and regulations

The Croatian Applicant may have the status of a Principal Investigator (PI) and/or team member/Co-PI on a maximum of two HRZZ-funded projects, i.e. as PI of one project and team member/Co-PI on another project or as a team member/Co-PI on two projects. This does not include the role of PI and team members in HRZZ projects ending on 30 June 2024. Co-PIs on projects are PIs of Croatian research groups in Cooperability Programme, Swiss-Croatian research projects and projects in bilateral and ERA-NET programmes.

The Croatian Applicant must be an active researcher who is permanently employed at an eligible institution at the moment of application and should have a valid employment contract throughout the duration of the project.

If selected for funding, Croatian PIs will be considered Co-PIs for future HRZZ calls.

Institutional eligibility criteria:

Eligible applicants are public research organisations, higher education institution, scientific institutes, and other legal entities that have employees with a PhD degree and are registered to perform scientific activities. The Applicant can submit a project proposal only in the area for which the scientific organisation in which he/she is employed and where the project will be implemented has been accredited (if it is an organization subject to the conditions for accreditation). The organization should provide support to the Croatian applicant and ensure the conditions for successful project implementation.

Criteria defined in the document "Upute za prijavitelje na natječaje Hrvatske zaklade za znanost u 2023. godini" presenting the modalities of participation of the Croatian applicants, eligibility of the organizations and eligible costs are applicable to this Call. The document is available [here](#).

Following the conclusion of the consortium agreement between the consortium partners, the Croatian applicant in the project consortium will be required to sign a grant agreement with HRZZ for the portion of the budget provided by HRZZ.

Eligibility confirmation

HRZZ recommends all Croatian applicants to contact HRZZ prior to the submission of the Intention to Submit Form to check the national funding terms and conditions as well as their eligibility.

Additional documentation:

HRZZ requests the Croatian applicants to send the following documentation, not later than 2 days after the submission of the full proposal on behalf of the consortium:

1. Financial Plan for the Croatian partner (the part to be financed by HRZZ), extracted from the Summary Budget Table submitted by the project consortium; Financial Form can be found at the official Call announcement on HRZZ website;
 2. Full proposal submitted to SAGe (in PDF format, sealed on the date of Call deadline);
 3. Organizational Support Letter (template provided), signed and sealed by the Head of the PI's Organization
 4. Letters of intent for all team members or consultants who are not employed at the same organization as the Croatian applicant, declaring their willingness to participate in the project.
- The electronic version of the requested documentation should be sent via e-mail to the following address: dario@hrzz.hr.

Reporting requirements at the national level: The funded Croatian applicants will have to submit annual financial reports to HRZZ, in line with rules and regulations that are in force for the programme "Research Projects" (IP).

Eligible costs have been defined in the document „Upute za prijavitelje na natječaje Hrvatske zaklade za znanost u 2023. godini” and include the following:

- Research costs
- Equipment purchase and maintenance costs
- Dissemination, training and collaboration costs
- Open access fees
- Personnel costs (only senior research assistants can be employed through this Call)
- Overheads (indirect costs) - maximum 10% of total funds requested (excluding Personnel costs)

Institutional thematic priorities:

n/a

Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:

n/a

Additional information:

n/a