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Call for proposals for projects in research cooperation for the year 2006

The **Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Brno (ASO Brno)** has been established on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (bm:bwk) and is coordinated by the Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) in Vienna, in close cooperation with the Philosophical Faculty of the Masaryk University in Brno.

The ASO Brno serves as consulting and advisory centre for research cooperations between Austria and the Czech Republic. The activities and programmes of the ASO Brno should contribute to initialization and sustainable support of bi- und multilateral research cooperations and serve as a platform for the preparation and the establishment of cooperations within EU-projects.

Programme objectives

The programme of this call for proposals is intended to help to intensify existing bilateral and multilateral scientific cooperations, to support new project partnerships and to prepare bilateral and multilateral projects, notably the cooperation within the 7th Framework Programme of the European Community.

The project consortium has to include at least one partner from the Czech Republic and one partner from Austria.

Besides, the above activities shall be also participated by research institutions from countries, where the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Offices operates¹ (ASOs) and from South Eastern Europe², i.e. costs from these countries are eligible within this call for proposals.

Research institutions from other countries are welcomed as so-called “silent partners”, however they are not eligible to be granted financial support within this call for proposals.

¹ Bulgaria, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary

² Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro (incl. Kosovo)

Topics for 2006:

- Humanities and social sciences
- “Sustainability“ and “sustainable development” (environmental system research, environmental research, environmental technologies development)

Research topics not assignable into these two areas will not be taken into account. In case of uncertainties please ask at the ASO Brno before the submission of the project.

Target group:

- Institutions undertaking science and research activities from the Czech Republic or from Austria:
Universities (faculties and institutes), Academies of Science and non-university research institutions
- Moreover, a participation of research institutions from the following countries will be expected within the project:
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro (incl. Kosovo).

Not eligible for application are: individual researchers, industry research centres and small, medium or large enterprises.

Supported activities:

- Organization of scientific seminars, workshops and/or conferences designed to: establishing new contacts with potential project partners; preparation of joint research projects; exchange or further development of results and research methods; establishing of networks and/or training activities for science and research etc.
- Publishing: new collective scientific publications.

The project can be carried out in any country eligible to participate in this call for proposal.

Eligible costs:

- Travel expenses (only by public transport, e.g. by train, second class), accommodation and subsistence costs according to applicable legal regulations.
- Rent for premises for the organization of seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Copy and material costs
- Publishing costs for new collective scientific publication.
- Other costs (adequate reasoning shall be required).

Reimbursement of personnel costs may not be claimed!

Eligible applicants:

Universities (faculties, institutes), Academies of Science and non-university research institutions undertaking science and research activities established in the Czech Republic or in Austria.

Eligible project partners:

- At least one project partner has to be established in the Czech Republic or in Austria, i.e. if the applicant is established in the Czech Republic, at least one partner must be established in Austria; if the applicant is established in Austria, at least one partner must be established in the Czech Republic!
- In addition, costs for project partners from the following countries are eligible for funding: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro (incl. Kosovo).

Funding

In 2006, a total of **€ 50,000 Euro** is available for the programme.

The financial contribution for each project is limited to a max. of **€ 5 000**.

The funding will be performed in two instalments: 70% of the costs will be paid in advance at the beginning of the project; 30% after the submission of the final report and financial statement. In case of disagreements, the ASO Brno is entitled to request the applicant to return unjustifiably incurred expenses up to an amount of the approved contribution.

Project duration

The project must be carried out in the year 2006.

The projects can start after the evaluation and approval but no sooner than as of April 1, 2006. The financial statement and the final report of the project need to be submitted to the ASO Brno no later than by the end of December 2006.

Costs incurred before the approval of the project and before the contracted start of the project will not be accepted.

Requirements for funding

- Eligible applicant and eligible project partner (see target group).
- The consortium has to include at least one project partner/applicant from the Czech Republic and from Austria.
- The topic of the project must be within the scope of the call.
- The proposal has to be submitted within the stated deadline (by February 28, 2006 at the latest, post mark) and has to include all necessary documents.

Incomplete or incorrect filled out proposals will not be taken into account.

Evaluation criteria

The projects will be evaluated by a commission of independent experts.

The following criteria are relevant for the evaluation:

- Content: scientific relevance, objective setting, methodology (5 points)
- Consortium: Number of partners, quality and task assignment, international or European perspectives of the cooperation, expected sustainability of the cooperation (5 points)
- Qualifications and expertise of the applicant and the project partners (5 points)
- Work and budget plan (5 points)

Additional points may be earned for:

- Multilateral and interdisciplinary nature of the project (3 points).
- Participation of young scientists (up to the age of 35 years) (2 points).
- Participation of women (2 points).

Application form:

The application form and the text of the call for proposals are available on the ASO Brno website: <http://www.aso.zsi.at/de/all/ausschreibung/list>

The applications have to be completed in German or English language.

Application procedure and closing date:

The applications (one original and one copy) have to be delivered personally or by mail to the below stated address as well as electronically to the e-mail address of the ASO Brno aso-brno@zsi.at.

The applications may be submitted by **February 28, 2006** at the latest (relevant is the date of the post mark).

The application has to consist of the following documents:

- Application form (including description of the project, work and time schedule and budget plan).
- CVs of all scientists involved in the project incl. a list of their publications.
- Statement of the project partners on their participation in the project (see application form).

Submission to³:

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For details on this call for proposals please contact the ASO Brno:

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³ Note: On February 28 the projects may be submitted personally until 5 pm to the ASO Brno. Proposals submitted after 5 pm will not be accepted but can be sent by mail (post mark!)

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