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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **H.F.R.I. continues to support young scientists: A new Call for Post-doctorates, with a total budget of 8 mil. euros**

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.), continuing to support the country's Academic and Research potential, proceeded in publishing another action under the "3rd Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects to support Postdoctoral Researchers", with a total budget of **8 million euros**.

*"Greece possesses exceptional research and scientific potential, which should be capitalized upon more effectively. At the Ministry for Development and Investments, we strive to shape suitable conditions and a better environment for facilitating researchers to dedicate themselves to their work in exclusive. H.F.R.I. continues with the implementation of planned calls and the evaluation of actions unwaveringly, despite COVID-19 adversities. The new 8 mil. euro Call for Post-doctorates arrives at a critical point for the greek scientific community, amid the pandemic, to the support of our young scientists so that they may remain in their country and create",* stated the Alternate Minister for Development and Investments, Dr. Christos Dimas.

Also, the General Secretary for Research and Technology, Professor Athanasios Kyriazis, mentioned that: *"GSRT, intensifying the expanded effort to enhance scientific research, innovative activity and Excellence, supports the country's high-level research potential. Therefore, supporting young scientists creates a comparative advantage and added value for the scientific and business community, holding a positive impact on society"*.

The H.F.R.I. Director, Dr. Nektarios Nasikas, commented: *"H.F.R.I. continues to stand behind young scientists, supporting them in conducting high-level research in our country's Universities and Research Centres. Thus, it invests in the most valuable advantage we possess: that of exceptional human potential within our young scientists. The ultimate goal, is that the knowledge and research results generated by Post-doctorates may be as useful to society as to the economy of Greece and the Development effort made"*.

The Call aims to support the implementation of selected, following evaluation, research projects of high scientific quality and excellence, for which Principal Investigators are Postdoctoral Researchers. The Action has been designed so as to support Postdoctoral Researchers in directing research Project implementation as Principal Investigators and form their own independent Research Team.

H.F.R.I. continues to implement its Operational Plan in terms of continuity and consistency, hence becoming an important pillar for strengthening young scientist research activity, as also the institutions in which they are to carry out their research. **To date, H.F.R.I. has issued three Calls for post-doctorates with a total budget of 58,580,000 euros, while already being implemented or about to be implemented, are over 290 projects by post-doctorates from the first two Foundation Calls, in Universities and Research Centres in the country.**

Each research Proposal is to be submitted under a scientific field included in one of the following broad Scientific Areas: Physical Sciences, Engineering Sciences & Technology, Life Sciences (Medicine & Health Sciences), Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology, Mathematics & Information Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts, Environment & Energy and, Management & Economics of Innovations.

Further information for this Call can be accessed [here](#).

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#### **About H.F.R.I.**

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (Law 4429/2016) was founded of the vital need to support Greek Scientists. A Private-Law Legal Entity, it is supervised by the Greek Ministry of Development and Investments. H.F.R.I.'s mission is to promote research and innovation in the country, through evaluating and funding unrestricted research. In specific, by supporting research activities and infrastructure while including their technological implementation, as these arise from scientific curiosity without any limitations on topic or geographical location, where quality research and excellence are the sole criterion.

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