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ANNOUNCEMENT

Publication of a Call under the "Funding of Basic Research (Horizontal Support for all Sciences)" of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan

We inform you that the Subproject 1. "Funding of Basic Research (Horizontal Support for all Sciences)" (Monitoring Information System (MIS) code TA 5163923), which is implemented by H.F.R.I., was incorporated into the Recovery and Resilience Fund on 22/07/2022 by decision under Ref. No. 105792ΕΞ2022/22.7.2022 of the Alternate Minister of Finance (IUN: 9ΦΝΘΗ-Ω0Ξ).

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In view of the approval of the final text of the relevant Call by the competent Special Coordination Service of the Recovery Fund and following the Pre-publication under Ref. No. 44884/01.03.2022, we hereby list its main information:

1. ACTION OBJECTIVE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The objective of this Action is to fund original research projects of high scientific quality and excellence under the following two distinct Sub-actions:

Sub-action 1: Funding New Researchers

The objective of Sub-action 1 is to fund projects with Principal Investigators (PI) being newly appointed or under-appointment Faculty Members and Researchers of the country's Academic and Research Institutions who do not have a permanent working relationship with the Institution (for a fixed term of office). Through this Sub-action, the beneficiaries shall have the opportunity to fund and implement their research ideas in all sciences, without any thematic or geographical restrictions, including in their team, for example, PhD candidates and/or postdoctoral researchers.

Sub-action 2: Funding Projects in Leading-Edge Sectors

The objective of Sub-action 2 is to fund basic research projects, with an emphasis on interdisciplinarity, in leading-edge sectors falling within five (5) Thematic Areas. It is also possible to fund projects that will be implemented by more than one laboratory or research group of the same or different beneficiary institutions in Greece.

2. SCIENTIFIC AND THEMATIC AREAS

- **Sub-action 1**

Each Proposal under Sub-action 1 may be submitted in one (1) scientific field/sub-field of one (1) of the following broad Scientific Areas (SA):

SA.1. Physical Sciences

SA.2. Engineering Sciences and Technology

SA.3. Life Sciences

SA.4. Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology

SA.5. Mathematics and Information Sciences

SA.6. Social Sciences

SA.7. Humanities and Arts

SA.8. Environment and Energy

SA.9. Management and Economics of Innovation

- **Sub-action 2**

Each Proposal under Sub-action 2 may be submitted in one (1) of the following Thematic Areas (TA):

TA1. Physical Sciences, Engineering Sciences & Technology, Environment & Energy

The actions in the fields of Physical Sciences, Engineering Sciences and Technology and Energy and Environment focus on leading-edge matters of the European Green Deal and concern climate change and environmental degradation, thus seeking new scientific and technological knowledge. The main objectives are to understand the complex technological and environmental processes in order to develop a modern background that will ensure environmentally friendly and sustainable development without geographical or social exclusions. These objectives will be achieved through the implementation of three axes: zero greenhouse gas emissions, economic development based on circular economy and development of sustainable constructions and smart cities that will serve social and individual needs, thus seeking to improve the well-being of citizens and future generations.

Based on the above, the following interdisciplinary fields are suggested indicatively for the submission of scientific research proposals with the aim of producing new scientific and technological knowledge which will have a significant impact on solving the aforementioned problems. The suggested fields below are not restrictive and all proposals will be evaluated regarding matters that will investigate or propose solutions for a sustainable and environmentally friendly development under the European Green Deal.

- 1.1 Removal and regeneration of plastic waste in soil and/or sea
- 1.2 Composite materials recycling; recovery and reuse of reinforcements, such as fibers
- 1.3 CO₂ Capture and transformation into fuels and chemical materials
- 1.4 Green hydrogen production for industrial, chemical and energy applications
- 1.5 Advanced hydrogen storage materials
- 1.6 Green materials for special applications (e.g. domestic, construction, transport etc.)
- 1.7 Light materials development for reducing energy consumption
- 1.8 Development of catalysts not falling into the category of platinum catalysts for all fuel cell and water electrolysis technologies
- 1.9 Science and technology supporting the development of high energy storage systems
- 1.10 Novel approaches/technologies for the development of solar electricity production stations with concentrating mirrors (CSP technologies)
- 1.11 3D/4D printing for new material and/or component manufacturing
- 1.12 Data mining and optimization of algorithms based on engineering principles
- 1.13 Development of high resolution system models for global and regional climate change projection
- 1.14 Novel material development for new solid-state batteries

- 1.15 The contribution of forest and aquatic ecosystems management to the climate action: pathways, tradeoffs and co-benefits
- 1.16 Smart cities
- 1.17 Other (Fields that meet the objectives of the European Green Deal and are not covered by the above)

TA2. Life Sciences

- 2.1 Biomedical Sciences
- 2.2 Marine biology

TA3. Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology

The suggested fields are not restrictive and all proposals will be evaluated regarding matters that will investigate or propose solutions for one health initiative as well as for a sustainable and environmentally friendly development under the European Green Deal. According to "one health initiative", One Health is a global strategy with the aim of spreading interdisciplinary cooperation and communication, in all areas of human, animal and environmental health.

3.1 Antimicrobial resistance of microorganisms (AMR) in food and feed

- determination of minimum concentrations that induce the selection of antibiotic-resistant microorganisms and biological strategies to deal with the associated risk, e.g. CRISPR-Cas, 'hunter' microorganisms, use of bacteriophages to combat the survival and spread of microbial multi-resistance to antibiotics,
- clarification of their role in the emergence and persistence of antibiotic-resistant microorganisms in the food preparation environment, the phenotypic and genetic characteristics, related to resistance in general to stress conditions (e.g. resistance to conditions of low humidity and high or low temperatures - cooling), the ability to form biofilms, the response to stress, the virulence, the compensation of the lack of competitiveness due to a reduced growth rate of antibiotic-resistant microorganisms, the coexistence on a common (mobile) genetic basis (e.g. plasmids, auxiliary genome, etc.), antibiotic resistance genes, and/or genes that provide tolerance to heavy metals or biocidal substances,
- new generation antimicrobials, e.g. related to inter-cellular communication (quorum sensing)

3.2 Systematic use of "omic" technologies in the quantitative assessment of the risk of food/feed of plant or animal origin starting from primary production

- capturing the interaction between pathogens and the host (e.g. gut microbiome, the role of adaptability and rapid response of risk factors in the colonization and penetration of

the intestinal epithelium), to increase the profundity of mathematical dose-response models,

- mapping the adaptive mechanisms employed by pathogenic microorganisms to establish themselves in the food processing environment (starting from primary production) and/or their resistance to mild processes. For example, increased colonization potential on biotic and abiotic surfaces, stress response mechanisms, biofilm formation and uptake of exogenous (e.g. via conjugation and horizontal transfer) mobile genetic elements or point mutation of virulence-related genes and their expression in environmental eco-sites,
- identification of genetic markers (e.g. through whole genome sequencing, genome-wide associations and nucleotide polymorphism – allele analysis) to assess the establishment capacity (e.g. in the form of prolonged persistence and regular reappearance in the food processing environment) of foodborne pathogens, as well as confirmation of the functional role of the above genes at the level of individual cells, through mutants and gene labeling with fluorescent markers in the promoters of said genes, using fluorescence microscopy and related techniques,
- study and selection of genetic traits related to genetic resistance to harmful biotic agents and possibilities for better utilization of animal feed

3.3 Using large-scale data (biological and non-biological) and Communication Technology Tools (ICT) for the adequacy, sustainability and safety of agri-food products

3.4 Systems Biology: from primary production to the consumer's plate

Understanding and mapping biomarkers related to the ability to cope and adapt to stressors in animals and plants

3.5 Microbial ecology and primary production

- Microbial communities/consortia (natural, artificial, synthetic or semi-synthetic) in the environment and interactions with plant and animal species and with each other
- Bioremediation, biodegradation, waste management & product synthesis
- Dietary upgrading and utilization of agri-food by-products and co-products (e.g. animal feed)

3.6 Introduction of nanotechnology for the evaluation (and improvement) of quality and safety in the food and animal feed sector

- Agrochemical nano-formulations for pesticide and fertilizer application for crop improvement
- Application of nanosensors in crop protection to detect diseases and agrochemical residues
- Nanodevices

3.7 Climate change: impact on primary production and the supply chain (farm to fork) – circular economy, development of sustainable systems for food adequacy and safety

3.8 Risk based food processing planning

- Tools/methods for translating scientific risk assessment information into stakeholder- and consumer-friendly format(s), so as to strengthen confidence in food safety (including actions such as adulteration, fraud, e.g. food crime, etc.)
- Development of tools for mass, laboratory and on-site, early and accurate diagnosis of subclinical infectious and metabolic diseases

3.9 Impact of consumer behavior on food sustainability, adequacy and safety

- Developing methods to study consumer behavior in public health policies, food waste, environmental protection and food resource sustainability and adequacy
- Developing methods from primary production and throughout the supply chain that strengthen consumer confidence and belief that food is of high quality, authentic, safe and produced and used in the most sustainable way possible
- Developing tools to help consumers reduce food waste

3.10 Emerging risks (natural, biological, chemical) from primary production to the consumer, in the context of one health

- Development, recognition or optimization of appropriate, reliable, sensitive, and easy-to-use methods and techniques for detecting significant and emerging risks (environmental or non-environmental)
- Use of mathematical models to predict the occurrence of new biological/chemical pollutants

3.11 Plastics as emerging pollutants of soil and agri-food in general

Level of risk, source and routes of spread. Measures to deal with the problem

3.12 Methods to assess food allergy

- Methods for the assessment & evaluation of allergenic substances and allergenic foods in general, [minimum knowledge about this cycle of substances through animal feed and how they affect allergenicity]
- Processing (from the primary sector) of food affects the allergenicity of the food or one of its ingredients

3.13 Other (Fields that meet the objectives of the European Green Deal and One Health and are not covered by the above)

TA4. Mathematics and Information Sciences

4.1 Artificial intelligence and robotics

4.2 Next generation networks and the internet of things

- 4.3 High performance computing and large-scale data
- 4.4 Security and privacy
- 4.5 Quantum computing
- 4.6 Large-scale infrastructure
- 4.7 Cyber physical systems
- 4.8 Differential Equations and Geometric Analysis
- 4.9 Number Theory, Algebra and Geometry
- 4.10 Mathematical Analysis and Applications
- 4.11 Computational Mathematics and Optimization
- 4.12 Probability, Statistics and Applications

TA5. Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Management & Economics of Innovation

5.1 Study of Inclusive Societies

Studying the promotion of societies with no exclusions, inclusive societies and societies with social cohesion by investigating more specific issues, such as migration and its effects on individuals and societies, precarious employment and its impact on various dimensions of life, poverty and the economic dimensions of these societies in general, the development of ideologies (e.g. populism) and their impact on democracy and intergroup relations, rights and respect of gender, race, sexuality and religion diversity etc.

5.2 Communication, Mass Media and social influence

Communication, mass media and social influence, including trust issues towards institutions, experts etc., the development and impact of fake news, the communication of expert and non-expert opinions and the effects of these phenomena etc.

5.3 Digital Humanities and Social Sciences in the following fields:

- 5.3.1 Digital classics
- 5.3.2 Computational linguistics
- 5.3.3 Digital applications in the study and teaching of ancient and modern languages
- 5.3.4 Digital applications in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
- 5.3.5 Digital applications in historical research
- 5.3.6 Digital applications in the history of religions
- 5.3.7 Digital art forms / Digital applications in the arts
- 5.3.8 Understanding the potential worlds and communities as well as the services they provide
- 5.3.9 Use and effects of social media
- 5.3.10 Tele-education and teleworking: applications and effects etc.
- 5.3.11 Critical approach of the digital world

5.4 Development of innovative applications and sustainable business models

Development of innovative applications and sustainable business models that can be implemented either in existing organizations (businesses, industries, industrial fields) or aiming at developing new small and medium-sized enterprises (including spin-off companies), with an emphasis on sustainable solutions having a technological, financial and environmental dimension and with the purpose to support Research and Development. These may also include actions relating to the utilization of Information and Communication Technologies as well as the process of digitalization through knowledge dissemination and feedback platforms and through the connection of natural systems and computer models in the context of developing innovative applications for industries/businesses.

5.5 Development of innovation governance policies and models

Developing policies and governance models of innovation and improving methodological contexts related to the encouragement and evaluation of innovative actions, as well as studying the impact and the dissemination mechanisms of innovative applications/technologies in a large scale. Actions involving the dissemination/promotion of research projects/actions/applications related to either the circular or social economy in the wider society or to specific social groups (e.g. to pupils of Primary and Secondary Education, young scientists, socially vulnerable groups) and/or to remote geographical areas through innovative, original approaches are included.

3. TOTAL ACTION BUDGET AND PROJECT FUNDING LIMITS PER SUB-ACTION

The total budget of this Action amounts to **€58,226,253.03** and is distributed among the two Sub-actions above. The budget of Sub-action 1 amounts to **€14,477,475.03** and of Sub-action 2 to **€43,748,778.00**.

The maximum funding limit for each research project is defined according to the Sub-action and the Scientific/Thematic Area to which it is submitted.

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize the maximum funding limits in Sub-action 1 and 2, respectively, per Scientific/Thematic Area and project.

Table 1. Maximum funding limits under Sub-action 1

Scientific Area	Project maximum funding limit	Available budget
SA.1 Physical Sciences	200.000,00 €	2.123.431,00 €
SA.2 Engineering Sciences and Technology	190.000,00 €	3.418.134,00 €

SA.3 Life Sciences	207.000,00 €	2.441.946,00 €
SA.4 Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology	170.000,00 €	1.353.687,03 €
SA.5 Mathematics and Information Sciences	170.000,00 €	1.128.073,00 €
SA.6 Social Sciences	140.000,00 €	1.761.662,00 €
SA.7 Humanities and Arts	170.000,00 €	979.924,00 €
SA.8 Environment and Energy	165.000,00 €	924.577,00 €
SA.9 Management and Economics of Innovation	160.000,00 €	346.041,00 €
Total		14.477.475,03 €

Table 2. Maximum funding limits under Sub-action 2

Thematic area	Scientific field	Project maximum funding limit	Available budget
TA1. Physical Sciences, Engineering Sciences & Technology, Environment & Energy	-	400.000,00 €	15.087.667,00 €
TA2. Life Sciences	-	400.000,00 €	9.767.783,00 €
TA3. Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology	-	170.000,00 €	3.158.604,00 €
TA4. Mathematics and Information Sciences	-	170.000,00 €	3.384.218,00 €
TA5. Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Management & Economics of Innovation	5.1	140.000,00 €	2.947.714,00 €
	5.2	140.000,00 €	1.379.714,00 €
	5.3	300.000,00 €	5.271.882,00 €
	5.4	160.000,00 €	987.714,00 €
	5.5	300.000,00 €	1.763.482,00 €
Total			43.748.778,00 €

4. PROJECT DURATION

- The duration of the proposed research Projects under both Sub-actions may vary from 18 to 24 months.
- The projects funded under this Action must be completed by 30/06/2025.

5. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

5.1. Principal Investigator (PI)

- **Sub-action 1**

Each proposal is submitted by one (1) Principal Investigator (PI), who is either a term Faculty Member (pursuant to par. 2 of article 16 of Law 4009/2011) or a term Researcher (pursuant to article 18 of Law 4310/2014), provided that on the Proposal submission start date, a period of time greater than three (3) years has not elapsed since the date of issuance of the Official Government Gazette regarding their appointment.

- **Sub-action 2**

Each proposal is submitted by one (1) Principal Investigator (PI), who is either a Faculty Member (article 140 par. 1 of Law 4957/2022) of a Higher Educational Institution (AEI) or Higher Military Educational Institution (ASEI) of Greece, or a Researcher of a Research Center - Institute (RC-I, article 18 of Law 4310/2014), or of a University Research Institute (URI) in Greece.

Faculty members who carry out a research project in an RC-I or in a URI as collaborating research staff can designate the RC-I or URI as an HI with which they collaborate.

The PI may submit only one (1) Proposal under the Action.

The PI may participate as an RT member in one (1) more Proposal under the Action.

5.2. Composition of the Research Team (RT)

Academic and Research staff of the HI, postdoctoral researchers, PhD candidates, postgraduate students, other staff working for the HI under a public law employment contract or an open-term private law employment contract (e.g. Special Educational Staff, Lab Teaching Staff, Technical Scientists, specialized scientific associates, technicians, auxiliary staff etc.) or other temporary staff

who shall be contracted with the HI exclusively for project implementation purposes may participate in the **Research Team (RT)**, apart from the PI.

Professors Emeriti or retired and Researchers may participate in this Call only as members of the Research Team.

Each RT member (except for the PI) may participate (as a member) in two proposals maximum under the action.

Academic and research staff employed in Academic and Research foreign Institutions under any employment relationship may only participate in the RT as non-remunerated staff.

5.3. Host Institution (HI) – Beneficiary of funding

In the context of both (2) Sub-actions, the following are designated as Host Institutions for Research Projects:

- Higher Educational Institutions (AEI) of Greece as specified under article 3 of Law 4957/2022 (A' 141), as in force.
- Research Centers – Institutes (RC-I) of article 13a of Law 4310/2014 (A' 258), as in force.
- University Research Institutes (URI), i.e. private law legal persons established by virtue of the provisions of Laws 2083/1992 (A' 159) and 3685/2008 (A' 148).
- Higher Military Educational Institutions (ASEI) of Law 3187/2003 (A' 233).
- The Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP).

Under Sub-action 2, the aforementioned Institutions will also act as Coordinating Institutions in the case of Collaborative Projects.

5.4. Collaborating Organizations (COs)

For the implementation of the Research Projects of both Sub-actions, it is possible to collaborate with educational and research institutes, as well as public or private institutions of any kind, domestic or foreign. Collaboration presupposes (in order to be evaluated) the existence of a relevant letter of intent to collaborate from the Collaborating Organization (CO). In the letter of intent to collaborate, the legal representative of the CO confirms their intention to collaborate with the PI in the context of the proposed research project and adequately describes the type of collaboration, i.e. the staff involved, the equipment, the infrastructures or the specific resources to be used, as well as the estimated duration of the collaboration.

In the Collaborative projects of Sub-action 2, the CO is entitled to receive a stand-alone part of the total budget, if it belongs to the institutions - beneficiaries of H.F.R.I.

6. BUDGET AND CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

The research project budget per cost category and the percentage restrictions per cost are presented in Table 3 below:

Table 3. Eligible cost categories

Cost categories	Percentage restrictions
DIRECT COSTS	
Personnel costs (PI and Research Team)	≥ 50% of the total budget
Costs for consumables	-
Travel allowances and dissemination costs	-
Equipment costs (depreciation)	-
Other costs	-
Costs for third party services	≤ 10% of the total budget
INDIRECT COSTS	≤15% of personnel costs

The following applies to personnel costs in particular:

1. The PI's salary may not exceed the amount of €1,000.00 per month and is subject to the maximum limit of earnings and additional fees provisioned in article 2 of Law 3833/2010 combined with the provisions of Laws 4354/2015 (articles 13 and 28) and 4472/2017 (articles 130-135 and 156).
2. The total monthly remuneration for Research Team members shall be arranged according to Table 4 below:

Table 4. Remuneration for RT members

Remunerated RT member categories	Determination of monthly salary
1. Faculty Members and Researchers	The salary of Faculty Members and Researchers may not exceed the amount of €1,000.00 per month and is subject to the maximum limit of earnings and additional fees provisioned in Article 2 of Law 3833/2010 combined with the provisions of Laws 4354/2015 (articles 13 and 28) and 4472/2017 (articles 130-135 and 156).

2. Postdoctoral Researcher	Gross monthly earnings: a) Private law fixed-term employment contract: in line with the provisions of Chapter B of Law 4354/2015, as in force and are to a minimum equal to the thresholds set in article 18 par. 12 case a) of Law 4310/2014. b) Project lease contract: up to €2,000.00 plus VAT per month and are to a minimum equal to the thresholds set in article 18 par. 12 case a) of Law 4310/2014.
3. Scientific staff (PhD Candidates, Postgraduate Students), Technical and Auxiliary staff	Gross monthly earnings: a) Private law fixed-term employment contract: in line with the provisions of Chapter B of Law 4354/2015, as in force. b) Project lease contract: up to €1,500.00 plus VAT per month.
4. HI's staff (and/or CO-Beneficiaries) holding a public law or an open-term private law employment contract	Extra remuneration for additional work up to €500 per month, according to the relevant legislation in force.

7. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

When submitting Proposals, the following shall be filled in:

7.1. Section A: General information

It includes the PI's details and information about the research Proposal, including the title, acronym, duration, budget of the project and the (short) summary of the Proposal (up to 2,000 characters in Greek and English).

7.2. Section B: Research Proposal

Section B consists of two (2) sub-sections, Section B1 and Section B2, which shall be submitted in English.

7.2.1. Section B1: Curriculum vitae of the PI and Head on behalf of each CO-Beneficiary

Section B1 consists of the following sub-sections:

Section B1.1.: PI's CV and Scientific Achievements (maximum: 10 pages)

Section B.1.2.: CVs of the Heads on behalf of CO-Beneficiaries (3 pages per head) [*where applicable*]

7.2.2. Section B2: Detailed presentation of the research Proposal

Section B2 should describe the scientific, technical and/or academic aspects of the research Project as well as the methodology and work plan. This section should describe the role of the PI and all members of the Research Team in the implementation of the Project and include a full assessment of the real Project cost.

Section B2 consists of the following two (2) sub-sections: Section B2.1. Research Proposal, Section B2.2. CVs of the Research Team members.

Section B2.1. Research Proposal (maximum: 16 pages)

The detailed presentation of the Research Proposal should include the following sections:

- **Excellence, State of the art and Objectives**

This section shall clearly define the Proposal objectives in relation to the current scientific state of the art. When describing the proposed Research Project, it should be mentioned how and why the Research Project is important for the scientific field to which it applies and relevant to the Scientific/Thematic Area in which it is submitted. It should also describe its wider impact on science and/or technology and/or arts/culture and/or society. This section will identify (if any) the particularly innovative or unconventional aspects of the proposed Research Project.

- **Methodology and Implementation**

This section provides a detailed description of the suggested methodology, including, as per case, basic interim objectives. The proposed methodology should be described and justified in terms of the scientific state of the art, including any particularly innovative or unconventional aspects concerning the “high risk/high gain” balance (“high risk/significant benefit”). In addition, any intermediate stages where results may require adjustments to project planning should be reported.

The involvement of all Research Team members, as well as the Collaborating Organizations, has to be fully justified, with emphasis on the scientific added value they bring to the Project.

- **Budget**

This section should present an analysis of the budget in the cost categories mentioned in Section 10 of this Call, along with supporting documentation for them. In case of Collaborative Projects, the budget analysis corresponding to the CO(s)-Beneficiary(ies) should be submitted separately.

Section B2.2. Research Team Members (1 page per member)

In Section B2.2, brief CVs of all named members of the Research Team are submitted, which may also include selected scientific publications in scientific journals related to the subject of the Research Project.

7.3. Additional documents

E.g. Letter of intent to collaborate from the CO(s) (where applicable)

8. EVALUATION

The evaluation will be conducted by Evaluation Committees in line with the provisions of article 5 par. 5 to 8 of Law 4429/2016, as in force.

The process of evaluating the Proposals will be completed in **one (1) Phase**, during which the Proposal will be evaluated for each one of its two main evaluation criteria.

In particular, the full research Proposal (Section B1 and Section B2) will be evaluated in terms of the scientific profile of the PI and the Head(s) of the CO(s)-Beneficiary(ies) (where applicable) and their capacity for successful implementation of the project and in terms of the scientific excellence of the research Proposal [originality, appeal and possibility of implementation of the Project by the participating Institutions (where applicable) and the members of the Research Team].

Proposals are classified based on the A-B grading scale, as presented in Table 5 below.

Table 5. Grading of Proposals

Grade	Description
A	The proposal successfully meets aspects of all criteria and is recommended for funding if there is sufficient budget.
B	The proposal does not sufficiently meet aspects of all criteria and is not recommended for funding.

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