

Czech - Norwegian Research Programme (formerly CZ09 Research Support Fund)

Match-Making Event 30. – 31. 5. 2013, Prague, MEYS

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Main implementing actors:

Donor Programme Partner: Research Council of Norway (RCN) – preparation of Programme proposal, advisory and supervising body, contact and information point

Programme Operator : MEYS – preparation of the Programme, announcement of calls, receiving of projects proposals, formal decision maker, programme management, contact and information point

Programme Committee (3CZ+2NO) – strategy (wording of calls), selection process, monitoring

Experts – evaluation of projects proposals (EU database)

Project Promoters/ Project Partners – Czech and Norwegian R and D organizations

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Overall objectives

- to enhance the science and research cooperation between Czech and Norwegian entities
- to fund the creation of new scientific knowledge and quality outputs through bilateral science and research projects in selected areas of research in the frame of basic and applied research and experimental development

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Important objectives

- promotion of creation of long term sustainable partnership between Czech and Norwegian institutions
- support of young researchers (involvement of Ph.D. students and postdocs in a project), gender equality
- involvement of researchers who have returned after maternity leave
- promotion of mobility of young researchers closely linked to the project

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Some examples of what is expected to be achieved by the cooperation projects

- Internationally refereed (*joint scientific*) publications published on the basis of the results of the project
- Close cooperation between the partners involved in the project from the Czech Republic and Norway with the aim of building sustainable cooperation for future activities
- Active involvement of female researchers
- Active involvement of Ph.D. students and postdocs in the project
- Involvement of researchers who have returned after maternity leave
- Knowledge transfer, sharing of experience and best practices

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Selected areas of research

- Social Sciences and the Humanities,
- Environment ,
- Health.

Interdisciplinary projects are welcome.

At least 20% of the call amount shall be allocated to projects of „Social Sciences and the Humanities“

Types of research projects

basic and/or applied research, experimental development

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Czech – Norwegian Research Programme BUDGET	FM NORWAY (85%)	National Co-financing (MEYS) (15%)	TOTAL
	€	€	€
Management Costs	1 055 700	186 300	1 242 000 (8,5%)
Amount allocated to CALL/CALLS (Support to projects)	11 125 000	1 963 235	13 088 235 (89%)
Funds for bilateral relations	187 500	33 088	220 588 (1,5%)
Complementary Actions	125 000	22 059	147 059 (1%)
TOTAL	12 500 000	2 205 882	14 725 882 (100%)

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Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has prepared its budget in order to be able to provide:

the **Programme – co-financing at the level of 15%** (as indicated in the slide above) and on top of it

The **Projects – co-financing at the level of 20%**
(MEYS will add 20% to sum allocated for the CALL in the Programme)

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Who may apply

Research Organisations as defined by Article 2.2(d) of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01)
and / or

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises as defined in Article 2.2 (a) of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01)

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Core condition:

Cooperation between at least one research team from the Czech Republic and at least one research team from Norway (Project Partner) is a mandatory criterion for the projects.

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Selection criteria

- Scientific and/or technical excellence,
- Relevance in relation to the objectives and prioritised areas of the research programme,
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management, including quality and implementation capacity of the applicants and contribution to capacity and competence building,
- The potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results.

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Selection process

- Based on the evaluations of independent experts, ranking list is prepared. The ranking list shall be submitted to the Programme Committee for a recommendation as to which proposals should be selected for funding and the final awarding of grants.
- The Programme Operator in cooperation with the Programme Committee will make its decision to finance/refuse an application on the basis of the ranking list and recommendations received from the Programme Committee.

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Tentative timetable

- **Matchmaking event** for project partners: 30.-31.5. 2013
- **Opening of the call:** June 2013
- **Closure of the call:** 2 months after the opening of the call
- **Planned start of the projects:** November / December 2013
- **Eligibility of project expenditures until:** 30.4.2017