

DRIVING GROWTH ▲

**Bilateral Collaborations
Cyprus-Israel
BILATERAL/ISRAEL (MOST)/0224**

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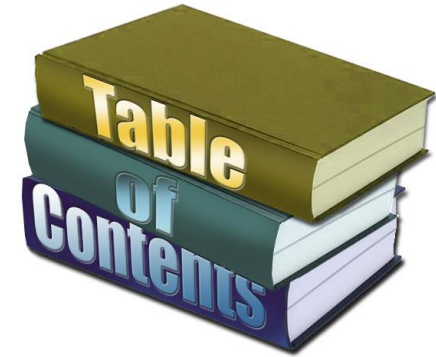
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Targets

Cyprus-Israel Agreement on Scientific Cooperation

- Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy (DMRID) of the Republic of Cyprus, through the Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF)
- Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology of the State of Israel (MOST)

The aim of this program is to **support the development of scientific and technological cooperation between Cypriot and Israeli researchers** and to **strengthen the scientific partnership between research groups from both countries**, by establishing bilateral research networks, enhancing research cooperation and promoting the exchange of knowledge between Cypriot and Israeli scientists.



► General Call Information

DEADLINE

- Calls Announcement: **8 February 2024**
- Proposal Submission Deadline for Cyprus: **11 April 2024, 13:00 local time**
- Proposal Submission Deadline for Israel: **11 April 2024, 15:00 local time**
- Contracts Signing: **September 2024**
- Budget: **€ 1.800.000 (€900.000 MOST and €900.000 RIF)**
- Maximum Funding per Project: **€ 200.000 in total**
 - Cyprus Maximum Funding: € 100.000**
 - Israel Maximum Funding: € 100.000**
- Project Duration: **36 Months**



► Areas of Cooperation

Cypriot-Israeli research teams are hereby invited to submit joint proposals for applied research projects in any of the following areas:

1.Environment

- Protection of the marine environment and biodiversity
- Decarbonisation of ship operation

2.Renewable energy

- Renewable energy production technologies
- Digital management and monitoring systems for the production and distribution of energy
- Energy efficiency in urban environments

3. Health

- Translational Research on molecular and medical genetics for treatment of diseases.

Selection of S3Cy Sector in Cyprus

- ▶ Although it is possible to specify Thematic Areas within a Call for Proposals according to the provisions of the Agreement between the two countries, it should be in the frame that has emerged through the S3Cy.

As the Programme is part of Pillar I - “Smart Growth”, proposed projects are expected to include activities in one of the following designated S3Cy Priority Sectors (4, 5, 7 και 8) / Sub-sectors (4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 7.1) /Focus Area (8.4.2):

4. Maritime and Shipping Ecosystems

4.2 Decarbonisation of ships

5. Renewable energy

5.1 Renewable energy production technologies

5.2 Digital management and monitoring systems for the production and distribution of energy

5.3 Energy efficiency in urban environments

7. Health

7.1 Clinical and genetic investigation and treatment of diseases including molecular and medical genetics (Medical Translational Research), diagnosis – prevention / risk factors / treatment and personalised medicine

8. Environment

8.4.2 Protection of the marine environment and biodiversity



► Conditions for Participation (1)

Host Organisation (HO):

In Israel:

1. An accredited Institution of Higher Education, according to the Council for Higher Education Law, 5718-1958; or
2. A Research Institute which is a nonprofit organization, a government company or a governmental unit.

In Cyprus:

The Host Organisation (HO) must be a Research Organisation (A1, A2) or Other Organisation (C1 – for **Private Universities ONLY**).

- ❑ Research Organisations, Enterprises or Other Organisations may participate as Partner Organisations (PAs) (*PAs support the HO in accomplishing the project's objectives and may have their own commercial and/or scientific interests in achieving the Project results*)



► Eligible Activities

- ❑ The projects must necessarily include **Industrial/Applied Research** activities
- ❑ Project activities should fall within **Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 2-4** in compliance with the relevant definitions adopted by the EU



▶ Eligible Costs

- Personnel Cost
- Costs for Instruments and Equipment
- Costs for Travelling Abroad (only to partner countries)
- Costs for External Services
- Consumables
- Other specific costs
- Overheads

▶ Proposal Submission in Cyprus



- ❑ Proposals are submitted through the Research and Innovation Foundation's IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy>)

- ❑ The Project Proposal consists of the following parts:
 - **Part A** – General Information & Budget (*electronic form (fields) to be completed online through the IRIS Portal*)
 - **Part B** – Technical Annex (*document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format*) - **Maximum number of pages 20**
 - **Annex I** – Curricula Vitae (*CVs of the Coordinator and the key personnel – Optional*) - *Recommended that CVs are created according to the EUROPASS format and do not exceed 5 pages per person*
 - **Annex II** – Smart Specialisation Sectors – **Obligatory Submission.**



▶ Proposal Submission in Israel

- ❑ The Israeli PI shall submit the proposal through the Science Forefront system, at <https://kf.most.gov.il>
- * **Please note that in Israel proposals should be submitted to the research authorities one week in advance (by 4 April 2024 at 15:00 Local Time)**
- ❑ The Project Proposal consists of the following parts:
 - The proposal form should be up to 12 pages, including figures and tables, not including bibliography. Font: Times New Roman 11; line spacing: 1.5
 - Bibliography: A complete bibliographic list should be attached to the proposed research. The five most relevant items for the proposed research should be marked with an asterisk.
 - CV: A short CV for each researcher involved in the research of up to 5 pages each, including: personal statement (brief description of why the investigator is well-suited for the role on the proposed project); list of ongoing and completed research projects from the last three years that the investigator wishes to highlight; citation of up to five publications or research products that highlight the investigator's experience and qualifications for the proposed project; positions, scientific appointments, and honors.

▶ Additional data for Israel



Additional data for the Science Forefront system:

- a) Short abstract (up to 1500 characters in Hebrew and English).
- b) Applicability up to 1000 characters in Hebrew.
- c) Importance of the research up to 500 characters in Hebrew/English
- d) Budget request - enter the requested budget in NIS.

The budget of the researcher from abroad must be entered in a general way in the section designated for this purpose.

- e) Letter of intent from the research PIs in both countries affirming their intent to collaborate on the proposed research.
- f) Additional authorizations needed depending on the type of research (e.g. Helsinki Committee, animal experiments) shall be submitted along with the proposal. In case the required authorization is still not available at the time of submission, a statement in free text should be attached including the researcher's commitment that if their proposal is approved, the required authorization will be submitted as soon as possible.
- g) Please specify 5 researchers from Israel with expertise in the field of the proposal, who could serve as potential external reviewers.

Do not add additional documents beyond what is specified above and in the attached guidelines for submission to the Science Forefront system.

► Evaluation procedure

- Proposal Preliminary Check
- Scientific Evaluation – separate in each country
- Evaluation Criteria:
 - Excellence 40%
 - Added Value and Benefit 30%
 - Implementation 30%



► Selection procedure



The final selection of the Proposals to be funded will be made by the Joint Cyprus – Israel Committee, based on the evaluation results of both countries.

Only proposals with an average score above-threshold will be considered for selection by the Joint Cyprus – Israel Committee.



► Useful Documents

☐ Call Documents

First Cyprus-Israel Scientific Research Program - Call for Joint Project Proposals
RIF Call Document (EL)
RIF Call Document(EN)
RIF Part B – Technical Annex
Guide for Evaluators

☐ RIF's RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme Document

EL
EN

☐ IRIS Guidelines (Registration, Proposal Preparation/Submission)

<https://iris.research.org.cy/#!/documentlibrary>

Partners Search Tool

Find Partners

NEW CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

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BRIDGE2HORIZON

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► Contact / Support

For More Information:

RIF Website: www.research.org.cy

IRIS Portal: <https://iris.research.org.cy/>

MOST website: www.most.gov.il



Supporting RIF's Researchers

RIF Support Service:

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Supporting MOST's Researchers

On administrative matters:

Israeli researchers should consult administrative matters directly with the Research Authority at their Affiliated Institution. The Institution will contact the Ministry in case of necessity.

On scientific matters:

1. Environment

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3. Health

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Thank You...