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Project Presentation – General Description

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About the Project

- The new International Fellowship Mobility Programme for Experienced Researchers in Croatia – NEWFELPRO is a fellowship programme of the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport (MSES)

The aim of the project is to raise the presence of research-qualified individuals by providing them with new opportunities to gain relevant international experience, and thus contribute to the further development of international scientific networks.





Project Value and Time Frame

- ❑ The project is co-financed through the Marie Curie FP7-PEOPLE-2011-COFUND program.
- ❑ Its total value is 7 million euros, out of which 60% is financed from national sources.
- ❑ Project duration is from 2013 until 2017.





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About The Project – Background And Relevance





Relevance and Impact of the NEWFELPRO Project

- ❑ This program comprises an incoming, an outgoing and a reintegration scheme.
- ❑ Two schemes are directed to researchers who are presently working abroad and one is for Croatian researchers who aim to improve their scientific potential by spending a period of time in top class research institutions worldwide.

One of the national priorities is to remove barriers to the mobility of researchers.





Openness of the Program to Transnational Mobility

- Croatia aims to increase its potential in R&D sector by providing new positions and opportunities for young researchers through an increase in mobility rates and by reversing the „brain drain“ process.
- The project provides an opportunity for talented researchers to work in a country that has a very good potential to offer new positions for researchers, in both academic and private R&D institutions.





Institutional Capacity to Implement NEWFELPRO

- ❑ Incoming researchers are expected to convey new ideas, transfer of knowledge and networks for Croatian research institutions - all Croatian institutions are encouraged during the program to invite fellows from abroad.
- ❑ The Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (www.mobilnost.hr) will assist all incoming researchers in resolving administrative issues, especially providing specific support for obtaining visas, work permits (read more about it here: http://www.euraxess.hr/uploads/articles/euraxess_vodic_z_a_web_4.pdf).





Strategic Objectives

- ❑ To provide new impulse to national research programmes for foreign researchers, encouraging incoming mobility of experienced researchers from abroad to Croatia (new incoming fellowship scheme, duration 12-24 months);
- ❑ To reverse the “brain drain” process by encouraging outstanding Croatian researchers to develop their careers in Croatia, also inviting them to return to Croatia (new reintegration fellowship scheme, duration 24 months);
- ❑ To facilitate additional mobility of the Croatian research community by increasing outgoing mobility of Croatian scientists abroad (new outgoing fellowship scheme, duration 12-36 months);





Fellowship Distribution Criteria – Research Experience and Type of Mobility*

EXPERIENCED R. 4-10 years	Number of NEWFELPRO beneficiaries	Duration of NEWFELPRO fellowship in months
Experienced-incoming	12	24
Experienced-incoming	10	12
Experienced-reintegration	3	24
TOTAL	25	

SENIOR R. >10 years	Number of NEWFELPRO beneficiaries	Duration of NEWFELPRO fellowship in months
Senior-incoming	8	24
Senior-incoming	8	12
Senior-reintegration	6	24
TOTAL	22	

*Estimated number based on absorptive capacity and previous experience in similar projects.





Calculation of Anticipated Grant Costs

Cost Calculation	INCOMING EXPERIENCED R. 4-10 years	INCOMING SENIOR R. >10 years	REINTEGRATION EXPERIENCED R. 4-10 years	REINTEGRATION SENIOR R. >10 years
Living allowance (€/fellow year)*	20.199,00	32.158,00	20.199,00	32.158,00
Mobility/Travel allowance (€/fellow year)**	2.500,00	2.500,00	2.500,00	2.500,00
Contribution to research cost (€/fellow year)***	3.000,00	3.000,00	3.000,00	3.000,00

*These amounts are based on the average salary of an experienced/senior researcher according to the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports. The salary includes contributions to social security, local travel and holidays in line with national legislation. In addition, we included an expected average inflation rate of 6% in our calculation.

**The travel and mobility allowance (2.500 € per year) is composed of (1) a contribution to the fellows' travel costs, which is based on the rates of the Marie Curie rate (we established a weighted average of 1.060 € per year, taking into account the countries of origin of our current fellowship programme); and of (2) a mobility allowance of 1.440 € per year, which is a contribution to the fellows' relocation costs.

***Each researcher receives a yearly contribution to research costs (3.300 € for lab-based and 1.500 € for non lab-based research). We expect that the majority of the researchers will carry out lab-based research and calculated a weighted average of 3.000 € per researcher.





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