



Comisión Nacional de Investigación  
Científica y Tecnológica - CONICYT



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri  
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION  
IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
BETWEEN ITALY AND CHILE FOR THE YEARS 2018-2020**

**CLOSING DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, 12:00 C.E.T**

**BACKGROUND**

In the framework of the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Italy and the Government of the Republic of Chile, signed in Rome on October 16th 2007, the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation – Office IX of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT), hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”, initiate herewith the procedures for the drafting of the Executive Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation for the years 2018-2020 between Chile and Italy.

To this purpose, the Parties issue the present call for the submission of joint project proposals, whereby both parties will finance the mobility of researchers.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. FUNDING SCHEME**

The funding scheme “Mobility of Researchers” (financed by both Parties) covers the expenses for researchers’ mobility (travel expenses of Chilean researchers to Italy and stays of Italian researchers in Chile as well as travel expenses of Italian researchers to Chile and stays of Chilean researchers in Italy).

## **B. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Projects may be submitted in one of the following priority research areas:

- Design and Architecture;
- Geothermal Energy;
- Vulcanology.

Projects submitted in other research areas will not be considered for evaluation.

## **C. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

- For the Italian Party, the call is open to coordinators
  - having the Italian or any other EU nationality provided they are legally resident in Italy;
  - having a permanent position or a temporary position covering at least the time extent of the project in the University or Research Centre they belong;
  - having the Italian title of "Dottore di Ricerca" or equivalent, if acquired abroad.
- For the Chilean Party, the call is open to coordinators having the Chilean nationality or who are legally resident in Chile.
- Each project coordinator shall submit to his/her Party only one proposal.  
Projects shall be jointly submitted to both Parties. Proposals submitted to only one of the two Parties will not be considered.

For projects involving living organisms and humans, it is the responsibility of the investigator to ensure that all facets of animal care and use meet the requirements of the International Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes. This includes a responsibility to protect and promote the welfare of animals used. Institutional ethics committee approval and informed consent are obligatory parts in all interventional studies (human or animal).

## **D. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Projects shall be drafted in English.
- b. The duration of the projects is 3 years<sup>1</sup>.
- c. A full proposal shall consist of:
  - i. a description of the working teams;
  - ii. a description of the research activities the teams intend to carry out within the project timeframe.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional Information can be found in the Chilean application call document (bases concursales) at <http://www.conicyt.cl/pci>

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

The proposal shall must be submitted to both Parties.

The Italian coordinator shall submit the proposal exclusively through the dedicated online platform:

<http://web.esteri.it/pgr/sviluppo>

Any inquiry about the present call can be sent to: [dgsp-09bandi2@esteri.it](mailto:dgsp-09bandi2@esteri.it)

The Chilean coordinator shall submit the proposal to the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT), exclusively through the ad hoc online platform:

[www.conicyt.cl/pci](http://www.conicyt.cl/pci). Any inquiry about the present call can be sent to: <https://oirsvirtual.conicyt.cl/>

## **PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION AT NATIONAL AND BILATERAL LEVEL**

At the closure of the call, all applications will be checked for eligibility requirements. Eligible applications will then move on to a three-step selection process:

- STEP 1. Projects will be evaluated at national level according to the following criteria:
  - Scientific relevance;
  - Methodology and documentation;
  - Qualification of the applicants;
  - Added value of the bilateral cooperation;
  - Added value in addressing societal challenges;
  - Exploitation and dissemination of results.
  
- STEP 2. Each Party will elaborate a list of priority projects.

For the Italian Party: preference will be given to projects involving industrial counterparts and/or benefiting from third parties' funding (such as public or private research institutes and organizations). Preference will be given to proposals involved in multilateral and/or European research programmes, such as Horizon 2020 and related activities.

For the Chilean Party :a committee of specialists (Comité Ad Hoc) will elaborate the list of priority projects according to the CONICYT procedures.

- STEP 3. The two Parties will reach consensus on a short list of projects eligible for funding.

## **REASONS FOR EXCLUSION**

- Lack of eligibility conditions;
- Submission of more than one proposal by the same coordinator;
- Incomplete application.

## **PUBLICATION OF SELECTED PROJECT**

For the Italian Party, the list of the selected projects and related documentation will be posted exclusively on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at the following address:

[http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/politica\\_estera/cooperscientificatecnologica/programmiexecutivi/accordi\\_programmi\\_culturali\\_tecnologici.html](http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/politica_estera/cooperscientificatecnologica/programmiexecutivi/accordi_programmi_culturali_tecnologici.html)

For the Chilean Party, the list of the selected projects and funding procedures will be posted exclusively on the website [www.conicyt.cl/pci](http://www.conicyt.cl/pci)

After submission, no other direct communication will be provided to participants in the call<sup>2</sup>.

## **FINANCING OF PROJECTS**

### **Financing will be granted within the limits of the available annual resources of each Party.**

Only the cost of the exchange of researchers will be financed. For each project 2 stays (up to 10 days) in Italy and 2 stays in Chile (up to 10 days) may be financed yearly.

The Italian Party will pay the international travel expenses to researchers of the Italian team visiting Chile and will provide a contribution for allowances expenses in Italy to visiting researchers of the Chilean team under the jointly selected projects as follows:

- 93 Euro/day, from day 1 to day 10, up to a maximum of 930 Euro.

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<sup>2</sup> It is to point out that the selection of projects listed in the Executive Protocol, which can access the annual funding, takes into account, in addition to the evaluation criteria mentioned in the call, the science diplomacy aspects, specific to each Country, and is the result of negotiations with counterpart.

The Chilean party will finance the following:

- Travel expenses of Chilean Researchers going to Italy: CONICYT will cover, the air/land transport fares, round trip, point to point in economy class, up to a maximum of \$ 1,400,000 (one million four hundred thousand Chilean pesos).
- Stays of Italian Researchers in Chile: 65.000 pesos/day, from day 1 to day 10, up to a maximum of 650.000 pesos

Information about the Chilean national rules can be found in the application call document (bases concursales) at <http://www.conicyt.cl/pci>

Consultations to CONICYT can be done through OIRS platform at <https://oirsvirtual.conicyt.cl/>.

Starting from the second year of activity, the Italian and the Chilean coordinators shall submit an annual report on the progress of their project.

Funding for the following year will not be granted if the coordinators fail to submit their progress reports.