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PRESS RELEASE

2nd Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects for the support of Post-Doctoral Researchers

**“We support the new generation of Greek scientists
We strengthen innovation in Greece”**

As part of its mission to support research and innovation in Greece, the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.) announced on Thursday, 29 November 2018 the 2nd Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects for the support of Post-doctoral researchers with a total budget of €16.580,000. Following on from its 1st Call for the support of Post-doctoral researchers, H.F.R.I. seeks to support the scientific potential of Greece on the one hand, and, to reverse the “brain drain” of talented Greek scientists to foreign countries on the other.

Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs **Mr Kostas Fotakis** underlined: “The support of research with reliability and continuity has been H.F.R.I.’s key goal since it was established in 2016. Two years later, having moved past the “labour pains” of a new institution, the announcement of the 2nd Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects for the support of Post-doctoral researchers marks the beginning of reliability and regularity.”

H.F.R.I. has already announced six actions to date with a total budget of €128.110,000 in support of Greece’s research potential, and four additional actions are expected to be announced within 2019 with funding totalling €40.060,000.

Specifically, the aim of the 2nd Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects for the support of Post-doctoral researchers is to support the implementation of projects with high scientific merit and excellence, without restrictions on topics or geographical location, where the Scientific Managers (SMs) are

the Post-doctoral Researchers (PR-SMs) themselves. Post-doctoral Researchers will now be able to direct the implementation of their research project themselves as Scientific Managers and to put together their own independent Research Team.

The ultimate purpose of the Action is to create new prospects in the scientific and professional careers of both the PR-SMs and the members of the project Research Team (RT), creating the appropriate conditions for their academic and scientific development and bringing to life the vision of social advancement pioneered by young people. In addition to PR-SMs, other Post-doctoral Researchers, PhD Candidates, Post-graduate Students and scientific and technical associates may also be part of the Research Team.

The research projects to be submitted for evaluation must be original; refer to a cutting-edge research area; have significant scientific impact; and meet the criteria for high scientific merit and excellence. Specifically, the Action covers the following Scientific Areas: Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences (Medicine and Health Sciences), Agriculture - Food, Mathematics and IT, Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Environment and Energy, and Management and Economy of Innovation.

The research projects will be implemented at a Host Institution in Greece. The host institution must be a University (Higher or Technical Educational Institutions) or a Research Centre-Institute (RC-I), or a Research University Institute (RUI) or a Higher Education Military Institution (HEMI). Project duration is from 24 to 36 months.

Research proposals will be judged by Topic-specific evaluation Committees (TCs) which will comprise reputable scientists, specialists from the Scientific Areas (SAs) covered by the Call and by independent experts.

Please note that proposals are to be submitted by the project's PR-SM exclusively electronically. Submission start date: 21 January 2019, 12:00 (EET) and closing date: 25 February 2019, 17:00 (EET).

For more information on the Call please refer to:

http://www.elidek.gr/call/second_call_postdoc/

Additional details and information on the Call will be provided through the H.F.R.I. Research Projects Department by e-mail at: askelidekpd@elidek.gr, or by telephone at: 210-6412410, 210-6412420. Technical support for electronic submission of proposals will be provided only by e-mail at: helppd@elidek.gr.

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About the HRFI

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (Law 4429/2016) was founded out of the vital need to support Greek scientists. It is a private-law legal entity, supervised by the Greek Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. The H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in Greece and specifically to evaluate and fund free research – i.e. research activities, research infrastructure and technical applications – stemming from scientific curiosity, without thematic exclusions or geographical constraints, but with the sole criterion being quality scientific research and excellence.