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## PRESS RELEASE

*H.F.R.I. contributes to the research of the COVID-19 pandemic effects*

**The 4th Call of H.F.R.I.'s Emblematic Action "Science and Society" has been announced, entitled "Interventions to address the economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic"**

*The opening date for submissions is set for June 1st 2020*

Wednesday May 6th saw the announcement of the **4th Call of H.F.R.I.'s Emblematic Action "Science and Society"**, entitled **"Interventions to address the economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic"**.

This action aims to contribute in addressing the economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and developing financially exploitable technologies which will aid in dealing with related problems. In detail, the action pertains to the development of technology/know-how applications related with facing the COVID-19 pandemic and/or its effects.

The total initial cost of the Call amounts to **€1.500.000**, with the possibility of increase in case of supplemental public funding or/and private donations. The maximum funding limit for each Research Project amounts to **€100.000**, and up to **€150.000** for cooperative projects of two or more beneficiaries (A.E.I., E.K.), while the duration of proposal implementation may run from 12 to 15 months.

Under said Call, projects in the following **Research Sectors** will be funded:

**Economy:** Study of individual areas of the economy and aspects of economic policy in the light of the experience and implications of the pandemic.

**Production:** Technologies for the development of production in the agri-food sector.

**Society:** The pandemic, as also the restriction measures, have effects on individuals and social groups, institutions, and in ensuring democracy and privacy as well as in social cohesiveness.

**Medical Technology:** Development of medical / medical technology products and services. Projects succeeding to receive funding must have immediate results that can be capitalized upon within a brief period and within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or its effects.

The proposals under said action are submitted digitally in exclusive, through the H.F.R.I. Web Portal (<https://hfri.grnet.gr/>) from **June 1st 2020, 12:00 (GMT +2)** until **June 15th 2020, 17:00 (GMT+2)**.

Further information regarding the call can be found on H.F.R.I.'s website <http://www.elidek.gr/call/4949>

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### **About H.F.R.I.**

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (Law 4429/2016) was founded out of the vital need to support the Greek research ecosystem. It is a private-law legal entity, supervised by the Greek Ministry of Development and Investments. The H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in Greece, and specifically to evaluate and fund research projects and research infrastructure and technical applications, without any restrictions on topics or geographical location, with the sole criterion being quality scientific research and excellence.