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**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE
NINE (9) REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF THE HELLENIC
FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (H.F.R.I.)**

The General Assembly of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (hereinafter referred to as: "H.F.R.I.") following its decision with Ref. No. 28706/08.10.2020 and in line with the procedure set out in articles 7(10 item a') and 8 of Law 4429/2016 "Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation and other provisions" (Is. A' 199) and 9(4) of the H.F.R.I. Internal Regulation (J.M.D. 195245/15.11.2018, Is. B' 5252), **addresses a call to scientists of international stature originating from the sectors of: a) agricultural sciences, b) natural sciences, c) mathematical and information technology sciences, d) social sciences, e) humanities, f) environmental and energy sciences, g) medical and health sciences, h) engineering and technology sciences and i) innovative entrepreneurship**, to submit their candidacy for the nine (9) respective positions of H.F.R.I. Scientific Council regular members.

H.F.R.I. is a private law legal entity. It is headquartered in Athens and supervised by the Deputy Minister of Development and Investments, responsible for research affairs.

H.F.R.I.'s mission is to promote research and innovation, within the framework of the national strategy for research and innovation.

The Scientific Council consists of nine (9) regular members, scientists of international stature originating from the following scientific sectors: a) agricultural sciences, b) natural sciences, c) mathematical and information technology sciences, d) social sciences, e) humanities, f) environmental and energy sciences, g) medical and health sciences, h) engineering and technology sciences and i) innovative entrepreneurship.

The Scientific Council governs H.F.R.I. and notably (article 8(9) of Law 4429/2016) has the following duties, it:

- a. Endeavors for the achievement of Foundation goals, based on the national research and innovation policy.
- b. Accepts donations and funding of any kind.
- c. Forms evaluation and objection committees to evaluate proposals and select final beneficiaries, supervises their operation ensuring it is in line with the values of meritocracy and transparency. In this context it labors to avoid any conflict of interest case between committee members and evaluatees, to confidentiality being observed and to solving any related problem that will come to its knowledge. Scientific Council members cannot participate in these committees.
- d. Selects the Director and approves the selection of Deputy Directors.
- e. Approves the Foundation's budget, following the Director's proposal.
- f. Proposes Foundation collaborations and partnerships, with public and private sector institutions, domestic and foreign.
- g. Proposes Internal Regulation amendments to the Minister.
- h. Approves the operation of Foundation services and offices located in other cities within Greece, following the Director's proposal.
- i. Approves H.F.R.I. personnel recruitment decisions.

The Scientific Council is also responsible for any matter concerning H.F.R.I. administration not delegated to the General Assembly or the Director.

Scientific Council members are entitled to reimbursement for their participation in meetings in line with provisions of article 2(3) of Law 4354/2015. In regard to the transit of Scientific Council members, provisions of article 2(D') of Law 4336/2015 shall apply.

Selection and term of office for Scientific Council members.

Scientific Council members are selected as follows:

- a. The General Assembly shall compile an international call for the expression of interest to fill nine (9) positions, three (3) months prior to term of office expiration for Scientific Council members at the latest, and post it on the websites of the H.F.R.I., the G.S.R.T., the Ministry of Development and Investments as well as corresponding international websites.
- b. Interested parties shall submit their candidacies online. Each candidate may submit his/her candidacy for a single sector. In case of submissions filed for more than one sector, the candidacy shall not be considered.
- c. The General Assembly shall appoint a nine-member recommendation committee from among its members, corresponding to the nine fields that the Scientific Council members represent. Should a sector not be represented in the General Assembly, it shall appoint an external member with significant international experience in the corresponding sector. The General Assembly may appoint up to two (2) extra members (internally or externally) for each of the 9 sectors, who shall assist the designated rapporteur in their task. The committee shall assess the candidacies and recommend a list with candidates per field, ranked by assessment grade, to the General Assembly.
- d. The General Assembly shall consider the proposals made by the nine-member committee and select the Scientific Council members from the list of candidates, one for each of the nine sectors. The General Assembly decision is notified to the Minister and is binding. The Scientific Council is established by Ministerial decision and published in the Government Gazette.

SC members shall serve a four-year term.

Incompatibilities of Scientific Council members

The capacity of being a Scientific Council member is incompatible with:

- a. The offices of Rector, Vice-Rector, Dean, Senate member, or Research Committee member or Department President of a Higher Educational Institute (AEI)
- b. The Board of Directors member post to a Research Body or Institute under Article 13a of Law 4310/2014.
- c. The offices of Ministerial Council Member, Alternate Minister, General Secretary or Undersecretary to the Ministry or self-governing General Secretariat, Member of Parliament, Regional Governor, Alternate Regional Governor, Mayor, Deputy Mayor. Furthermore, it is incompatible with the capacities of General Assembly member, H.F.R.I. Director and Deputy Director.

A Scientific Council member cannot submit an application for H.F.R.I. funding, nor be member of a scientific team which has submitted an application.

Scientific Council members are to avoid any circumstance during which a conflict of interest may occur. A conflict of interest may occur when Scientific Council members have private or personal interests which can affect or appear to affect the impartial and objective exercise of their duties. Considered as private or personal interests, are any probable advantages for Scientific Council members, their families, or other up to second-degree relatives.

Scientific Council members cannot be contracted with it. The prohibition applies to all types of contracts (employment, project, services, procurement, etc.). Also, Scientific Council members cannot be experts or evaluation committee members in regard to H.F.R.I. funding. The prohibition of paragraph last also applies for the spouses of above persons, for persons related to them by civil union agreement, and their relatives by blood or by law, to the second degree. This restriction also applies to any agreement contracted between H.F.R.I. and legal persons to whom administration is directly or indirectly controlled by the director and deputy directors. In specific, said persons cannot be board members to other boards of directors, managers, private company partners, shareholders or partners of investment capital companies contracted with H.F.R.I., provided that their participation percentage exceeds three (3%) per cent of company total capital.

The involvement of any of aforementioned capacities, entails that the Scientific Council member is removed from H.F.R.I. and the agreement pronounced void.

Scientific Council members hold obligation of upholding discretion and are bound by professional confidentiality.

Qualifications of Scientific Council members

According to articles 8(2) of Law 4429/2016 and 9(2) of H.F.R.I.'s Internal Regulation, Scientific Council members shall be individuals of great scientific standing, who are internationally distinguished for their research work and their expertise in the respective sector and have experience in scientific policy formulating affairs.

It is desirable for all SC members to cover the broader greek scientific community, originating from different public or private sector institutions.

In detail, Scientific Council members must:

- a. have participated successfully, as scientific directors, in research projects which were approved having followed a national or international competitive procedure and assessment,
- b. have administrative experience in research management and its results, in a public or private sector Institution, domestic or foreign,

c. have scientific work published in monographs or original publications in scientific journals and

d. be knowledgeable of the Greek language.

A qualification also favourably considered for electing Scientific Council members, is the support proposal of their candidacy by institutions participating in H.F.R.I.'s General Assembly through representatives (Higher Educational Institutions, Research Centers under Article 13a of Law 4310/2014).

A candidacy support proposal may also be submitted by members of the National Council for Research and Innovation (NCRI).

Each candidacy support proposal must be reasoned.

Submission of candidacies

Candidates are to send the signed application and documents mentioned below to address: recruitmentdp@elidek.gr, while the email title must read "Candidacy Submission for the SC of H.F.R.I.". Each candidate may only submit a candidacy for a single sector. Candidacy for more than one sector shall not be taken into consideration.

The application shall be accompanied by the following documents (in .pdf format):

a) a brief statement in which the candidate outlines the reasons of his/her interest in becoming a member of the HFRI SC.

b) a detailed curriculum vitae in which, inter alia, the following information should be mentioned: date of birth, marital status, website (if any), studies, scholarships and awards, experience and positions held in the academic - research sector (public and private, domestic and foreign), participation in international committees, boards of directors, professional organizations and competencies held therein.

c) a detailed list of scientific and other publications, awarded patents, conference participations, as well as successful research project participations; from which the nature of participation in each research project, the project scope and its assessment/ approval procedure (if pertaining to a national or international procedure and assessment) can be deduced.

Applications not accompanied by any of the above documents will be regarded as inadmissible and not be considered.

The candidacy submission deadline is **effective starting on the date that said call is issued and posted, up until December 14th 2020 23:59:59.**

H.F.R.I. is committed that personal data submitted under this call, will not be used for another use beyond this, nor will it be transferred to third parties.

This call will be published on the websites of H.F.R.I. (<http://www.elidek.gr/>), GSRT (<http://www.gsrt.gr/>), the Ministry of Development and Investments (<http://www.mindev.gov.gr/>), the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs (<https://www.minedu.gov.gr/>) and Euraxess (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>).

The General Assembly Chair

Charitidis Constantinos