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H.F.R.I. standing in support of Universities and Research Centres in the country: Funding of 20 million euros, to procure scientific equipment of high value and state of the art technology

On Wednesday, December 9th 2020, the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.) announced results regarding the **“1st Call for H.F.R.I. research projects to support Faculty members and procure high-value research equipment” (category III)**. Said results relate to **17 projects** for acquiring high-value research equipment, of strategic importance for the institutions that shall be receiving them, while the equipment procurement budget has amounted to 20 million euros.

“The state, through H.F.R.I., actively supports research with the procurement of high-value and state of the art equipment, so that our researchers will have what is needed in being competitive on an international level”, stated the Deputy Minister of Development and Investments, Dr. Christos Dimas.

Also, the Secretary General for Research and Technology Professor Athanasios Kiriazis, noted that: *“results for the H.F.R.I. Call are considered as particularly important to the support of research in Academia and are consistent with the broader philosophy of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT), in that development strategy is viable when investing in knowledge and utilizing research findings and innovations. The contribution of Universities and Research Centres to this end is definitive, as it paves the way for novel research results to produce innovative products, as useful to society as to our country’s economy growth”.*

To conclude, the Director of H.F.R.I. Dr. Nektarios Nasikas remarked: *“On the one hand H.F.R.I.’s Call drives to support the implementation of select research projects of high scientific quality, and on the other to procure scientific equipment of high value and strategic importance, in the effort to support research activity in the country based on the two most important pillars: excellent scientific potential and cutting-edge scientific equipment”.*

Research projects in this Call, with a total budget of **65 million euros**, will be implemented in Universities, University Research Institutes and Research Centres – Institutes in the country, enriching research activities directed within and strengthening or expanding existing research infrastructure.

Furthermore, this action aims at utilizing scientific potential in the country, Faculty members and

Researchers, who are entrusted with the production of new scientific knowledge on the one hand and the education new generation Greek scientists on the other, to form the basis for the country's development effort.

Further information for this Call can be accessed [here](#).

About H.F.R.I.

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (Law 4429/2016) was founded of the vital need to support Greek Scientists. A Private-Law Legal Entity, it is supervised by the Greek Ministry of Development and Investments. H.F.R.I.'s mission is to promote research and innovation in the country, through evaluating and funding unrestricted research. In specific, by supporting research activities and infrastructure while including their technological implementation, as these arise from scientific curiosity without any limitations on topic or geographical location, where quality research and excellence are the sole criterion.

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