

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS
OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS WITHIN THE 11th
EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALY AND
KOREA FOR THE YEARS 2016-2018**

Within the framework of the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of Korea, signed in Rome on February, 3, 1984, the Directorate General for Country Promotion (Economy, Culture and Science) – Unit for Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Bureau of the Korean Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP), hereafter referred as to “the Parties”, launch the call for proposal for the Eleventh Executive Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation for the years 2016 - 2018.

SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL PROJECTS: PROCEDURES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS. (“Progetti di Grande Rilevanza” ai sensi della L. 401/90)

In the course of validity of the 11th Executive Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation between Italian Republic and Korean Republic for the years 2016 – 2018, the Italian Party may consider granting an annual special financial contribution, within the limits of the available financial resources, to significant bilateral research projects (“Progetti di Grande Rilevanza”), which will be part of the Executive Programme.

The contribution granted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is intended as a co-funding of the project and therefore a significant funding participation by the coordinating Italian Institution and/or other public/private Italian and Korean Institutions is mandatory.

The application procedure consists of two steps.

1. FIRST STEP

1.1 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The deadline for submission of proposals is July 6th, 2015.

The Italian coordinator:

- shall submit her/his proposal exclusively through the online platform: <http://web.esteri.it/pgr/>;
- shall hold the Italian nationality or any other EU nationality, provided her/he is legally resident in Italy;
- the project, which may cover up to three years of activity (2016 - 2018), shall be drafted in English;
- an endorsement letter by the legal representative of the applying Institution (Rector/Vice Rector, Department Director, etc.) shall be provided by email to the following address: <mailto:DGSP.UST1@esteri.it>;
- any inquire about the present call shall be sent to: DGSP.UST1@esteri.it;
- only one proposal per each coordinator will be considered for evaluation.

The Korean coordinator, shall upload his/her research proposal in electric file with filling out the enclosed form (see Annex 1) and get an electric approval by his/her institute between May 7th and July 6th, 2015, exclusively through the NRF website (<http://ernd.nrf.re.kr>). Any inquire from Korean side about the present call can be sent to: glory0913@nrf.re.kr

1.2 RESEARCH AREAS

Proposals shall be submitted in one of the following priority areas:

- Agriculture and Food Science
- Biotechnologies and Health
- Energy and Environment
- Space Sciences
- Information and Communication Technologies, including Robotics and Automotive
- Nanosciences and Advanced Materials
- Basic Sciences

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

1.3 PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION AT NATIONAL AND BILATERAL LEVEL

Projects will be initially evaluated at national level. Subsequently, the assessment will be carried out by the Joint Committee of the two Parties in order to select the projects to be listed in the Executive Programme.

Projects will be assessed according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Scientific relevance of the research project
- Methodology and documentation
- Qualification of the applicants
- Added value of bilateral cooperation
- Added value in addressing industrial/societal challenges
- Exploitation and dissemination of results
- Budget adequacy of the research project

From Italian side, preference will be given to projects that involve industrial counterparts, benefit from third parties funding (such as public or private research institutes and organizations) and/or take part in multilateral and/or European research programmes, with particular regard to the Horizon 2020 Programme.

2 SECOND STEP

For the Italian Party, the significant bilateral projects selected and listed in the Executive Programme will constitute a short-list of projects entitled to apply for funding in accordance with the specific call for proposals issued by the Unit for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, Directorate General for Country Promotion (Economy, Culture and Science) of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The call for proposals is usually published at the beginning of each year of validity of the Executive Programme.

Details on the call for proposals (in compliance with Law 401/90) will be available, in due time, at the following link:

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/politica_estera/cooperscientificatecnologica/avvisiincaricobandi.html