Higher Education Dialogue with Southern Europe 2022

The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) is distributing funds provided by the German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt – AA) for the programme ‘Higher Education Dialogue with Southern Europe’.

The objective of the programme is to promote science-based socio-political dialogue between Germany and the Southern European countries (Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus). Topical political and societal issues that are subject of current debate in the listed countries or that pose particular challenges and can also be examined with regard to bilateral correlations with Germany or within the European context and that promote collaboration, shall be addressed in this context.

The programme objectives are:

- acquisition of knowledge, knowledge transfer and/or academic dialogue and the formation of networks among the cooperation partners is realised with regard to current political and societal issues;
- subject-specific findings are made available to the public;
- junior scientists are involved in the measures;
- continued professional training takes place in topical research areas that are related to political and societal issues.

Funding is provided to promote science-based socio-political dialogue between Germany and the Southern European countries – Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus. This dialogue shall be supported through the following measures:

- Preparation and realisation of events (e.g. specialist conferences, specialised courses, block seminars, workshops)
- Preparation and realisation of summer schools
- Trips and stays
- Publication of the results of events

All costs that are necessary and appropriate for implementing the measures listed above, are eligible for funding. These include in particular:

**Equipment funding**
- **Fees**
  - For external speakers and experts **in exceptional justified cases only** (usually from the target countries or Germany; no permanent staff) for presenting events, including their preparation, at up to EUR 40 per hour or EUR 250 per day
  - For assistants at the German higher education institution to perform auxiliary work, e.g. at events, conferences, workshops
  - For external services (e.g. interpreters, hostesses, webmasters)
- **Travel expenses for project personnel**
  - Journey / flight pursuant to the relevant laws (BRKG/LRKG)
- **Periods of residence of project personnel**
  - Accommodation and daily allowance pursuant to the relevant laws (BRKG/LRKG)
- **Equipment funding in Germany/outside Germany**
  - Consumables
    - **(paper, pencils, office supplies, etc.)**
  - Room rental
    - **(rents for conference rooms, hardware, equipment, etc.)**
  - Printing/publications/advertising and public relations
(e.g. for flyers, programme booklets, signage, etc.)

Note:
Costs of up to EUR 3,000 are considered appropriate for publications.

- Other
  ➢ Flat fee of EUR 5 per person per day for refreshments served at break time during events
  ➢ Flat fee of EUR 24 per person per day for catering for local participants during events

Eligibility for the flat fee arises with the 1st day of the event and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants.

Costs for event agencies and travel for preparation and follow-up work are not eligible for funding.

Funded individuals

- Travel expenses for funded individuals

Mobility allowances for trips of
  ➢ Participants on the German side travelling to the partner country
  ➢ Participants from the partner countries (also when staying in a third country) travelling to Germany

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<th>Partner country</th>
<th>Mobility allowance (EUR)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>375</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spain (mainland and Balearic Islands)</td>
<td>425</td>
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<td>Spain (Canary Islands)</td>
<td>775</td>
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<td>Greece</td>
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<td>Portugal</td>
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<td>Cyprus</td>
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Note: Eligibility for the mobility allowance arises with the 1st day of the trip and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants.

Expenditure for travel (journey and flights) between the partner countries (South - South) and within a partner country can be asserted in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality and based on supporting documents.

- Residence of funded individuals

Residence allowances

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<th>Status</th>
<th>Daily allowance up to and including 12 days (1 day each for arrival and departure) (EUR)</th>
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<td>Participants from abroad staying in Germany</td>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Graduates with a bachelor's degree</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Doctoral candidates</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Academics holding a PhD, professors</td>
<td>89</td>
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Note:
Eligibility for the residence allowance arises with the 1st day of the stay and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants.

Type of financing
Funding takes the form of full financing.

Funding period
The funding period begins on 01/01/2022 and ends on 31/12/2022.
The funding period begins on 01/01/2022 and ends on 31/12/2023, if events are held in the first year and publications are prepared in the second year.

Amount of funding
The maximum DAAD funding amount is EUR 20,000 for the funding period from 1 January to 31 December 2022.
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2022: EUR 17,000 (events)
2023: EUR 3,000 (publications)

Discipline(s)
The programme is open to all disciplines.

Target group
Bachelor’s and master’s students, doctoral candidates, postdocs, researchers and professors from Germany and the partner countries.

Eligible applicants
Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions.

Application process
The application for project funding may only be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).

Application requirements

Application documents relevant to selection
- Project application (in the DAAD portal)
- Finance plan (in the DAAD portal)
- Project description (see form template) (attachment type: project description)
- Statement of willingness to cooperate from the foreign higher education partner (see form template) (attachment type: contracts/agreements)

The application documents relevant to selection must be named according to the guidelines and submitted under the specified attachment type prior to the application deadline.

Subsequent submissions and amendments, including to the finance plan, will no longer be considered after the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

The German higher education institution will decide, which cooperating foreign partners should prepare and realise events. The foreign partner must confirm in writing that they are willing to cooperate.

Application documents that may be submitted later on
- Approval of the university management (attachment type: programme-specific attachment)

This document must be presented when a contract is concluded, at the very latest.
Application deadline
The application deadline is 30 June 2021.

Selection procedure
The DAAD will make its funding decision based on evaluation of the applications by a selection committee.

Selection criteria
- The project’s relevance to the programme objectives and assignment of measures to the project objectives
- Relevance to current political and societal issues
- Involvement of students and junior researchers in the measures (activities)
- Scientific quality of the project and theoretical background, innovative approaches and own preliminary work if applicable
- Plausibility and coherence of event planning
- Plausibility of the financing plan
- Scope and relevance of the expected results

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Important information and form templates
- Project description
- Statement of willingness to cooperate from the foreign higher education partner
- Substantive report
- Approval of the university management
- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness

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