

## Higher Education Dialogue with Southern Europe 2023

### 1. Programme objectives

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“.

Funding is provided to promote science-based socio-political dialogue between the Southern European countries – Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus – and Germany. 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 collaboration, shall be addressed in this context. The aim is to strengthen cooperation between the universities of Germany and the Southern European region in future-relevant subject areas.

The programme objectives are:

Outcome 1: knowledge transfer, academic dialogue and/or the formations of networks among the cooperation partners take place;

Outcome 2: insights into current political and societal issues are gained;

Outcome 3: subject-specific findings are made available to the public (in the sense of science communication, ideally also beyond the higher education sector into society);

Outcome 4: junior scientists are involved in the measures;

Outcome 5: continued professional training takes place in topical research areas that are related to political and societal issues.

### 2. Eligible measures

Eligible measures are::

- 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

### 3. Expenditure eligible for funding

#### 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:

Expenditure on publication is eligible for funding up to a maximum of EUR 3.000

- Other
  - Expenses for bus rental for excursions
  - 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. The lump sum covers the expenses for catering during breaks or events.

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 allowance (Germany – partner country, partner country-Germany)
  - For bachelor's and master's students, doctoral candidates, postdocs, researchers and professors from Germany and the partner countries (see **table 1**) (for employees of the beneficiary see mobility project personnel).

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. The mobility allowance covers all

expenses in connection with the trip (in addition to travel and flight this also includes expenses for visa, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance and similar).

**Table 1**

| <b>Partner country</b>                | <b>Mobility allowance (Euro)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Italy                                 | 375                              |
| Spain (mainland and Balearic Islands) | 425                              |
| Spain (Canary Islands)                | 775                              |
| Greece                                | 425                              |
| Portugal                              | 550                              |
| Cyprus                                | 750                              |

- 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.

- Residence of funded individuals

- Residence allowance (see **table 2**)
  - 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. The residence allowance covers the expenses for accomodation and meals as well as for health, accident and liability insurance.

**Table 2**

| <b>Status</b>                       | <b>Daily allowance</b><br>up to and including 12 days<br>(1 day each for arrival and departure)<br><b>(Euro)</b> |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                     | <b>Participants from abroad staying in Germany</b>   | <b>German participants staying in a partner country and non-German participants on South-South exchanges</b> |
| Students                            | 50   | 55   |
| Doctoral candidates                 | 80   | 85   |
| Academics holding a PhD, professors | 89   | 89   |

- For employees of the beneficiary see periods of residence of project personnel.



#### 4. Type of financing

Funding takes the form of full financing.

#### 5. Funding period

The funding period begins on 01/01/2023 and ends on 31/12/2023.  
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#### 6. Amount of funding

The maximum DAAD funding amount is EUR 20,000 for funding period from 1 January to 31 December 2023.

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2023: EUR 17,000 (events)

2024: EUR 3,000 (publications)

#### 7. Discipline(s)

The programme is open to all disciplines.

#### 8. Target group

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

#### 9. Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions.

#### 10. Application process

The application for project funding may only be submitted in complete form and before deadline via the DAAD portal ([www.mydaad.de](http://www.mydaad.de)).

- 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(s), (see **form template**) (attachment type: contracts/agreements)
- Approval of the university management, see **form template** (attachment: programme-specific attachments); must be submitted at the very latest when the contract is concluded.

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, exception: the approval of the university.



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.

### 11. Application deadline

The application deadline is 29 June 2022.

### 12. Selection procedure

#### **Selection of applications for project funding**

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

#### Selection criteria

- (1) Plausibility of the project application
  - Project objectives fit to the programme objectives
  - Allocation of the measures to the objectives of the project
  - Necessity of the expenditure for the implementation of the measures
- (2) Relevance to current political and societal issues
- (3) Involvement of students and junior researchers in the measures (activities)
- (4) Scientific quality of the project and theoretical background, innovative approaches and own preliminary work if applicable
- (5) Plausibility and coherence of event planning
- (6) Scope and relevance of the expected results

### 13. Form templates

- Project description
- Approval of the university management
- Statement of willingness to cooperate from the foreign higher education partner
- Substantive report

### 14. Contact

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