

INFORMATION: SUPPORT FOR EUROPE

The Volkswagen Foundation wishes to make a small contribution towards maintaining the diversity of research cultures in Europe by providing support to researchers in countries especially hard hit by the crisis in Europe. It has therefore created the possibility for **grant recipients** to submit additional applications for funding. In addition to the grants already allocated, grant recipients can apply for up to EUR 50,000 to support cooperation partners.

1. Scope of funding

It will not be possible to apply for the funding of “independent” new projects. This extra support is only for additional sub-modules that are in their content complementary to currently running projects. The connection to running projects must be clearly described and substantiated. Sub-projects must match the duration of the running project, taking into account the possible cost-neutral 6-month extension period (cf. the Foundation’s funding principles). Applicants responsible for administering funds within Germany must be grantees already; any (possibly also new) partners must be located in one of the European countries affected by the present crisis. It is a condition that these cooperation partners are permanently anchored in one of the target regions. Generally speaking, it is expected that each project will create one additional cooperation module; **after prior consultation within the respective group of grant recipients (mandatory)**, larger-scale projects can include up to two new researchers – also from other countries – as project partners. It is therefore possible for more than one cooperation partner to be involved within any one module.

2. Contact person

Contact person is the manager of the respective funding line.

3. Countries

Funding is available for sub-projects involving researchers from countries receiving bailouts within the context of the European Stability Mechanism. These currently include Greece and Cyprus.

4. Cooperation

New cooperation partners previously employed by or already in employment with the non-German institution and who will remain working on the project in question should

a) be involved in developing the objectives of the additional module together with the German partner,

- b) be the leading researcher
- c) work at the non-German institution.

Short stays in Germany are possible. The funds applied for should *a priori* be put at the disposal of the non-German cooperation partner. Notwithstanding, it is also possible for the German partner to be recipient to a **limited extent**, e.g. to cover travel expenses to their cooperation partner abroad.

5. Application procedure

Informal applications should be formulated with the **participation** of the respective non-German partner and submitted by email. The application should include an outline (5-6 pages) of the sub-project containing a description of its connection to a currently running project. A project work schedule and budget must also be included, together with CV and a list of the proposed cooperation partner's most important **five** publications. Funding can be made available for 1-2 sub-modules in an amount of up to EUR 50,000 for personnel and material costs as well as travel expenses. Applications should be submitted in English. The funding is for 1-3 years, depending on the duration of the currently running main project.

6. Deadlines

There are no deadline dates and applications can be submitted at any time. It will be about 4 months before results can be made known.

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