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MAPS (Multilateral Academic Projects)

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**General Information**

The second Swiss contribution is a key part of Switzerland's European policy, helping to foster cohesion and stability in Europe as well as to consolidate and develop bilateral relations with partner countries. The CHF 1.302 billion contribution runs until 2029 and will be used to support the countries that joined the EU after 2004 (the EU-13) or countries facing major migration flows. The second Swiss contribution aims to reduce economic and social disparities in Europe and to promote measures to manage migration. The supported countries include Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, who have chosen research cooperation with Switzerland as one of their priorities and who are committed to participate in a multilateral call for Joint Research Projects called MAPS – Multilateral Academic Projects.

**Eligibility for Bulgaria****The applicants from Bulgaria should:**

- be representatives of higher education institutions under Art. 85 para. 1, item 7 of the Higher Education Act, which are accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) to conduct training for the educational and scientific degree "doctor" OR be representatives of Scientific organizations under Art. 47, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act, which are accredited by the NEAA to conduct training on the educational and scientific degree "doctor"
- have at least a doctorate (PhD)
- have the rights to supervise PhD students under Art. 9, para 3 of the Regulations on the Implementation of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act
- have at least four years of research experience after finishing their PhD (the research experience might be achieved in Bulgaria or abroad).
- applicants can submit a proposal to MAPS even if they hold another Bulgarian grant or have applied for one;
- an applicant can participate in only one proposal.

**Deadlines**

- Opening Date: **02.04.2024**
- [Online Stakeholders Webinar](#): **11.04.2024 at 15:00**
- Deadline Pre-Registration: **01.05.2024**
- Closing Date: **01.07.2024 (5pm, Swiss Local Time)**
- Earliest possible starting date for the projects: **1.04.2025**
- Latest possible starting date for the projects: **1.07.2025**
- All projects need to be completed by **30.06.2029**
- Project duration: **between 36 and 48 months**

**Funding Modalities for Bulgaria**

**A maximum amount of CHF 350,000 (BGN 703 852) is allocated per project for the Bulgarian side.**

- The salary costs of the Bulgarian team members are 1) in line with the salaries paid by the host institution or 2) according to the ones applied for the National programme VIHREN bellow. The approach that favors the applicant should be applied.
- Payment to the principal investigator/researcher (including social security and all other payments from the beneficiary organization): 7000 BGN/month for 100% time working on the project.
- The remuneration of each senior associate and post-doctoral student hired by the team will be BGN 5 200 and BGN 4 100, respectively, and of a young scientist without PhD degree - BGN 2 300 per month.
- The mentioned remunerations also include the employers' insurances. In the case of part-time work, wages are reduced proportionately.
- Material costs that are directly related to the research work, namely material of enduring value, expendable items, field expenses, travel expenses, third-party charges, cost of computing time and data as well as of providing open access to research data;

- Direct costs incurred through the use of research infrastructure linked to the research work;
- Costs for the organisation of conferences and workshops in connection with the funded research;
- Costs for national and international cooperation and networking activities carried out in connection with the funded research.
- **The grants are co-funded:** 85% of the grant is covered by funds of the second Swiss Contribution, while each SMP contributes 15% to the budget.



### Description

#### Expected Outcome:

Projects results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

- Available breakthrough and game changing renewable energy technologies enabling a faster transition to a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions EU economy by 2050.
- Knowledge and scientific proofs of the technological feasibility of the concept including the environmental, social and economic benefits to contribute to R&I strategy and policy forecast.
- Establishing a solid long term dependable European innovation base.



### More Info

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- The official [websites](#) of MAPS