

**Cooperative Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
and
the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP)**

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (hereinafter referred to as CNR and CONFAP respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Brazilian and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Joint research programs
- b) Visits and exchange of research staff
- c) Other cooperative activities mutually accepted

Article 2. Joint Research Projects

For the joint research projects the cooperation will be conducted as follows:

2.1 The Parties shall promote scientific collaboration on the following research areas:

- Climate change
- Biodiversity
- Bioeconomy

2.2 The parties will support up to ten (10) joint research projects implemented in the target priority areas, as stated in the Article 2, point 2.1. with the participation of scientists from each Party.

2.3 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced simultaneously by the Parties every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced on 30 September, 2024 with a deadline of 29 November, 2024. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of two years.

2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start in the first trimester of 2025.

2.5 Both parties, CNR and CONFAP, will:

- a) gather all the applications from their respective sides;
 - i. from the Brazilian side, proposals must be submitted through the link: <https://sistema.confap.org.br/>; the participating State Funding Agencies (FAPs) may require that the proposals must be submitted also in their respective platforms.
 - b) review them separately;
 - i. from the Brazilian side, each of the involved FAPs will perform the review and evaluation;
 - c) exchange prioritized lists in the first semester of 2025;
 - d) select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Collaboration Agreement;
 - e) finance its own team of researchers
 - i. from the Brazilian side, funding will be provided by the participating FAPs.
- 2.6 The list of joint research projects mutually approved will be made public once available.

Article 3. Financial Support

In accordance with the provision of Article II of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement, the approved joint research projects shall be financed as follows:

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute, respectively, to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 Each project may involve research teams from one or more States, thus requesting support to the involved FAPs, which participate in the present call (detailed in Article 4).
- 3.3 For each project, the involved FAPs, will provide funding to the Brazilian teams according to their respective allocated budget, detailed in Annex I – Brazil, and CNR will provide up to a total of 40.000 Euros to the Italian teams (20.000 Euros for each of the two years).
- 3.4 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel, mainly transportation and per-diem expenses.

Article 4. Participating Brazilian State Funding Agencies (FAPs)

From the Brazilian side, the present call is supported by the Brazilian State Funding Agencies (FAPs) listed below.

Details on their respective allocated budget and contacts is provided in Annex I – Brazil.

1. Alagoas – FAPEAL
2. Amazonas – FAPEAM
3. Bahia – FAPESB
4. Ceará - FUNCAP
5. Espírito Santo – FAPES
6. Federal District – FAPDF
7. Maranhão - FAPEMA
8. Mato Grosso – FAPEMAT
9. Mato Grosso do Sul - FUNDECT
10. Pará – FAPESPA
11. Paraíba - FAPESQ
12. Paraná – Fundação Araucária
13. Rio de Janeiro – FAPERJ
14. Rio Grande do Sul - FAPERGS
15. Santa Catarina – FAPESC
16. São Paulo – FAPESP
17. Tocantins - FAPT

Article 5. Medical insurance

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to emergency medical treatment in the host country.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

Article 6. Protection of Personal Data

Concerning the protection of personal data deriving from this Cooperative Programme, refer to article 7 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.

Article 7. Amendments

Amendments to this CNR-CONFAP Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or CONFAP. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and CONFAP have mutually agreed upon them.

Article 8. Duration and Termination

This Cooperative Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature from both Parties and remain valid during for a period of two years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

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