**New international fellowship mobility program for experienced researchers launched in Croatia**

NEWFELPRO is a fellowship programme of the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport (MSES). The project is co-financed through the Marie Curie FP7-PEOPLE-2011-COFUND program. Its total value is 7 million euros, out of which 60% is financed from national sources. Project duration is from 2013 until 2017.

**Long-term Objective**

The long-term objective of the NEWFELPRO fellowship programme is to raise the presence of research-qualified individuals by providing them with new opportunities to gain relevant international experience, and thus contribute to the further development of international scientific networks.

**Target groups:**

Two categories of researchers are eligible to apply: a) experienced researchers, who must at the time of the call deadline at least possess a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience; and b) senior researchers who must have a doctoral degree and more than ten years of full-time equivalent research experience.

**Strategic Objectives:**

1. Provide new impulse to national research programmes for foreign researchers, encouraging incoming mobility of experienced researchers from abroad to Croatia (new incoming fellowship scheme, duration 12-24 months);
2. Facilitate additional mobility of the Croatian research community by increasing outgoing mobility of Croatian scientists abroad (new outgoing fellowship scheme, duration 12-36 months);
3. Reverse the “brain drain” process by encouraging outstanding Croatian researchers to develop their careers in Croatia and also inviting them to return to Croatia (new reintegration fellowship scheme, duration 24 months).

**Open Calls for Proposals**

NEWFELPRO will launch three open calls for proposals. The first call is expected by the beginning of the third trimester, in July 2013, and will be open for a period of 90 days, until October 2013. Calls will be published on the project web pages <http://public.mzos.hr/Default.aspx?sec=3479>

**Project Added Value**

NEWFELPRO allows applicants to freely apply within any scientific area of their choice and fellows/grants are assigned only on the basis of excellence and quality of research projects.

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