



CALL FOR JOINT ACTIONS AND PROGRAMMES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
BETWEEN
TUNISIA –ITALY

JOINT CALL 2025

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1. BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of Tunisia (MHESR) and the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) of the Italian Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants", recognise the **fundamental role of higher education and scientific research** in the dialogue between Italy and Tunisia.

Considering the long-standing and positive collaboration developed over the course of the last decades, the abovementioned Ministries intend to **further strengthen cooperation** in these areas between Italy and Tunisia.

The Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the fields of higher education and scientific research, signed on 17 April 2024 in Tunis, aims to promote new joint actions and programs to support the mobility of students, teachers, and researchers, the realization of joint research projects, as well as the joint use of scientific and technological infrastructures.

It will foster structured cooperation along the lines of the development of major multilateral programmes in the selected activities areas.

Within the framework of the MoU on higher education and scientific research between the Government of Italy and the Government of Tunisia, the Directorate General for Internationalization and Communication of the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research and the General Direction of Scientific Research in the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of Tunisia are opening a call for proposals in the fields of higher education and scientific research for the year 2025 (Joint Call 2025).

For further information, please contact representatives of the national funding organizations (see contact details in Section 5.3).

2. AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Joint Call aims to support **excellent, collaborative, bilateral, transdisciplinary, fundamental, or applied research initiatives** focused on the priority activity areas described below. These initiatives will be based on the principles of mutual benefit and aim to strengthen knowledge and share applications.

The purpose of the Joint Call is the establishment of more effective relationships in higher education and scientific research between Italy and Tunisia, especially through the coordination and collaboration of multilateral research programmes. Within the call, the Participants aim to facilitate the exchange of good practices, strategic planning, and the design of joint initiatives. The **strategic objectives (SO)** of the call are:

- SO1: Joint scientific breakthroughs based on the complementary expertise of the project partners from Italy and Tunisia in one of the priority activity areas.
- SO2: The potential positive impact of the proposed scientific breakthroughs and innovations in actively addressing technological and societal challenges.
- SO3: Strengthened joint collaboration in relevant multilateral programmes (e.g., PRIMA, Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, etc.) in the priority areas of the Italian and Tunisian national policies.
- SO4: Increased mobility of students, faculty members, and researchers, and exchange of research resources between the project partners from Italy and Tunisia during and beyond the project timeframe.
- SO5: Establishment of collaborative training courses, between Italian and Tunisian higher education institutions, aimed at the implementation, among others, of double degree programs.

Therefore, the proposals provide prospects for long-term cooperation between respective national and multilateral education and research programmes, institutions, infrastructures and innovative businesses. In particular, areas of cooperation of common interest, such as **Agri-Tech, including Health and Food security; ICT applications; Sustainable Blue Economy; Energy Security; Advanced Manufacturing; and Cultural Heritage** will be taken into account.

The cooperation between the partners may include the following **activity areas**:

- **Basic and industrial research projects**

The objective of this activity area is to encourage cooperation and joint projects between higher education and research institutions and enterprises in the fields of research, innovation and technology transfer, also with the aim to exchange information and views on scientific and technological policy issues.

Additionally, this activity area supports academic research and teaching on the language, literature, culture and history of the two Countries.

- **Innovation ecosystems**

The aim of this activity area is to:

- exchange mutual learning paths, share best practices for the establishment, enhancement and promotion of innovation ecosystems, and strengthen common capacity building between national players;
- promote entrepreneurship, innovative start-ups and spin-offs enhancing research results through qualified services and dedicated programmes to train innovation managers and brokers.

The project proposals could include **two-way mobility of students, faculty members, and researchers' education and training activities**.

3. THE CALL FOR JOINT ACTIONS

3.1. Eligibility Requirements

Project proposals:

- must be written in English;
- must have the following duration: 36 months;
- must address at least one of the activity areas mentioned above;
- must address one of the thematic areas of cooperation:
 - **Agri-Tech, including Health and Food security;**
 - **ICT applications;**
 - **Sustainable Blue Economy;**
 - **Energy Security;**
 - **Advanced Manufacturing;**
 - **Cultural Heritage.**

Italian Party (MUR):

Eligible legal entities:

- The call is open to Italian public or private research and higher education institutions, and private companies.

- For each proposal, the applicant entity may participate alone or jointly with one or more co-applicant entities.

Tunisian Party (MHESR):

Eligible legal entities:

- This call is open to Tunisian public institutions of higher education and scientific research and public research centers.
- The proposals should involve one or more research entities.
- The PI must hold the rank of Full Professor or Associate Professor (Maître de Conférences) and be affiliated with a public research laboratory that is part of the partner institution involved in the project.
- The involvement of industrial or socio-economic sector partners is essential to promote collaborative research and optimize the valorization of scientific outcomes. These partners may participate at their own expense.

3.2. How to apply

Joint proposals must be submitted to both Participants (double application) according to the following rules:

Italian Party (MUR):

- Proposals shall be submitted exclusively online by filling out the dedicated forms through the following platform: <https://banditransnazionali.mur.gov.it/>.
- The application submitted through the above platform has to be signed by the legal representative of the applicant entity.

Tunisian Party (MHESR):

- Proposals shall be submitted exclusively online by filling out the dedicated forms through the following link: **Application Form**
- The application must be signed by the legal representative of the applicant entity.
- The Tunisian Principal Investigator (PI) should submit the proposal electronically as a single PDF file to: **partenariat.scientifique@gmail.com**.

Applicants must fill out all mandatory fields on the form for their proposal to enter the selection process and to be considered for funding.

Projects involving experiments with human beings and animals must be performed in accordance with the relevant national and international regulations on ethics.

Proposals will not be taken further into the evaluation in case the following occurs, and this cannot be corrected in a timely manner:

- do not meet the project requirements described in the sections below,
- and/or do not comply with the eligibility criteria of the Funding Organizations which they seek funding from,
- and/or are incomplete.

3.3. Call timeline and budget

This call consists of a one-stage submission and two-step evaluation process, described in Section 4. Applications received after the submission deadline will not be allowed into the evaluation and selection process.

- Publication of the Call: **07 May 2025**;
- Deadline for Proposal Submission: **01 September 2025**;
- Communication of full-proposal assessment: **December 2025**.

Available budget:

Italian Party (MUR): € 500.000,00

Tunisian Party (MHESR): € 500.000,00

3.4. Proposal requirements

3.4.1. General requirements

Tunisian and Italian partners must fill out all mandatory fields on the submission form for their proposal to enter the evaluation process and to be considered for funding. To be eligible, a proposal must include all mandatory information requested in the Proposal Form.

In filling out the online proposal form, it is expected that applicants consider the following:

- proposals should clearly describe how the proposed project will deliver on at least one activity areas, of the chosen activities listed in section 2;
- proposals should include well-justified budgets, partitioning of funds, and allocation of responsibilities and time. Proposals may include, where appropriate, well-thought-out data management, project stakeholder engagement, and communication management plans. Plans for providing broad public accessibility of data, results, and findings should be described;
- proposals should also detail the impact and dissemination strategy, external communications activities, planned social media activities as well as any other externally facing communication activities foreseen as a result of this work;

It will be positively considered:

- proposals involving more than one Tunisians and Italian public or private research or higher education institutions;
- Joint collaboration in relevant multilateral programmes (e.g., PRIMA, Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, etc.);
- coherence and synergy within already existing initiatives;
- initiatives with potential industrial impact and/or involving a private company which may contribute to the project as Societal/Industry Partner.

3.4.2. Budget and eligible costs

Research partnerships are expected to include one overall project budget in the Proposal Form, expressed in euros (€ / EUR). The budget proposal of each Partner must meet the eligibility requirements of the national Funding Organization which it seeks funding from, including a potential budget limit per Partner.

A detailed budget justification is required in the Proposal Form. Applicants are also required to explain the source of any additional funding.

4. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

4.1. Evaluation Process

Evaluation of proposals will be performed in accordance with national legislation.

The Participants appoint a **joint Call Management Committee** which includes representatives from both countries on equal footing, in charge of evaluating the proposed projects, in accordance with national legislation. The joint Call Management Committee will also be in charge of monitoring the project execution.

After the Call closure, all submitted proposals will undergo a formal eligibility check before moving to the two-step evaluation process:

- The first step will be performed at the national level to identify a shortlist of proposals.
- The second step will be performed by the joint Call Management Committee which will reach a consensus on the final list of projects eligible for funding.

The selected projects will be announced by the Ministries by publishing them on the websites of each Party at the end of the process.

4.2. Evaluation criteria

Project proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Compliance of project proposals outcomes with activity areas (See Section 2)

Project proposals will be evaluated based on their alignment with planned cooperation activities, which encompass a broad range of research fields and initiatives. These include:

- Research Projects: Targeted areas of study include Agri-Tech, including Health and Food security; ICT applications; Sustainable Blue Economy; Energy Security; Advanced Manufacturing; and Cultural Heritage.
- Academic Research and Education: Focused on fostering high-quality academic pursuits and educational programs.
- Mobility Programmes: Designed for students and researchers to promote collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- Education and Training Initiatives: Emphasizing advanced training programs, participation in conferences, and the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation.

These efforts are aimed at enhancing innovation capacity and collaboration among national institutions.

- Quality of project proposals for achieving project outcomes

The scientific relevance and innovativeness of the project objectives are evaluated based on several key criteria:

- Specificity, Measurability, and Verifiability of Results: Clear, quantifiable, and verifiable outcomes are essential.
- Clear Explanation and Justification: Well-articulated activities and programmes, with sound justification and proposed methodologies.
- Coherence of Objectives with Expected Outcomes: Alignment of project goals with anticipated results.

- Adequate and Coherent Methodology: Detailed, appropriate, and logically structured methodological approach throughout the project.

These criteria ensure that the project proposals are scientifically relevant, and innovative, and contribute significantly to progress in their respective fields.

- Qualification and Expertise of the Project/Research Teams

In evaluating the project teams, consideration is given to the project objectives, proposed methodologies, and the academic reputation of the partner institutions. Key aspects include:

- Added Value of Bilateral Cooperation: The scientific contributions of each partner should be clearly described and explained, emphasizing the added value of their cooperation.
- Integration of Diversity and Gender Perspectives: The proposal should integrate diversity and gender perspectives within the partnership, project plan, and desired outcomes, where relevant.

These criteria ensure that the project teams are well-qualified and possess the expertise necessary to achieve the project objectives effectively.

- Assessment of the Sustainability of the Initiatives, Exploitation, and Dissemination Measures Towards the Project's Impact

In evaluating the project's impact, it is crucial to assess how its results uniquely contribute to the specific objectives of the call, with a particular focus on the long-term sustainability of the initiatives. Key considerations include:

- Contribution to Call Objectives: The project's results should be clearly aligned with and significantly contribute to the specific objectives outlined in the call.
- Sustainability: The proposal should address how the project's outcomes will be sustained ensuring ongoing impact.
- Knowledge Dissemination: The proposal should comprehensively describe plans for disseminating the generated knowledge in relevant scientific forums.
- Target Groups Identification: Clear identification of the main target groups for communication and dissemination of the project's results is essential.

These elements are vital to ensure that the project's outcomes are impactful, widely disseminated, and sustainably managed.

- Management and Budget

The proposed activities are meticulously conceived and organized, supported by an operational plan that includes well-defined milestones and deliverables to facilitate effective project monitoring. Key aspects include:

- Well-defined Milestones and Deliverables: The operational plan clearly outlines project results, ensuring structured progress and accountability.
- Justified and Cost-Efficient Funding: The total funding requested is well-justified and demonstrates cost-efficiency in relation to the expected outcomes.

These elements ensure that the project is managed efficiently, with a budget that supports its successful implementation and addresses all relevant concerns.

Preference will be awarded to:

- proposals involving more than one Tunisian and Italian public or private research or higher education institutions;
- Joint collaboration in relevant multilateral programmes (e.g., PRIMA, Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, etc.) ;
- coherence and synergy within already existing initiatives;
- Initiatives with potential industrial impact and/or involving a private company which may contribute to the project as a Societal/Industry Partner.

5. FUNDING PROCEDURES

5.1. Funding decision and grant administration

The Funding Organizations will select at least five (5) projects and ten (10) projects in maximum for funding based on the results of the joint evaluation process, considering the budgets made available by each Funding Organization. The joint Call Management Committee will ensure the fair and equitable nature of the evaluation and selection process.

Italian Party (MUR):

Funding for selected projects will be provided in two installments, a pre-payment after the signature of the Grant Agreement, equal to 80% of the total funding, and the balance at the end of the project after verification of the final financial report.

The contribution granted by MUR is intended as co-funding support for the project, equal to 70% of the eligible costs. Therefore, co-funding by the participating Italian entities of 30% of the total costs of the project is mandatory. Any other financial contribution from public or private, Italian or Tunisian Institutions, will be positively evaluated.

The maximum cost of the project activities of the Italian partner(s) is 100.000 euros, including co-funding by the applying institution.

Tunisian Party (MHESR):

The execution and financing conditions for selected projects will be outlined in the grant award agreements. The Principal Investigator (PI) of each approved project will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.

Funding will be provided in three installments. The second installment will be disbursed once at least 50% of the first installment has been spent and a scientific and financial report on the first year's achievements has been submitted. The third installment will be released after at least 70% of the total funds allocated for the first two years have been utilized and upon submission of a comprehensive progress report.

The total funding for each project will range from a minimum of 50,000 euros to a maximum of 100,000 euros over a three-year period.

5.2. Reporting

- Italian Applicants shall submit an annual report on the progress of their project to the Funding Organisation. The reports will be due each January 31st as indicated in the text of the Ministerial Decree establishing the projects selected for funding. The first annual report is not required if the Project's lifespan is less than 6 months as of January 31st.
- Tunisian Applicants shall submit an interim report (scientific and financial) to the MHESR, the granting of the second and third budget depends on the submission and positive evaluation of the interim reports. At the end of the third year, a final report is required.

5.3. Contact Information

Specific questions about eligibility and additional information on the present call, applicants can refer to the Contact Points listed in the table below.

In Italy	In Tunisia
Office III - Directorate General of Internationalization and Communication (MUR)	Directorate General of Scientific Research (MHESR)
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6. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

6.1. Data Management and open access

Proposals must have a reasonable and credible Data Management Plan¹ for open data access.

Applicants will be requested to describe their Data Management Plan in their proposal. The plan should include information about types of data, information, models, software, workflows and code, or other digital products being generated by the project. It should outline the accessible archives or other open repository where these products and accompanying metadata will be housed.

The funded projects are expected to make their best efforts to ensure open access to data as soon as possible.

6.2. Intellectual Property Policy

In the event that Intellectual Property has been jointly created by Italian and Tunisian beneficiary(ies), the joint owners shall enter into an Intellectual Property Management Agreement, which shall govern how the jointly owned results will be protected, managed, and exploited.

6.3. Data Protection

Data are expected to be securely shared between Italian and Tunisian Parties to enable the secure and efficient processing of full proposals for the Italian and Tunisian Parties funding opportunity. Data shared may include anonymized reviews and panel summaries. Italian and Tunisian Parties are committed to maintaining data confidentiality, protection, and privacy and intend to fully abide by their own applicable laws and policies concerning the sharing of data in collaborative activities.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/open-access-data-management/data-management_en.htm

**BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2025**

Under the **Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation** between the Government of the Republic of Tunisia and the Government of the Republic of India, signed in Tunis on October 17, 1995, the **General Directorate of Scientific Research (GDSR)** at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia, and the **Department of Science & Technology (DST)**, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, invite Tunisian and Indian universities, research centers, and institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research.

I. PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS

The joint research project should be on any of the following areas:

- climate change and eco- innovation
- e-health
- geospatial technology

II. WHO CAN APPLY

The proposals should involve **one or more research entities** from both sides. The joint application must include **one Tunisian and one Indian Principal Investigator (PI)**, who will be responsible for both the **technical and administrative coordination** of the project, including periodic **scientific and financial reporting** to the respective authorities (MHESR in Tunisia and DST in India).

The involvement of **industrial or socio-economic sector partners** is preferred to promote collaborative research and optimize the valorization of scientific outcomes. These partners may participate at their own expenses.

In Tunisia:

- The PI must hold the rank of **Full Professor** or **Associate Professor (Maître de Conférences)**.
- The PI must be affiliated with a **public research laboratory** that is part of the **partner institution** involved in the project.
- The critical mass of the research team involved must be composed of a minimum of five (5) statutory researchers (corps A and B), including at least two members with the rank of professor, associate professor, or equivalent rank.

In India:

Indian Project Lead and Co-Is should be scientists/faculty members working in regular capacity in universities, academic institutes and national research and development laboratories/institutes. The Indian Project Lead and Co-Is should not be retiring or leaving the parent institute during the proposed duration of the project. The Indian scientist involved in any way in the implementation of two or more projects supported by DST (International Group) that are not expected to be completed by March 31, 2025 are not eligible to be a member of Research team/Project Lead.

III. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- For the Tunisian research entities: Each project will be funded up to TND 50,000 per year for a duration of maximum three years (maximum total budget of TND150,000).
- For the Indian research entities: Each project will be funded up to for a duration of maximum three years (maximum total budget of 45 lakhs).

Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget

The following expenses are eligible for financial support under the approved projects:

- **Exchange Visits for Project Team Members:**
 - For researcher exchanges, the sending party will cover round-trip economy-class airfare to the relevant entry city of the host country and medical insurance.
 - The receiving party will provide accommodation and cover living expenses.
- **Support for Consumables:** Up to 30–40% of the total budget may be allocated for consumables and accessories.
- **Human Resources:** The participation of research students is encouraged.
- **Scientific Events and Meetings:** Support is available for organizing and participating in scientific conferences, seminars, and meetings.
- **Research-Related Expenses: (Only Tunisian Applicants)**
 - Coverage includes publication and filing fees for scientific publications and patent applications.
 - Expenses for conducting analyses and processing samples are also supported.
- **Institutional Overhead: (Only Indian Applicants)**
 - Institutional overhead costs for Indian applicants will be determined based on prevailing DST norms.

IV. GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals

- The proposal must be written in English and jointly prepared by Tunisian and Indian applicants.
- The application must include the following documents:
 - Duly completed application forms.
 - Curriculum vitae (CV) of each research team member.
 - A letter of intent exchanged between the project's Principal Investigators (PIs).
 - A signed submission request, approved and reviewed by:
 - The Director of the research structure,
 - The Head of the institution, and
 - The supervisory authority (e.g., University President, Director General, etc.).
 - Details of the participating industrial or socio-economic sector partners, including their field of business and the expected project outcomes, particularly in terms of productivity and competitiveness.

Submission

- For Tunisian applicants:
 - Applicants can apply by accessing the link: Application
 - The Tunisian PI should submit the proposal electronically to partenariat.scientifique@gmail.com in a **single PDF file**.
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered.
 - Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.
 - Sending hard copies of proposals is not needed.
- For Indian applicants:

Indian applicants should submit their proposals using the format available at <https://onlinedst.gov.in> by 5:00 PM (India time) on last date (31 July 2025). After registration, they should move to "scheme and format" section where details about this call would be available in the International Cooperation (bilateral). An email acknowledging receipt of the application will be provided to the applicant in 3-5 working days. It should be ensured that application with identical title has been submitted by his/her Tunisian counterpart scientist with Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia by due date.

V. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Projects are evaluated by MHESR/GDSR and MST/DST independently by their own evaluation procedures. Only the proposals which are accepted by two sides will be funded. The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Strategic Alignment and Project Relevance
 - **Consistency with priority research areas:** The project must align with the themes defined in the call for proposals (climate change and eco- innovation; e-health; geospatial technology and address major scientific and societal challenges).

- **Innovation and originality:** The project should introduce a novel approach, either through new methodologies or by applying existing knowledge to an unprecedented context.
 - **Added value of bilateral collaboration:** The complementarity of the institutions and researchers involved must be demonstrated, with a clear distribution of responsibilities and scientific contributions from each partner.
 - **Scientific and technological impact:** The project should demonstrate its potential to advance the state of the art in its field and produce exploitable results.
- **Scientific Quality and Methodological Robustness**
- **Clarity and precision of objectives:** The project goals must be well-defined, measurable, and achievable within the proposed timeframe and budget.
 - **Adequacy of the methodology:** The proposal must present a robust methodological approach, well-suited to the research objectives and aligned with international standards.
 - **Interdisciplinarity and integrated approach:** The project's ability to mobilize multiple disciplines to address complex challenges will be valued.
 - **Risk management:** Potential risks must be clearly identified, along with mitigation strategies.
- **Expertise and Complementarity of Research Teams**
- **Experience and scientific excellence of researchers:** The scientific leadership of the coordinators and the experience of the teams in the relevant field must be demonstrated.
 - **Complementarity of skills:** The interaction between partner teams should create strong synergy, leading to a deeper understanding of the research topic.
 - **Supervision of young researchers and training:** The involvement of young researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and PhD students will be valued, with an emphasis on skill transfer and capacity building.
 - **Collaboration dynamics and integration of diversity and gender equality perspectives:** The project's commitment to promoting inclusive and balanced partnerships will be assessed.
- **Impact, Dissemination, and Exploitation of Results**
- **Contribution to societal and economic challenges:** The project should demonstrate how its results will benefit society, industries, or public policies.
 - **Dissemination and communication plan:** Strategies for sharing results with the scientific community, policymakers, and the general public must be clearly defined (publications, conferences, digital platforms, etc.).
 - **Transferability and applicability of results:** Identifying exploitation perspectives, particularly through industrial collaborations or technological innovations, will be an asset.
 - **Follow-up and sustainability perspectives:** The project should outline a clear vision for continuing research and maintaining collaborations beyond the funding period.

VI. EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS AND FINAL REPORTS

For Tunisian team:

The PI must submit an interim report (scientific and financial) to the MHESR, the granting of the second and third budget depends on the submission and positive evaluation of the interim reports. At the end of the third year, a final report is required

For Indian team:

The PI must submit an annual financial year wise report (scientific and financial) to the DST, the granting of the second and third budget depends on the submission and positive evaluation of the interim reports. At the end of the third year, a final report is required

VII. SCHEDULE

- Publication of the Call: **May 19, 2025.**
- Deadline for Proposal Submission: **July 31, 2025.**

VIII. CONTACT POINTS

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Appel à propositions conjoint 2025

Tunisie -Algérie

Financement des projets de recherche et développement

Conformément à la convention de coopération dans le domaine de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche scientifique entre le Gouvernement de la République Tunisienne et le Gouvernement de la République Algérienne Démocratique et Populaire signée à Alger le 21 Décembre 2017, le Ministère Tunisien de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (MESRS-TN) et le Ministère Algérien de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (MESRS-ALG) et suite aux résultats de la deuxième session de la Commission mixte Tuniso - Algérienne dans le domaine de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche scientifique, qui s'est tenue à Alger (Algérie) les 13 et 14 avril 2025, Il a été décidé de lancer conjointement un nouvel appel à propositions pour le financement de **projets de recherche et développement**.

I. Domaines de recherche prioritaires

Les projets de recherche conjoints doivent porter sur l'un des domaines suivants :

- Intelligence Artificielle et technologies avancées ;
- Energie ;
- Environnement et économie circulaire.

II. Qui peut postuler ?

Les propositions doivent impliquer au moins une structure de recherche de chaque pays. La proposition doit inclure un chercheur principal tunisien (CP) et un chercheur principal algérien (CP), responsables de la coordination technique et administrative du projet, y compris les rapports scientifiques et financiers périodiques aux autorités respectives.

La participation de partenaires industriels ou socio-économiques est requise pour promouvoir la recherche collaborative et optimiser la valorisation des résultats scientifiques. Ces partenaires peuvent participer à leurs frais.

En Tunisie :

- Le CP doit être un Professeur Universitaire ou Maître de Conférences.
- Le CP doit être affilié à un laboratoire de recherche public faisant partie de l'institution/centre de recherche partenaire impliqué dans le projet.
- Le CP ne peut s'impliquer dans plus d'un projet au cours du même appel à propositions.

- L'équipe de recherche doit comprendre au moins cinq (5) chercheurs permanents (corps A et B), dont deux membres au minimum de rang professeur ou maître de conférences.

En Algérie :

- Le CP doit être au minimum un maître de conférences/maître de recherche.
- Le CP doit signer une convention avec la DGRSDT/MESRS après la sélection.
- Le CP ne peut être impliqué dans plus d'un projet en tant que CP au cours du même appel à propositions.
- Le CP impliqué dans deux projets actifs de la DGRSDT, au même titre, n'est pas éligible.
- L'équipe de recherche doit comprendre cinq (5) chercheurs (corps A et B, et grades supérieurs).
- Le projet ne doit pas avoir reçu de financement ni avoir été soumis à une autre agence, programme ou organisme de financement afin d'éviter un double financement.

III. Financement

- Pour les structures tunisiennes : Chaque projet sera financé jusqu'à 30 000 TND par an pour une durée maximale de trois ans (budget total maximal de 90 000 TND).
- Pour les structures algériennes : Chaque projet sera financé jusqu'à 130 000 DZD par an pour une durée maximale de trois ans (budget total maximal de 390 000 DZD).

Dépenses éligibles :

- Frais de déplacement et indemnités journalières,
- Petits équipements, logistiques et consommables,
- Contrats de prestation de services
- Organisation et participation à des événements scientifiques,
- Frais de publication et de dépôt de brevets,
- Coûts d'analyses et de traitement d'échantillons.

IV. Modalités de soumission

Le dossier de candidature doit être rédigé en français, conjointement par les équipes tunisienne et algérienne et doit inclure :

- Formulaire de soumission complété,
- CV des membres de l'équipe,
- Demande de soumission validée par :
 - Le directeur de la structure de recherche,
 - Le chef d'établissement,
 - L'autorité de tutelle (Président d'Université, Directeur Général du centre de recherche).
- Détails des partenaires industriels ou socio-économiques (secteur d'activité et retombées attendues).

Pour les candidats tunisiens :

- Les propositions doivent être soumises exclusivement en ligne en renseignant le formulaire dédié à cet effet, via le lien suivant : [FORMULAIRE](#)
- Le responsable tunisien doit soumettre la proposition sous forme d'un **fichier PDF unique** électroniquement à l'adresse : partenariat.scientifique@gmail.com
- Les dossiers incomplets ou non conformes ne seront pas examinés.

Pour les candidats algériens :

- Les propositions doivent être soumises exclusivement en ligne en renseignant le formulaire dédié à cet effet, via le lien suivant : FORMULAIRE
- Les propositions doivent être soumises sous forme d'un **fichier PDF unique**, et envoyées via le lien ci-dessous, et par adresse électronique : sdpir@dgrsdt.dz
- Les dossiers incomplets ou non conformes ne seront pas examinés.

V.Évaluation et sélection

1. Processus d'évaluation

À la clôture de l'appel, toutes les propositions soumises feront l'objet d'une évaluation en deux étapes :

- La première étape : une éligibilité administrative qui se déroulera au niveau national.
- La deuxième étape : elle sera réalisée par les comités d'experts des deux pays, qui parviendront à un consensus sur la liste finale des projets éligibles pour le financement.

Les projets sélectionnés seront annoncés par les ministères et publiés sur les sites internet de chaque Partie à la clôture du processus.

2. Critères d'évaluation :

- **Alignement stratégique et pertinence du projet**
 - **Cohérence avec les axes de recherche prioritaires** : Le projet doit s'inscrire dans les thématiques définies par l'appel à propositions (IA et technologies avancées ; L'énergie ; Environnement et économie circulaire) et répondre à des enjeux scientifiques et sociétaux majeurs.
 - **Innovation et originalité** : Le projet doit apporter une approche novatrice, soit par de nouvelles méthodologies, soit par l'application de connaissances existantes à un contexte inédit.
 - **Valeur ajoutée de la collaboration bilatérale** : La complémentarité des institutions et chercheurs impliqués doit être démontrée, avec une répartition claire des responsabilités et des contributions scientifiques de chaque partenaire.
 - **Impact scientifique et technologique** : L'étude doit démontrer son potentiel à faire avancer l'état de l'art dans son domaine et à produire des résultats exploitables.
- **Qualité scientifique et robustesse méthodologique**
 - **Clarté et précision des objectifs** : Les buts du projet doivent être bien définis, mesurables et réalisables dans le cadre temporel et budgétaire prévu.
 - **Adéquation de la méthodologie** : La proposition doit présenter une approche méthodologique robuste, adaptée aux objectifs de recherche et conforme aux standards internationaux.

- **Interdisciplinarité et approche intégrée** : La capacité du projet à mobiliser plusieurs disciplines pour répondre aux défis complexes sera valorisée.
- **Gestion des risques** : L'identification des risques potentiels et les stratégies d'atténuation doivent être clairement exposées.
- **Expertise et complémentarité des équipes de recherche**
 - **Expérience et excellence scientifique des chercheurs** : Le leadership scientifique des coordinateurs et l'expérience des équipes dans le domaine concerné doivent être démontrés.
 - **Complémentarité des compétences** : L'interaction entre les équipes partenaires doit apporter une synergie forte, favorisant une meilleure compréhension du sujet traité.
 - **Encadrement des jeunes chercheurs et formation** : L'implication des jeunes chercheurs, des post- doctorants et des doctorants sera valorisée, en mettant l'accent sur le transfert de compétences et le renforcement des capacités.
 - **Dynamique de collaboration et intégration des perspectives de diversité et d'égalité de genre** : L'engagement du projet à promouvoir des partenariats inclusifs et équilibrés sera évalué.
- **Impact, diffusion et valorisation des résultats**
 - **Contribution aux enjeux sociétaux et économiques** : Le projet doit démontrer comment ses résultats bénéficieront à la société, aux industries ou aux politiques publiques.
 - **Plan de dissémination et de communication** : Les stratégies pour partager les résultats avec la communauté scientifique, les décideurs et le grand public doivent être clairement définies (publications, conférences, plateformes numériques, etc.).
 - **Transférabilité et applicabilité des résultats** : L'identification de perspectives d'exploitation, notamment via des collaborations industrielles ou des innovations technologiques, sera un atout.
 - **Perspectives de suivi et de pérennisation** : Le projet doit proposer une vision claire de la poursuite des recherches et du maintien des collaborations après la fin du financement.
- **Gestion du projet et optimisation des ressources**
 - **Clarté du plan de travail et des livrables** : Le calendrier doit inclure des étapes précises avec des indicateurs de progression et des résultats intermédiaires mesurables.
 - **Efficacité du budget** : Le financement demandé doit être justifié, équilibré entre les partenaires et optimisé par rapport aux résultats attendus.
 - **Gouvernance et coordination du projet** : Les rôles et responsabilités des partenaires doivent être bien définis, avec des mécanismes clairs de communication et de prise de décision.
 - **Mécanismes d'évaluation et d'ajustement** : Des procédures de suivi et d'évaluation doivent être prévues pour s'assurer de la bonne exécution du projet et de l'atteinte des objectifs fixés.

VI. Calendrier

- Ouverture de l'appel : **15 Mai 2025**
- Clôture de l'appel : **15 Aout 2025**
- Annonce des résultats : **Novembre 2025**

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