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The French-Estonian cooperation program PARROT

Call for travel grants 2025-2026

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French-Estonian science and technology cooperation program - PARROT

- Parrot is a French-Estonian science and technology cooperation program, which is implemented in France by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), and in Estonia by the Ministry of Education and Research.
- In Estonia, the program is coordinated by **Estonian Research Council** and Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the **French Embassy in Estonia**.

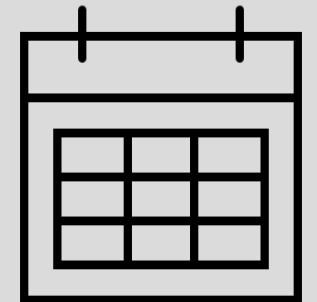
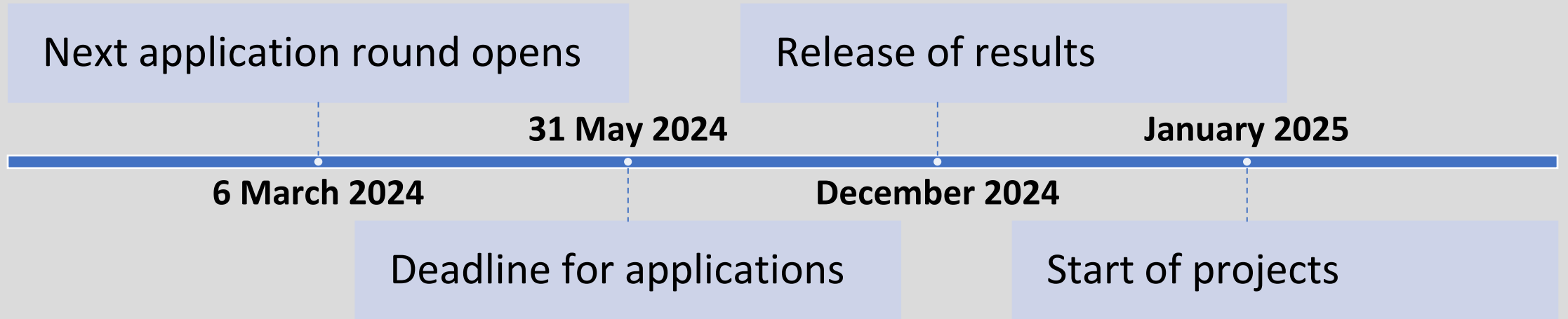
PARROT program

The call for PARROT programm travel grant is launched **in every two years.**

The aim is to develop research and technology cooperation between the two countries in **all fields** of fundamental and applied science, including humanities and social sciences.

The first joint travel grant application round for the PARROT program was held in 2002 and to date there are 157 applications submitted in 11 public competitions, with 87 joint projects funded.

Dates and deadlines



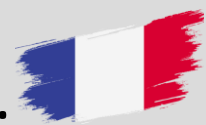
Who can apply?



- Open to **researchers** from **research organisations** or **higher education institutions**.
- Companies may participate in the project, if associated with an academic partner.
- Projects that have already received support under this program (for 2023-2024) are not eligible for a new application immediately after their completion.



The partners (EE and FR) must submit an identical joint application to the responsible authorities in both countries.



How to apply?

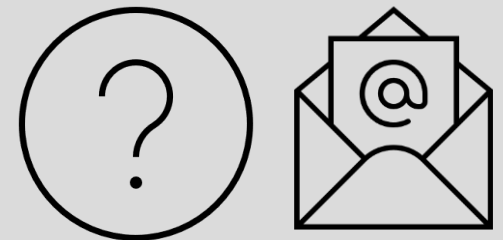
- The partners (EE and FR) must submit an identical **joint** application to the responsible authorities in both countries:



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<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater>



Estonian applications must send the electronically signed application in English to darja.matt@etag.ee



Project selection

Eligible projects will be assessed separately by the two parties and they will decide then jointly which projects to choose.



For the **French** side, the Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) of MESR will carry out the scientific evaluation of the dossiers.

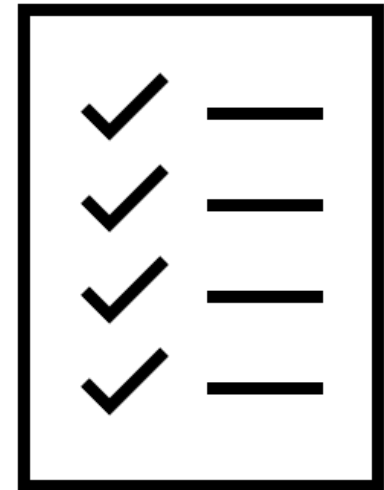


For the **Estonian** side, the evaluation will be done by the Evaluation Committee consisting of Estonian scientific experts.

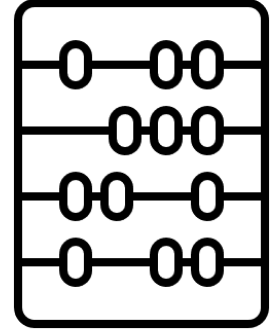


Project evaluation criteria

- Scientific quality of the project.
- Quality and competence of the French and Estonian teams.
- Active participation of young researchers, in particular doctoral students and post-docs.
- Interest of cooperation and complementarity of French and Estonian teams.
- Prospects for structuring or enhancing the project. Priority will be given in particular to network projects with the European dimension.
- Particular attention will be paid to projects that fit into the political priorities of the European Union (as expressed in the Horizon Europe framework program) and of the bilateral cooperation between Estonia and France.

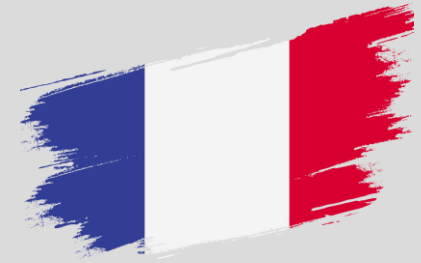


Funding and budget



- The funding covers only the cost of **mobility between the two countries** of researchers involved in the program. Any other funding necessary for the implementation of joint projects must be provided by the partners' own resources or from other sources.
- In the last call for applications in 2022, 11 projects were selected for two years with a success rate of 65%, and an average annual funding of 5 000€ (**EE+FR**).

Eligible expenses - France



- The resources granted by **France** cover the payment of daily allowances and travel expenses for **French** researchers:
- **Daily allowances: EUR 125/day** (including accommodation costs)
- **Travel costs:** reimbursement of actual costs up to max **EUR 450** per return journey (incl. insurance costs)



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Eligible expenses - Estonia

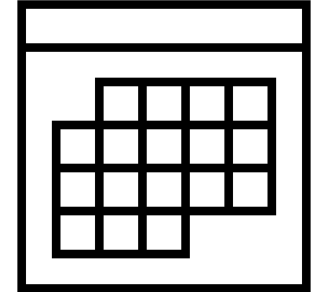


- The resources granted by **Estonia** cover the payment of daily allowances and travel expenses for **Estonian** researchers:
- **Daily allowances: EUR 110/day** (including accommodation costs and costs on city transport)
- **Travel costs:** reimbursement of actual costs up to a max of **EUR 500** per return journey (incl. insurance costs)



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Methods of operation



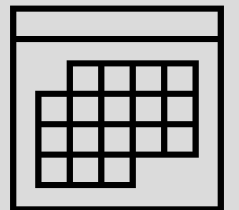
- The duration of the projects is **two years**.
- Funding is granted on an annual basis, for two consecutive years. It must be used up between 1 January and 31 December and **cannot be carried over to the following year**.
- The funding partners reserve the right to decide on the funding for the second year of a joint project that has not been launched in the first year or has partially completed the work plan.

Methods of operation

Renewal of funding for a second year is subject to (for the **French** part only):



- An optimal consumption of the funding granted for the 1st year.
- The submission of a progress report mentioning the scientific results obtained (1 page in free format) and the mobilities carried out or planned before the end of the current year.



Project reporting



For French part



- A final scientific and financial report is required no later than three months after the end of the projects.
- French project leaders must imperatively use the downloadable report template and attach it to their online application within this deadline.
- Particular attention will be paid to scientific co-publications written within the framework of this project, which must mention the support granted by the Ministries of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and of Higher Education, Research (MESR).

For Estonian part



- A final scientific report is required no later than three months after the end of the projects. The form of the final report is provided with the contract.

Summary

- Travel grant covers only the cost of mobility between two countries.
- Call opens on 6 March 2024 and deadline is 31 May 2024.
- Open to **researchers** from **research organisations** or **higher education institutions**.
- The partners (EE and FR) must submit an identical **joint** application to the responsible authorities in both countries.



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Information

- More information (forms, conditions etc will be updated soon) on the webpage of **Estonian Research Council**: <https://etag.ee/en/cooperation/bilateral-cooperation/parrot-french-estonian-science-and-technology-cooperation-program/>

etag.ee/en -> cooperation -> Bilateral cooperation -> -> PARROT French-Estonian science and technology cooperation programme

The screenshot shows the Estonian Research Council website. The header includes the logo and name of the council, and a navigation menu with options: RESEARCH COUNCIL, NEWS, FUNDING, COOPERATION, and ACTIVITIES. The 'COOPERATION' menu item is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area features a purple sidebar with a list of international cooperation programs, including 'Bilateral cooperation'. The main text area is titled 'PARROT French-Estonian science and technology cooperation programme' and provides contact information for Darja Matt (darja.matt@etag.ee), details of the first application round in 2002, and the next application round for 2025-2026, which opens on 1 April 2024 with a deadline of 31 May 2024. It also mentions an informative webinar on 5 March 2024.

- French website - **Campus France**: [Programme Parrot 2025 - 2026 | Campus France](https://www.campusfrance.fr/fr/programmes/programme-parrot-2025-2026)

The screenshot shows the Campus France website. The header includes the logos of the French Republic and Campus France, along with social media icons and navigation tabs for 'ÉTUDIANTS', 'CHERCHEURS', and 'INSTITUTIONNELLS'. The main content area is titled 'PROGRAMME PARROT 2025 - 2026' and features a green background with a portrait of a man. The page is dated 'Mise à jour le 04 mars 2024'. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'CHERCHEURS' and 'PAYS CONCERNÉ(S) : ESTONIE', along with a footer containing '#Appels à candidature' and '#Bourse et Financement'.

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