

REGIONAL PROGRAM STIC-AmSud
11th CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Year 2016

1. The regional program STIC-AmSud

The Regional Program STIC-AmSud is an initiative of the French cooperation and their counterparts from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, aimed to promote and strengthen the collaboration and to create networks of research and development in the field of Information and Communication Science and Technology (ICT), through joint projects.

Its **specific objectives** are:

- to develop the cooperation in the field of ICT, through the exchange of researchers and students among South American countries involved and France.
- to support basic and applied research projects containing a dimension of potential transfer and technological innovation, with a regional component, between France and at least two South American partners.
- to favor, in South America, synergies with other multilateral and regional programs in this area, particularly with the European Union.
- to favor young researcher participation in order to ensure long-lasting cooperation networks.

The program STIC-AmSud relies on two committees:

a) Steering Committee, consisting of:

- By the French side, by representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI), the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), the National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control (INRIA) and the MINES-TELECOM Institute;
- By the South American side, by representatives of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation from Argentina (MINCYT), the Coordination of Improvement of Senior Staff of the Ministry of Education in Brazil (CAPES), the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT), the National Council of Science and Technology of Paraguay (CONACYT), the National Council of Science, Technology and Innovation Technology of Peru (CONCYTEC), the National Agency of Investigation and Innovation of Uruguay (ANII) and the Ministry of Popular Power of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Venezuela (MPPEUCT), the Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia (ColCiencias), the Higher Education Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation of Ecuador (SENESCYT).

b) Scientific Committee, consisting of:

- By the French side, by representatives of CNRS, INRIA and MINES-TELECOM Institute;

- By the South American side, by scientists appointed by MINCYT, CAPES, CONICYT, ColCiencias, CONACYT, CONCYTEC, ANII, MPPEUCT and SENESCYT.

2. Call for Projects Schedule

December 15 th , 2016	Opening of the call. The form is available on the website of the program STIC-AmSud: www.sticamsud.org , and the web sites of each participating agency.
May 15 th , 2016	End of Call
November 2016	Publication of the results
January 2017	Beginning of selected projects
October 1 st , 2017	On-going report submission of the projects
March 31 th , 2019	Final report submission of the projects to the Programs' Secretary.

2. Instructions for the submission of proposals

○ Type of cooperation

Joint research and development projects that may include **working missions** among the participating groups, such as mobility for workshops and intensive schools (short courses) with participation of professors and students.

○ Themes

The call is open to all topics related to ICT. Proposals whose scientific questions are deeply tinged with other scientific domains, such as engineering sciences, can be considered, provided they contain strong innovative work in ICT as well.

○ Duration of projects

Each project will have a duration of **two years**. The International Coordinator must submit the on-going report of the project before **October 1st, 2017** with the completion of the first year of development, and according to the report of accomplishments, the program will continue the support for the second year.

○ Participants

- Research laboratories and units, public or private, linked to institutions of higher education, research organizations or companies may apply for projects.
- Each project must involve at least one French research group and at least two research groups belonging to two of the South American countries involved in the program.

○ Funding

- The financing modalities are: **the agency that sends pays for the travel costs and the maintenance costs of its own researchers.**
- Projects must inform in their budgets about complementary financial sources.
- The resources will be delivered annually.

- The budget should indicate the requested funding from each agency that participates in the program.
- If you need more information about the funding granted by the different agencies, you can contact each national agency that participates in the program (as a reference, the total approved amount by all agencies granting a project is between approx. 10 000 € and 15 000 € per project per year). The budget required should be adapted to the scientific project.

- o Duration of missions¹

- The duration of missions may not exceed 30 days.
- It is strongly recommended that the duration of the missions between France and South America, in either direction, is not less than 10 days, and that the duration of the missions between countries in South America is not less than one week.
- At least one travel from France to South America and from South America to France must be completed.
- It is strongly recommended to propose at least one workshop in South America with all the research team.

- o Intellectual Property

The project International Coordinators should take into account the provisions necessary for the protection of intellectual property.

- o Modalities and selection criteria

- Revision of projects in administrative terms by each agency.
- Scientific assessment by the Scientific Committee of the program, advised by international experts.
- Selection and approval of projects by the Steering Committee, based on international assessment, the report of the Scientific Committee and the available budget.
- In addition to scientific excellence, the main criteria for selecting projects are:
 - Innovative nature
 - The creation of new international collaborations,
 - The capacity to generate effective regional cooperation,
 - Complementarity of the participants,
 - The mutual transfer of expertise and innovation,
 - Background of the research groups,
 - The participation of postdoctoral students or young researchers in the exchanges.
- Projects including technology transfers will be appreciated.

- o Coordination

In each participating institution a Scientific Coordinator should be designated. Among them will be designated the International project Coordinator.

¹ CAPES and CONACYT do not finance short stays/work missions of PhD students.

- Launching of projects
- The approval or rejection of the project will be formally notified to the International Coordinator by the STIC-AmSud program Secretary.
- In addition, the approval or rejection of the project will be formally notified to every Scientific Coordinator by the corresponding institution.
- For the approved projects, each financing agency will inform its corresponding participants about the granted funds and the disbursement schedule.
- Once launched each project must set up a website which will reflect its activities. The address of this website must be reported to the Secretariat.
- The International Coordinator of each project must submit to the Secretary of the Program STIC-AmSud two reports: on October 1st of the first year of development, and the other one (final report) in a period not exceeding three months following completion of the project (31th of March 2019)
- The following will be considered in the evaluation of the final report: co-publications, patents, thesis realized in the project, networks created and other types of collaboration.
All documents produced as part of this collaboration will explicitly indicate the financial support received by the STIC-AmSud Regional Programm, using the following format: Regional Program STICAMSUD + project code
- National and international coordinators that have finished a project can present a new research project, once the final report is approved. They must propose a new research topic. However, the priority will be given to projects emanating from teams that didn't received grant in the last two years previous the new call and teams which include PHD or post-doctorals students.
- Project submission
- The International Coordinator must send by e-mail the project form completed **in English in .pdf** including the CVs of all participants of the project to the Secretariat of the program STIC-AmSud: stic@sticamsud.org , before **May 15, 2016 at 24 hs (Chile)**.
- Brazilian investigators must also present their project to CAPES between January 1st and May 31th 2016 on the site of PGCi program. The International coordinator of the project must send it to the program secretary also.
- Colombian investigators who ask for grant to Colciencias have to be recognized in the 3 categories system of this institution.

Forms for the submission of projects are available
on the website of STIC-AmSud www.sticamsud.org
from December 15, 2015 to May 15, 2016 at 24.00, (Chile)
and the websites of each participating agency

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