

**DECISION DOCUMENT**  
**on co-funding Slovenian-Japanese joint projects**  
**in FY 2023 (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2025)**

Based on Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia (MESS) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) signed in April 2001, and on the Call for proposals for joint research projects, published by the Slovenian Research Agency (SRA) and the JSPS, respectively in 2022, the two sides realize that:

SRA received 20 (twenty) proposals for joint research projects, of which 2 (two) project proposals were not submitted to JSPS. JSPS received 18 (eighteen) proposals for joint research projects, among which 8 (eight) project proposals were not recommended for joint selection. Both sides agreed to qualify 10 (ten) corresponding proposals for joint selection.

Through the comparison of peer review screening results concluded respectively and based on the discussion by the email correspondence between MESS and JSPS, the two sides decided to jointly fund the following 4 (four) research projects in FY 2023 in the period from April 1, 2023 until March 31, 2025.

No.	Institution in Slovenia	PI in Slovenia	Institution in Japan	PI in Japan	Title of project	Duration
1.	<i>Institute of Contemporary History</i>	<i>Žarko LAZAREVIČ</i>	<i>Kagawa University</i>	<i>MURAYAMA Satoshi</i>	<i>Peasant economy in sustainable development: historical myth or reality?</i>	<i>April 1 2023 – March 31, 2025</i>
2.	<i>University of Ljubljana</i>	<i>Mateja DOVJAK</i>	<i>Hiroshima University</i>	<i>FUJIYOSHI So</i>	<i>Role of environmental parameters on microbial community structure in buildings in Slovenia and Japan</i>	<i>April 1 2023 – March 31, 2025</i>
3.	<i>Agricultural Institute of Slovenia</i>	<i>Vladimir MEGLIČ</i>	<i>Fukui Prefectural University</i>	<i>MURAI Koji</i>	<i>Development of hybrid wheat between Japan-Slovenia cultivars</i>	<i>April 1 2023 – March 31, 2025</i>
4.	<i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i>	<i>Aljaž ČUFAR</i>	<i>National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology</i>	<i>MAKINO Takahiro</i>	<i>Structure optimization of SiC based pixel radiation detectors for nuclear monitoring applications</i>	<i>April 1 2023 – March 31, 2025</i>

In Slovenia each of selected projects may use up to 6.000,00 EUR in 12 months (up to 12.000,00 EUR in 24 months).


In Japan each of selected projects may use up to JPY 2,000,000 per fiscal year (up to JPY 4,000,000 in two years).

SRA will cover the costs of the Slovenian team, and JSPS will cover the costs of the Japanese team.

Regarding the joint projects selected for FY2021 (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023), the two sides agree, that, due to limited possibilities for implementation of project activities during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022, the funding period will be extended for 12 months until March 31, 2024, on the Slovenian side. The funding period on the Japanese side may be extended exceptionally on a basis of individual requests.

The two sides decided to publish the new call for proposals in June 2023 with deadline for submission of applications not later than September 2023. The funding period will be from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026. Priority will be given to research exchange proposals submitted by young PIs, who have been conferred a doctor's degree within less than 5 years.

Done in Ljubljana and Tokyo, respectively, in March 2023.



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