Weave - Information for applicants

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1. General

Based on Article 34 of the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act[1] in connection with Article 12 of ZZrID and on the basis of Articles 83 and 102 of the General Act on Procedures for Financing, Co-Financing, Evaluating and Monitoring the Implementation of Scientific Research Activities[2], Methodology for evaluating applications in procedures for (co)financing of scientific research activities[3] in connection with Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement[4] the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (hereinafter: ARIS) publishes on its website more detailed information for applicants regarding the application for the conclusion of the contract for the (co)financing of the research project.

Signatories to the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement, including ARIS, have committed to consider proposals submitted under the Weave scheme either as Lead Agencies or as Partner Agencies.

2. What is Weave?

Weave is a financing scheme developed by European research funders to support excellent collaborative research projects across borders (hereinafter: Weave research project).

Weave aims to simplify the submission and selection procedure of Weave research proposals involving researchers from up to three European countries or regions through a single evaluation of the proposals, which reduces the administrative burden for the applicants of Weave research projects. Moreover, Weave enables researchers to collaborate across borders.

Following the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement, two or three research funding agencies from different countries/regions enable researchers to submit a joint proposal for the Weave research project at the Lead Agency, i.e. the research funding agency responsible for carrying out the evaluation process of the joint proposal of the Weave research project.

The coordinating applicant submits a joint Weave research project proposal to the Lead Agency under the conditions set by the Lead Agency. A Weave research project can be bilateral or trilateral. Other co-applicants submit the application of their national/regional part of the Weave research project to the Partner Agencies under the conditions set by the Partner Agencies.

Weave makes use of existing funding schemes open to national/regional research projects and to Weave project proposals under the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement. Agencies involved in (co)funding Weave research projects only provide funding within their national or regional borders.

[1] Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 186/21, 40/23,102/24 and 40/25, hereinafter: ZZrID.
[2] Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 166/22 and 92/24, hereinafter: General act on (co)financing procedures.
[3] No. 6319-1/2026-1 of 11 February 2026, no. 6319-5/2026-1 of 29 April 2026 and no. 6319-7/2026-1 of 23 September 2026; hereinafter: Methodology.
[4] Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement (MLA), No. 020-5/2020-1, hereinafter: Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement.

3. Lead Agency Principle

Weave is based on the Lead Agency principle. According to the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement, two or three agencies from different countries enable researchers to jointly apply for a Weave research project to the Lead Agency, i.e. to the agency that conducts the evaluation process of the joint proposal of the Weave research project. The principle of the Lead Agency presents a significant administrative relief for applicants of Weave research projects, as the **evaluation process** of joint proposals for Weave research projects is **carried out only by the Lead Agency**. When the joint proposal of the Weave research project is assessed as successful in the evaluation process and is proposed for (co)funding by the Lead Agency, the participating **Partner Agencies generally recognise the results of the evaluation process** and take over the (co)funding of its national/regional parts of the Weave research project without an additional evaluation process.

Co-applicants who have agreed to submit a joint proposal for a Weave research project determine a coordinating applicant, who submits the joint proposal of the Weave research project to the Lead Agency. The other co-applicants have to submit a copy of the joint proposal of the Weave research project and an (administrative) application to their respective national/regional funding agency (Partner Agency) under the conditions set by the Partner Agency.

3.1. How to choose the Lead Agency

Co-applicants can freely choose the Lead Agency. All co-applicants are expected to make significant and complementary contributions to the joint Weave research project. A joint Weave research project proposal must have a common research question and a common research plan, and each national/regional part of the joint research project must be closely related and complementary. The scientific contribution of each co-applicant must be clearly visible.

4. Which countries/regions are involved?

ARIS is one of twelve European research funding agencies[5] that signed the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement in 2020 for (co)financing scientific bilateral or trilateral Weave research projects with the possibility of other Partner Agencies joining in the future.

The signatories of the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement committed themselves to establishing mutual cooperation within the framework of the Weave scheme within the five-year transition period. That being said, the Weave scheme will be rolled out gradually, meaning that all possible combinations of cooperation will not be possible immediately, but will be rolled out gradually.

The updated status of possible collaboration combinations between selected partners is available on the Weave website: www.weave-research.net.

[5] ARIS, DFG, FNR, Formas, FRS-FNRS, FWF, FWO, GAČR, HRZZ, NCN, RCN, SNSF; www.weave-research.net.

Within Weave, ARIS currently directly co-operates with the Partner Agencies stated in Table 1.

Table 1. List of funding agencies in cooperation with ARIS with their acronyms

Austria	FWF – The Austrian Science Fund
Belgium / Flanders	FWO – Research Foundation Flanders
Czech Republic	GAČR – Czech Science Foundation
Croatia	HRZZ - Croatian Science Foundation
Luxembourg	FNR – Luxemburg National Research Fund
Poland	NCN – National Science Centre
Switzerland	SNSF – Swiss National Science Foundation
Germany	DFG – German Research Foundation

Cooperation according to the Lead Agency principle in the Republic of Slovenia is possible in two ways, specifically:

- ARIS can act as the Lead Agency (Chapter 5 of this information) or

- ARIS can act as a Partner Agency (Chapter 6 of this information).

5. ARIS as Lead Agency

Applicants in Slovenia can submit their proposal for a joint Weave research project with partners from either one or two of the countries/regions (listed in Table 1) to the **national call for research projects** where ARIS acts as the Lead Agency. Joint applications are currently possible in cooperation with partners from the countries/regions listed in Table 1.

More information including conditions, possible collaborations, and submission procedure on calls in which ARIS acts as Lead Agency are available on the ARIS webpage: https://www.aris-rs.si/en/progproj/rproj/

6. ARIS as Partner Agency

When ARIS is acting as the Partner Agency the submission of **bilateral** joint proposals of Weave research projects is possible with Austria (FWF), Croatia (HRZZ), Czech Republic (GAČR), Flanders (FWO), Luxembourg (FNR), Poland (NCN), Switzerland (SNSF) and Germany (DFG), and the submission of **trilateral** joint proposals of Weave research projects is possible in combinations listed in Table 2.

The joint bilateral Weave research project is funded by the Lead Agency and ARIS as a Partner Agency. The joint trilateral research project is funded by the Lead Agency, ARIS as a Partner Agency, and a collaborating third Partner Agency. In both cases, each agency finances its national/regional part.

Table 2. Possible trilateral submissions for joint Weave projects (ARIS as Partner Agency)

Country (Lead Agency) (+ ARIS as Partner Agency)	**Country (third Partner Agency)**
Austria (FWF)	Luxembourg (FNR), Poland (NCN), Switzerland (SNSF), Czech Republic (GAČR), Flanders (FWO), Germany (DFG)
Croatia (HRZZ)	Switzerland (SNSF), Czech Republic (GAČR), Germany (DFG)
Czech Republic (GAČR)	Austria (FWF), Luxembourg (FNR), Germany (DFG), Poland (NCN), Switzerland (SNSF), Croatia (HRZZ)
Flanders (FWO)	Austria (FWF), Luxembourg (FNR), Germany (DFG), Poland (NCN), Sweden (FORMAS), Switzerland (SNSF), Wallonia (FRS-FNRS)
Luxembourg (FNR)	Austria (FWF), Czech Republic (GAČR), Flanders (FWO), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Switzerland (SNSF), Sweden (FORMAS), Wallonia (FRS-FNRS)
Poland (NCN)	Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Czech Republic (GAČR), Flanders (FWO), Germany (DFG), Austria (FWF)
Switzerland (SNSF)	Austria (FWF), Croatia (HRZZ), Czech Republic (GAČR), Flanders (FWO), Germany (DFG), Luxembourg (FNR), Poland (NCN), Sweden (FORMAS), Wallonia (FRS-FNRS)
Germany (DFG)	Luxembourg (FNR), Flanders (FWO), Austria (FWF), Czech Republic (GAČR), Poland (NCN), Switzerland (SNSF), Wallonia (FRS-FNRS), Croatia (HRZZ)

For updated collaboration combinations please consult with the agency that acts as Lead Agency on a given call, the ARIS, or check the website https://weave-research.net/find-your-funding/.

6.1. Project Duration (Slovenian part of the Weave research project)

The duration of the Weave research project depends on which agencies are involved in the Weave research project joint proposal. The maximum duration allowed is defined under the rules of the call published by the agency acting as the Lead Agency or is determined by the agency that allows the shortest project duration.

Information regarding the maximum project duration of the Weave research project can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. Maximum Weave project duration (ARIS as Partner Agency)

Austria (FWF)	Up to 4 years
Croatia (HRZZ)	Up to 3 years
Czech Republic (GAČR)	Up to 3 years
Flanders (FWO)	Up to 4 years
Luxembourg (FNR)	Up to 3 years (up to 4 years, if doctoral students included)
Poland (NCN)	Up to 4 years
Switzerland (SNSF)	Up to 4 years
Germany (DFG)	Up to 3 years

6.2. (Co)financing and cost calculation (Slovenian part of the Weave research project)

Individual national/regional research parts of the Weave project are separately (co)funded by each national/regional research funding agency according to its own rules. The costs or requested funds of each national/regional part of the Weave research project are calculated by the guidelines of the research funding agency – co-financer that finances the individual national/regional part of the Weave research project.

For the Slovenian part of the Weave research project with ARIS as a Partner Agency, the following must be considered:

1. The Slovenian part of the Weave research project may not exceed EUR 150,000.00 per year for a duration of two or three years at the time of application submission and may not exceed EUR 112,500.00 per year for a duration of four years at the time of application submission. The funding requested in total (for the entire period of implementation of the Weave research project) is converted by the ARIS into the equivalent of full time employment (FTE) at the valid price of the equivalent of full-time employment (FTE) on the day of adoption of the director of the ARIS decision and is authoritative for the entire period of (co)financing of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. The amount of funding is determined on the basis of the applicable cost of one full-time equivalent (FTE) per year.

2. Eligible project costs are determined following the Regulation on the financing of scientific research activities from the Budget of the Republic of Slovenia[6].

3. In the application, the applicant must state the total amount of requested (co)funding for each national/regional part of the Weave research project expressed in EUR. In the process, ARIS takes into

[6] Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 35/22, 144/22,79/23 and 16/26, hereinafter: Regulation.

account that the amount of requested funds of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project stated in the joint application of the Weave research project is converted into EUR at the exchange rate published by the Lead Agency. If the Lead Agency does not publish an exchange rate, the conversion will be done at the rate published by the Bank of Slovenia[7] on the first day when it is possible to apply for the Slovenian part of the Weave joint research project to ARIS.

The amount of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project stated in the application submitted to ARIS must be the same as the amount of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project stated in the joint application of the Weave research project. If ARIS finds a data discrepancy between the application form submitted to ARIS and the joint application submitted to the Lead Agency regarding the requested funds of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project, which is greater than the permitted deviation of +/- 3% in relation to the amount stated in the application submitted to ARIS, ARIS considers the amount that is lower, while simultaneously taking into account the maximum amount of (co)financing of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project.

The amount of requested funds relating to the Lead Agency and the possible third Partner Agency must be the same in the application submitted to ARIS and in the joint application of the Weave research project. In the event that ARIS finds a discrepancy between this data, it considers the amount/amounts from the joint application of the Weave research project, which was submitted to the Lead Agency. The conversion of the stated amounts of requested funds in EUR from the joint application of the Weave research project is carried out in the same way and under the same conditions as determined for the conversion of the amount of requested funds of the Slovenian part of the joint Weave research project from the joint application of the Weave research project.

4. ARIS (co)finances the Slovenian part of a Weave research project, subject to the availability of funds within the budget of the Republic of Slovenia and the ARIS financial plan, and taking into account the outcome of the evaluation of the joint research proposal conducted by the Lead Agency.

5. ARIS (co)finances the Slovenian part of the Weave research project only if all participating Partner Agencies accept their national/regional part of the joint Weave research project for (co)financing.

6.3. Submitting a proposal of the Weave research project

6.3.1. Submitting the joint (main) proposal of the Weave research project at the Lead Agency

Joint proposals for Weave research projects must be prepared by the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency[8]. Both or three parts of the Weave research project must have a common research question and a common research plan, and each national/regional part of the joint research project must be closely related and complementary. The scientific contribution of each co-applicant must be clearly visible.

[7] Daily exchange rates - ECB reference rates.
[8] See Table 1.

More detailed information regarding the process of submitting a joint application for a Weave research project is available on the websites of agencies that can act as a Lead Agency (stated in Table 4).

Table 4. Information on joint proposal submission

Country (Lead Agency)	Website
Austria (FWF)	https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/funding/portfolio/international-collaborations/slovenia
Croatia (HRZZ)	https://hrzz.hr/programi/medunarodna-suradnja/
Czech Republic (GAČR)	https://gacr.cz/mezinardoni-aktivity/weave/
Flanders (FWO)	https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/all-calls/senior-researchersresearch-teams/weave-fwo-lead/
Luxembourg (FNR)	https://www.fnr.lu/international-cooperation-weave-research-funding-without-borders/
Poland (NCN)	https://www.ncn.gov.pl/en/finansowanie-nauki/konkursy/typy/1
Switzerland (SNSF)	https://www.snf.ch/en/j3eRKmgqIrepqJnT/funding/projects/weave-lead-agency
Germany (DFG)	www.dfg.de/lead_agency_weave/en

6.3.2. Submitting the application of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project at ARIS

Before submitting the application for the Slovenian part of a Weave research project, please consult the following applicable legislation and regulations:

- ZZrID,
- General act on (co)financing procedures,
- Regulation,
- Regulation on the implementation of scientific research work in accordance with the principles of open science[9],
- Methodology,

[9] Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 59/23 and 39/25; hereinafter: Regulation on Open Science.

- Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement,
- Rules on state aid in the field of scientific research activity[10].

CLARIFICATION: All applications submitted within the individual deadline for (co)financing the Slovenian part of the Weave research project with an individual foreign Lead Agency are subject to the **legislation and regulations in force on the date of the opening of the individual deadline** for (co)financing the Slovenian part of the Weave research project with an individual foreign Lead Agency.

6.3.2.1. Entities eligible to apply

The applicants for the Slovenian part of a Weave research project can be either research organisations registered in the Database of providers of scientific research activity (hereinafter referred to as: the RO database) or private researchers registered in the register of private researchers that is kept by the ARIS, and that meet the requirements set out in the ZZrID and general acts of the ARIS.

The Slovenian part of the Weave research project is carried out by a project group comprising the project leader, researchers, and technical associates.

Where several research organisations (ROs) are involved in the Slovenian part of a Weave research project, the applicant shall be the parent RO. The parent RO is the RO that submits the application of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project to the ARIS, is listed first on the ARIS application form[11], and employs the project leader of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project upon signing the contract for the (co)financing of the research project.

6.3.2.2. Application documentation

When ARIS acts as a Partner Agency, the application of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project to ARIS must contain the following completed and signed forms and documents:

- application form WEAVE "LEAD AGENCY ACRONYM"/year, available on the ARIS DigitalForms web portal (https://digitalforms.arrs.si/) (hereinafter: the application form),
- other required forms, which are determined by ARIS on the application form WEAVE "LEAD AGENCY ACRONYM"/year,
- a copy of the joint application form of the Weave research project submitted to the Lead Agency.

The ARIS application form to be used for each Lead Agency call in which ARIS acts as a Partner Agency shall be named as follows: WEAVE "LEAD AGENCY ACRONYM"/year, where "LEAD AGENCY ACRONYM" refers to the acronym of the cooperating agency (see Table 1) and "year" refers to the year in which the Lead Agency launched the call. For example, the ARIS application form named "WEAVE

[10] No. 007-2/2024-1 of 7 March 2024, no. 007-7/2026-1 of 9 April 2026 and no. 007-7/2026-2 of 29 May 2026 hereinafter: Rules on state aid.
[11] See item 6.3.2.2. of this information.

FWO/2026" must be used for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project for which FWO acts as the Lead Agency under a call launched by FWO in 2026.

For the permanently open calls of the leading agencies FWF and DFG, ARIS opens a new application form on the ARIS Digital Forms portal each year. In these cases, the year indicated in the application form's name refers to the year for which the form is available on the ARIS portal. For example: on 31 December 2025, ARIS closed the submission of applications via the WEAVE DFG/2025 form, and from 1. January 2026 enabled the submission of applications via the WEAVE DFG/2026 form.

6.3.2.3. Means and form of application

The application for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project must be completed and submitted electronically to the ARIS DigitalForms web portal (https://digitalforms.arrs.si/).

A submitted application is deemed formally complete if it is signed digitally (no digital signature certificate is required) by the applicant's representative (or authorised person) and the project leader of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. The application is considered formally complete if it is submitted using the prescribed forms and contains all the required information and attachments, as defined in item 6.3.2.2. of this information. Incomplete applications will be processed in accordance with Article 22 of the General Act on (co)financing procedures.

6.3.2.4. Application submission deadline

The deadline for submitting the application of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project depends on the choice of the Lead Agency and the involved Partner Agencies.

Information regarding the deadlines for submission of the joint proposal of the Weave research project to each Lead Agency is available on the dedicated Weave website: www.weave-research.net and at the links listed in Table 4.

When submitting the Slovenian part of the Weave research project application, the following must be considered:

1. The **joint proposal** of the **Weave research project** must be submitted to the **Lead Agency** under the conditions and by the deadline set by the Lead Agency.
2. **The application for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project and a copy of the joint proposal of the Weave research project must be submitted to ARIS** (see item 6.3.2. of this information) **no later than seven days after the deadline set by the Lead Agency for submitting the joint application for the Weave research project.** In the case of **permanently open calls with the Lead Agency**, the application for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project and a copy of the joint proposal for the Weave research project must be submitted to ARIS **no later than seven days** after the submission of the joint proposal for the Weave research project to the Lead Agency.

The application of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project is considered timely if it is completed, signed and submitted on the ARIS DigitalForms web portal, as specified in item 2 of the previous paragraph of this information.

The opening of applications for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project takes place no later than eight days from the expiration of the deadline for submitting applications of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project or, in the case of permanently open calls, no later than 30 days from the receipt of applications of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. The ARIS' Official opens the electronic applications of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project by recording the list of applications received within the electronic application system and evidence that the applications were late. In the case of an untimely application, ARIS informs the applicant of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project by means of an accompanying letter that it will not further process the untimely application.

6.3.2.5. Conditions for submitting an application

6.3.2.5.1. Entry conditions

1. The applicant of the application for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project (hereinafter: the applicant) must be an eligible entity (in accordance with item 6.3.2.1. of this information).

2. The project leader of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project (hereinafter: the project leader) must have a researcher ID, which means that he or she is registered in the RO database or the register of private researchers at ARIS. The project leader, who does not yet have an assigned researcher ID, must (in order to gain access to the DigitalForms web portal) complete and submit a form for obtaining a researcher ID to the ARIS in time, which must be accompanied by a statement on the intention of employment, signed by the applicant and the project leader.

3. The project leader must have a doctorate degree obtained in accordance with Article 63 of the ZZrID.

4. The project leader can only be a researcher who, on the day the deadline for submission at the Lead Agency expires (in the case of permanently open calls, the day of submission of the joint proposal of the Weave research project at the Lead Agency), is the leader of only one project, which is (co)financed in an amount greater than € 50,000 per year, whereby the annual amount of (co)financing refers to the year when the research project is carried out throughout the duration of the whole year. This limitation also includes research projects with an extended deadline for completion, based on Article 81 of the General act on (co)financing procedures.

5. A researcher may apply to ARIS as a project leader for only one research project per open call launched by the agency acting as the Lead Agency. For permanently open calls, the restrictions imposed by the Lead Agency shall apply.

6. Researchers who have received a negative grade on a final report for a project - in which they were project leaders in the period of three years prior to the year when the applications for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project were enabled - cannot apply as project leaders on this call.

7. The research project may only be a basic research project.

8. The period of implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project may be a maximum of four years[12].

9. The total value of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project may not exceed the amount specified in item 6.2, second paragraph, first item of this information document at the time of application.

10. The joint proposal of the Weave research project must be submitted to the agency acting as Lead Agency. A joint Weave research project proposal must have a common research question and a common research plan, and the national/regional parts of the joint research project must be closely related and complementary. The scientific contribution of each co-applicant must be clearly visible. The joint proposal of the Weave research project must meet the conditions set by the agency acting as Lead Agency and potential participating third Partner Agency. The project leader and the applicant of each national/regional part of the Weave research project, indicated in the joint proposal of the Weave research project submitted to the Lead Agency, must be the same as the project leader and the applicant of each corresponding national/regional part of the Weave research project, indicated in the application of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project.

11. Applicants of research projects, who submitted applications indicating that research project implementers are participating as companies (in the public, higher education, business or private non-profit sectors) must, in accordance with Rules on state aid, submit also a signed and stamped completed form for awarding state aid ARIS-DP-LA-xxxx[13]. Based on Article 4 of Rules on state aid, companies are legal or natural persons that carry out economic activity and operate in the field of scientific research activity or carry out activities related to scientific research activity, and meet the conditions set out in ZZrID, General act on (co)financing procedures and the Regulation.

6.3.2.5.2. Other conditions

1. The project leader and members of the project group must have sufficient research capacity, expressed in full-time equivalents (FTE), available to carry out the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. The maximum permitted research capacity for full-time employment is 1 FTE, equivalent to 1,700 effective research hours per year. The following minimum capacities apply:

- The project leader must have at least 170 effective research hours (0.1 FTE) available annually.

[12] See Table 3.
[13] Where “xxxx” stands for the year when the call is published by as the Lead Agency.

• Each project group member (except for young researchers, doctoral students, financed from other sources and retired researchers who may participate in the project with 0 effective research hours) must have at least 34 effective research hours (0.02 FTE) annually.

• Directors of public research institutes (JRZs) may participate in the project with 0 effective research hours.

2. The project leader of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project must be employed in at least a 20% full-time capacity at the research organisation in the Republic of Slovenia that shall carry out the project or have the status of a private researcher.

3. Project group members must be employed at the research organisation that shall carry out the project or hold the status of private researchers.

4. The project leader must be the same person at the time of submission of the application and at the time of conclusion of the contract for the (co)financing of the research project.

5. If the project group of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project comprises subgroups from several research organisations, the applicant must have concluded a signed agreement/contract with the other participating research organisations governing their mutual rights and obligations. The participating RO must be registered in the RO register or register of private researchers and must collaborate with at least 170 effective research hours during the period of the implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project, whereby the minimum amount of RO collaboration is 170 effective research hours per annum. During the Slovenian part of the Weave research project's implementation, the number of hours rendered annually by the participating RO can be 0.

6. The Weave joint research project proposal must be ranked among the 20% best-rated research projects in the evaluation process of the Lead agency's call (considering the exception stated in paragraph 3 of item 6.4. of this information) and all participating Partner Agencies must accept the national/regional part of the Weave joint research project for (co)financing. ARIS will (co)finance the Slovenian part of the Weave research project only if the research project is accepted for (co)financing by the Lead Agency and all participating Partner Agencies.

6.3.2.5.3. Fulfilment of entry and other conditions

Entry conditions (item 6.3.2.5.1.) must be fulfilled on the day of the deadline determined in the Lead Agency call or, in the case of permanently open calls, on the day of each opening of applications for the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. Only with regard to the entry condition from the fourth paragraph of item 6.3.2.5.1 of this information, in the case of permanently open calls, the day that applies is the day of submission of the joint proposal of the Weave research project at the Lead Agency. Evidence regarding the fulfilment of the conditions from the tenth paragraph of item 6.3.2.5.1 are acquired by ARIS from the Lead Agency. If the entry conditions of item 6.3.2.5.1. are not met, the application will be rejected.

Other conditions (item 6.3.2.5.2.) must be fulfilled when the contract for the (co)financing of the research project is concluded, except for the condition of free capacity regarding the effective hourly research work of the project leader and members of the project group, which is checked annually, and

bearing in mind that this condition for the project leader and members of the project group must be met on the day the project starts. If the conditions from item 6.3.2.5.2. are not met, the contract for the (co)financing of the research project will not be concluded, regardless of the decision issued by the director on the selection of the application for (co)financing, by which the application is selected for (co)financing.

6.4. Evaluation procedure, funding threshold, and method of (co)financing by ARIS

Only timely and complete proposals that meet the entry conditions from item 6.3.2.5.1. and the entry conditions of the Lead Agency and other Partner Agencies involved will be included in the evaluation process.

The evaluation process shall be conducted by the respective Lead Agency in accordance with its own rules and existing funding schemes. In accordance with the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement and subject to the availability of funds within the budget of the Republic of Slovenia and the ARIS financial plan ARIS (co)finances the participation of applicants in Weave research projects that ranked among the 20% best-rated research projects (co)financing threshold in the Lead Agency's call and have been accepted for (co)financing by all participating Partner Agencies.

Exceptionally, in accordance with the Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement, it is also possible to finance projects that are positively assessed but do not reach the 20% (co)financing threshold, if all involved Partner Agencies agree on that. The implementation of the evaluation process is taken over by the agency acting as Lead Agency.

After the evaluation process is completed, the Lead Agency informs ARIS about the results of the evaluation process and provides it with a list of applications that are recommended for (co)funding. Applications recommended for funding by the Lead Agency are considered by the ARIS Scientific Research Council. The ARIS Scientific Research Council considers that only applications accepted for (co)financing by all participating Partner Agencies can be (co)financed. Applications for which all participating Partner Agencies have not yet given their consent to (co)financing are considered by the ARIS Scientific Research Council under a condition precedent. The condition precedent is fulfilled by obtaining the consent of the Partner Agencies. The final decision regarding the (co)financing of applications is taken by the director of the ARIS based on the proposed decision of the ARIS Scientific Research Council.

The contract for the (co)financing for the scientific research project is concluded by the ARIS with the selected applicant, which regulates in detail the method of (co)financing and other rights, obligations, and responsibilities of the contracting parties.

6.5. Withdrawal/discontinuation of (co)financing of the national/regional part of the Weave research project by the Lead/Partner Agency

In the case of withdrawal/discontinuation of (co)financing of the national/regional part of the Weave research project by the Lead/Partner Agency, ARIS acts according to the **Rules and the conduct procedure in the case of withdrawal/discontinuation of (co)financing of the national part of the Weave research project by one or more Partner Agencies**, Number: 007-21/2025-1 of 29 December 2025 (hereinafter: Rules), available on the ARIS web page ARIS https://www.aris-rs.si/sl/akti/26/pravila-odstop-Weave-jan26.asp.

Changed circumstances are circumstances that affect the successful implementation of a research project. Changed circumstances shall be deemed to have occurred whenever one or more Partner Agencies withdraw from or discontinue (co)financing their respective national parts of a Weave research project.

Changed circumstances may occur either before or after the conclusion of the contract for the implementation and (co)financing of the research project:

1. If changed circumstances occur **before the conclusion of the contract** for the (co)financing of the research project (i. e. if the Lead Agency and all the participating Partner Agencies have not accepted the Weave research project for (co)financing), no contract for the (co)financing of the research project shall be concluded, regardless of whether the Director's decision on the selection of applications for (co)financing, has already been issued. In this case, ARIS draws up a letter informing the applicant that according to applicable regulations, Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement and information for Weave applicants/public call, the contract for the (co)financing of the research project between the applicant and ARIS will not be concluded. The letter shall provide a reasoned explanation for this decision and state the valid legal basis for the decision.

2. If changed circumstances occur **after the conclusion of the contract** for the (co)financing of the research project, the applicant must inform ARIS of the changed circumstances by the deadline determined by the contract for the (co)financing of the research project (if the applicant informs ARIS after the deadline, it is considered that the applicant's use of funds was not as intended by the contract for the (co)financing of the research project). The applicant is particularly required to explain why their contractual obligations were not fulfilled (e.g. the obligation to inform ARIS), submit evidence if available and explain with well-founded reasoning and concrete examples why the changed circumstances don't prevent further and undisturbed implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project in accordance with the concluded contract for the (co)financing of the research project. If ARIS is notified of the changed circumstances by the Partner Agency rather than by the applicant, ARIS shall request the applicant, by written notice, to provide a reasoned explanation or justification addressing the matters described above and to submit the relevant supporting evidence.

Possible consequences:

- temporary discontinuation of (co)financing of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project – if ARIS assesses that the changed circumstances don't allow further and undisturbed implementation of the project in accordance with the concluded contract for the (co)financing of the research project, and that there is a possibility that the applicant may eliminate the discovered irregularities or deviations by the determined deadline and report on this to ARIS;

- discontinuation of further implementation of activity and (co)financing, whereby the applicant is not required to return the funds which have already been paid out – if ARIS determines that the implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project based on the contract for the (co)financing of the research project cannot be successfully carried out by the deadline due to the objective circumstances.

After the applicant's response has been received, the **Rules on monitoring the implementation of basic, applied and postdoctoral research projects, Number: 007-31/2024-1 of 15 January 2025 (hereinafter: Rules on monitoring the implementation of basic, applied and postdoctoral research projects)** are meaningfully used to establish the facts and assess the evidence.

Competent authorities (ARIS science and research councils, ARIS Scientific Research Council, ARIS director) must assess in particular whether changed circumstances allow further undisturbed implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project according to the concluded contract for the (co)financing of the research project. The undisturbed implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project in accordance with the concluded contract for the (co)financing of the research project means that the activities of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project will be carried out within the planned binding deadline for the implementation of the activities and will be largely consistent in content with the application documentation, the work program of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project and the obligations assumed from the contract for the (co)financing of the research project, and that in this way that part of the research that contributes to the realization of the main objectives of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project will be fully realized. One of the circumstances taken into account by the competent ARIS authorities in the assessment is also the duration of the implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project (how long the Slovenian part of the Weave research project had already lasted at the time when one or more Partner Agencies stopped (co)financing their national part of the Weave research project).

If the ARIS Scientific Research Council issues a negative evaluation in accordance with the Rules on Monitoring the Implementation of Basic, Applied and Postdoctoral Research Projects, and the evaluation is subsequently confirmed by the ARIS Scientific Research Council, the Director shall, on the basis of the ARIS Scientific Research Council's proposal, adopt a reasoned decision determining the consequences of the negative evaluation and forward it to the applicant.

ARIS may adopt the following decisions:

- it may withdraw from the contract for the (co)financing of the research project and demand the repayment of all funds as well as the lawful late payment interests from the transfer date to the refund date – if ARIS assesses that the applicant will not finish the Slovenian part of the Weave

research project successfully due to failure of fulfilment or breach of contractual provisions, and the applicant has not eliminated the discovered irregularities or deviations by the deadline;

- it may discontinue further implementation of the activity and (co)financing, whereby the applicant is not required to return the funds already paid out – if ARIS determines that the implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project based on the contract for the (co)financing of the research project cannot be successfully completed by the deadline due to objective circumstances[14];

- it may decide that the implementation of the contract for the (co)financing of the research project will continue.

6.6. Science communication

6.6.1. Open access to reviewed scientific publications

In accordance with Article 41 of ZZrID and Articles 2 and 3 of the Regulation on Open Science[15], all peer-reviewed scientific publications resulting from the Slovenian part of the Weave research project must be published in open access together with all the related research data and other research results.

In accordance with the first indent of the first paragraph of Article 3 of the Regulation on Open Science, the open access is implemented in such a way that the machine-readable digital format of the published version of the scientific publication (VoR) or reviewed manuscript (AAM) accepted for publication is saved in a trustworthy repository for scientific publications. A trustworthy repository is a repository which is certified or regional repository or some other repository which is trusted by researchers. A scientific publication must also contain data on (co)financer or (co)financers and a project number in accordance with Article 82 of the General act on (co)financing procedures, as well as information on the share of (co)financing from public sources in accordance with Article 1 of the Regulation on Open Science.

Open access costs (APC or BPC costs), including the costs of creating scientific publications and other results of scientific research, are eligible costs of the scientific research activities.

Authors of scientific publications or their employers, whenever the copyrights have been transferred to them, may transfer the copyrights over scientific publications to third persons only on a non-exclusive basis. Authors of scientific publications or their employers, whenever the copyrights have been transferred to them, must, in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 6 of the Regulation on Open Science, publish scientific publications under open licence, e. g. CC BY, CC BY-SA or their equivalents.

[14] Circumstances that could not be foreseen, prevented, eliminated or dealt with are considered objective circumstances to avoid.

6.6.2. Open access to research data and other research results

In accordance with Article 4 of the Regulation on Open Science, research data and other research results and their metadata must be publicly published and openly accessible.

According to Article 4 of the Regulation on Open Science, the "FAIR" principle is applied to open access to research data and other research results together with the principle "as open as possible and as closed as necessary". Regarding the way and timeliness of saving as well as accessibility of research data and other research results in digital format, the first and second paragraphs of Article 5 of the Regulation on Open Science need to be considered.

Authors of research data and other research results or their employers, whenever the copyrights have been transferred to them by law, may transfer the copyrights over research data and other research results to third persons only on a non-exclusive basis. Authors of research data and other research results or their employers, whenever the copyrights have been transferred to them, must, in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 7 of the Regulation on Open Science, publish scientific publications under open licence, e. g. CC BY, CC BY-SA or their equivalents.

In accordance with Article 4 of the Regulation on Open Science, scientific research activity providers must prepare and subsequently regularly update a Research Data Management Plan (hereinafter: NRRP), which will have to be published on the project website within a maximum of 6 months after the start of the implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. In the event of changes, the updated NRRP will be published on the website of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. The NRRP is prepared using the form, that is published on the ARIS website.

The costs of managing and providing open access to research data and other research results, as well as the costs of preparing the NRRP, are, in accordance with Article 9 of the Regulation on Open Science, eligible costs of scientific research activities.

6.6.3. Science communication web access to information about the Slovenian part of the Weave research project

The objective of scientific research activity implementation is to guarantee progress and well-being of the whole society. Therefore, it is important to appropriately explain the scientific research results to citizens and (political) decision-makers. It is important that scientific discoveries are interpreted and presented by the researchers themselves who best understand the meaning of their scientific research and discoveries, and that this is being done in an appropriate way, so that their information will be understandable and convincing to lay persons. The Slovenian part of the Weave research project must, therefore, include communication activities through which the (interested) public will not only be appropriately presented with the results of individual Slovenian part of the Weave research project, but will also be enabled to have an insight into the research field addressed by the Slovenian part of the Weave research project in such a way that the level of knowledge on the subject and the level of understanding are increased. The latter is particularly important when providing information to

political decision-makers. The researchers must possess the communication skills and knowledge needed to appropriately implement science communication activities.

The Slovenian part of the Weave research project must therefore include a Plan of communication activities (hereinafter: the Communication Plan), which will need to be published on the website of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project within a maximum of 6 months after the start of the implementation of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project and includes various publics. In the event of changes, the updated Communication Plan shall be published on the website of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project. Communication activities may also include activities intended to train researchers in science communication, but not exclusively educational activities. After the application has been selected for (co)financing, the applicant must create a website or subpage on their RO's website dedicated to the Slovenian part of the Weave research project and enabling the dissemination of its results.

The minimum requirements of the website content are:

- a description of the content of the Slovenian part of the Weave research project with basic information regarding (co)financing,
- a link to the data in the SICRIS system,
- Research Data Management Plan (NRRP) and its updates,
- Communication Plan and its updates and
- a reference to the ARIS logo and the logos of other (co)financers.

Content included in the SICRIS system should be linked and need not be provided twice. The webpage presenting the Slovenian part of the Weave research project must remain active for five years after the Slovenian part of the Weave research project has been completed. The implementer reports on the establishment of the website in the interim and final reports on the results of the implemented Slovenian part of the Weave research project.

7. Contacts

Please also consult the official Weave website: www.weave-research.net.

Contact persons for clarification of procedures when ARIS acts as a Partner Agency are listed in Table 5.

Table 5. Contact information for questions on ARIS as Partner Agency procedures

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Contact persons for clarification of procedures when other Partner Agencies act as the Lead Agency are listed in Table 6.

Table 6. Contact information for questions on Lead Agency procedures (FWF, HRZZ, GAČR, FWO, FNR, NCN, SNSF and DFG as the Lead Agency)

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