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EuroSpeleo Projects

Regulations and explanatory notes

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The EuroSpeleo Projects (ESP) Fund supports internationally oriented speleological projects that are open to the participation of speleologists from all FSE member countries and lead to a multinational and multidisciplinary cooperation.

1. Funding Objectives and strategy

The fund supports activities in the spirit of the Guiding Headline from International Year of Caves and Karst (IYCK): Explore, Understand, Protect!

2. Projects and organisations receiving support

What is funded?

EuroSpeleo Projects funds activities related to cave & karst research and exploration in Europe and worldwide locations. Examples are expeditions, congresses, caver meetings, conservation activities and biospeleological research. Media, like books and films are supported by FSE, but follow other application criteria and are not within EuroSpeleo Projects.

Who is funded?

EuroSpeleo Projects funds every individual, club, local organization and national commission or federation who belong to a country being member of FSE.

What funding is available?

EuroSpeleo Projects fund supports with equipment from the FSE official sponsors and/or a financial grant. The items and amount depends how much the projects are in line with the funding objectives.

3. Minimum Nation Criteria

Only FSE member countries can apply for EuroSpeleo Projects. The activity should be open to all European cavers, and must include cavers from minimum either:

- a.) 4 FSE member countries
- b.) 3 Countries with participation of FSE partner countries from Latin America, Africa/Middle-East and Asia (see countries list below).

Your project can of course also include cavers from other countries.

The FSE country directory is at “members” on the FSE website: <http://www.eurospeleo.eu/en/>.

FSE Members 2022: Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

FSE partner countries: All Africa including islands + Middle East: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UAR, Uzbekistan, Yemen

Speleological Federation of Latin American and the Caribbean (FEALC): Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela

Asian Union of Speleology (AUS): PR China, Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.

Please note that

- A FSE member country counts only when annual FSE membership fee was paid.
- For continuous activities in the same area or with the same objective or for projects which have received EuroSpeleo Project status in the past, FSE may decide not to consider applications in a given year or grant less support.
- Participants citizenship counts, not residential address and they need to be physically present during the activity - any reason of absence does not matter.

4. Submission and application documents

The submission shall be sent at least 3 months before the beginning of the project. If only applied for a financial grant, this is reduced to 2 month.

The fund supports activities in the spirit of the Guiding Headline from the IYCK: Explore, Understand, Protect! The main criteria particularly are:

Criteria	Explanation
Innovation & Documentation	New exploration areas, areas not documented, difficulty of area, subjects not previously covered, new meetings or congress subjects, research initiatives, level of documentation and publication of results
Science	Content for karst & cave studies, ie for geology, hydrology and biodiversity, archaeology, paleoclimate,..
Diversity	Number of nations, gender diversity, openness of the project, inclusiveness of approach
Partnerships	Inclusiveness for local partners or the population in the area, cooperation with institutions or other Non-Government (NGO) and Government organisation or Civil Society Organisations (CSO)
Education & Conservation	Training local partners, facilitation of knowledge exchange, protection and conservation activities, publications raising awareness for conservation in the area

Therefore, please make in the application transparent how your project contributes to these criteria and objectives. These are reviewed by a scheme and voted on in the FSE bureau.

Application Form and supporting documents

The application template is on the FSE website available for download. The submission is complemented with a separate document which provides an overview of the project objectives, area or location, list of participants and planed financial budget.

Submission

The application has to be supported by the national organization of the applying organisation. It has to be send to the FSE bureau by either the national FSE delegates or the president or his representative of the national organisation. A letter of support by the afore-mentioned representatives is also acceptable. For projects in FSE member countries, the applying organisation should inform the local organization and include local members as it is feasible.

5. Funding available

The FSE supports with a grant and equipment from FSE official sponsors

- Financial grant of a minimum of 400 Euro
- 200 m of Korda's rope
- 400 Euro of Aventure Verticale (AV) gear
- 1 Scurion set 900 LED lamp

The support depends on how projects are in line with FSE objectives of funding, their principles and

overall strategy. It can include a grant and several sponsor items. The financial grant is only transferred after the final report is received and approved by the FSE bureau.

Money grants can only be sent to the personal bank accounts of the responsible organizer or association/club.

6. Requirements when receiving funding

After approval and during the activity

The FSE logo and equipment sponsor logos have to be used on webpages and reports. Please mention the support of the FSE and sponsors. The use of sponsor items is documented with photos. Do not forget to take group pictures.

Please inform FSE immediately if project objectives, target areas or number of attending nations is changing since it can affect the eligibility for funding.

Sponsor report 3 weeks after the activity

The project is required to send a half page summary report with a minimum of 8 high resolution photos including 2 photos showing the different gear that was supplied by each FSE Official Partner.

Final report 3 month after the activity

The final expedition report is send to the FSE. It contains objective, results, participant list, group photos and the financial budget. It must include FSE and Sponsor logos.

The final report is reviewed and compared to the initial application. The FSE bureau votes by majority on it. A financial grant is transferred after approval.

For FSE commissions and special cases, a possibility of budget advance can be requested.

Please note that severe delays can result in the reduction of funding.

7. Copy-rights and compliance

Usage of report, pictures and copy-rights

The project agrees that the final project report is shared on the FSE website and the project mentioned in the FSE newsletter and FSE social media.

Each FSE Official Partner is granted a licence for five years from submission to reproduce the photos for promotion (e.g. in catalogues or advertising). FSE is granted a licence for internal use of the images in all it's media for 10 years. Copy-right of images remains with the photographer who has to be acknowledged with the name.

Fair play and compliance rules

Please inform FSE immediately if project objectives, target areas or number of attending nations is changing since it can affect the eligibility for funding.

FSE reserves the right to investigate within a period of five years after the termination of projects whether all criteria were met.

Unreported non-eligibility detected or negligence of the afore-mentioned deadlines for the delivery of photographs or descriptive texts/reports may result in reimbursement in full or in part of the support and may exclude organizers from future participation in ESPs.

With best wishes from the FSE Bureau !

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