The SEA-Europe Joint Funding Scheme is an instrument to launch bi-regional, multilateral Joint Calls for Proposals on a regular (annual) basis in changing thematic areas of interest to the participating funding agencies.

The Department of Planning and Cooperation (DPC), Ministry of Science and Technology of Lao PDR has participated JFS since the pilot phase in 2015. However, DPC is not able to provide funding to applicant from Lao PDR. Yet, the DPC encourages the participation of researchers from Laos in proposals submitted by consortia. Provided that applicants from Laos can guarantee that they have personnel which contributes their work effort in-kind to the projects. In these cases certain funding agencies from other countries participating in this call can support other costs such as travel etc. for Lao applicants according to the national regulations of these funders.

Laotian applicants are advised to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

### Eligibility

Research Proposals may be submitted by Laotian (based in Lao) institutions coming from:
- Public legal Research and Development entities
- Higher education institutions
- Non-university research establishments

### Funding modalities

**General Information:**
Funding agencies of project partner might be able to support mobility/travel, accommodation, daily allowances, workshops/meeting, publications, consumables and equipment, provided that Lao applicants can provide their personnel costs in-kind. Please check the national regulations of the other funding agencies.

**Personnel costs**
These have to be provided in-kind by the university/research institution. This has to be stated in a Letter of Commitment (LoC) which has to be attached to the application.

**Other costs such as travel, workshops, consumables**
Please check the national regulations of other partners who might be able to support these costs.

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