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**Hrvatska zaklada za znanost (HRZZ)
Croatian Science Foundation (CSF)**

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Introduction

- Croatian Science Foundation (CSF) was established by the Croatian Parliament in December 2001.
- Its mission is to promote science, higher education and technological development in Croatia in order to ensure the development of economy and support employment.
- In 2013 the CSF took over from the Ministry of Science and Education financing of national scientific research projects and from 2014, financing of PhD students.

Strategic goals (2014-2018) (1)

1. Ensure stable financing for competitive projects within predictable and regular multiannual cycles.
2. Enable networking and co-operation among scientists from public scientific organisations and universities and scientists from the private sector.
3. Establish a comprehensive program of career development for young researchers at doctoral and post-doctoral level.

Strategic goals (2014-2018) (2)

4. Establish a program of continuing co-operation between Croatian scientists, public scientific organisations and universities with the scientific diaspora.
5. Integration of the Croatian Scientific Community in the European Research Area.

CSF Programmes (1)

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- Research Projects
 - Installation Research Projects
 - Young Researchers' Career Development Project – Training of Doctoral Students
 - Partnership in Research
 - Support to researchers for the application to the ERC programmes
 - Development of Croatian Professional Terminology
 - Croatian-Swiss Research Programme

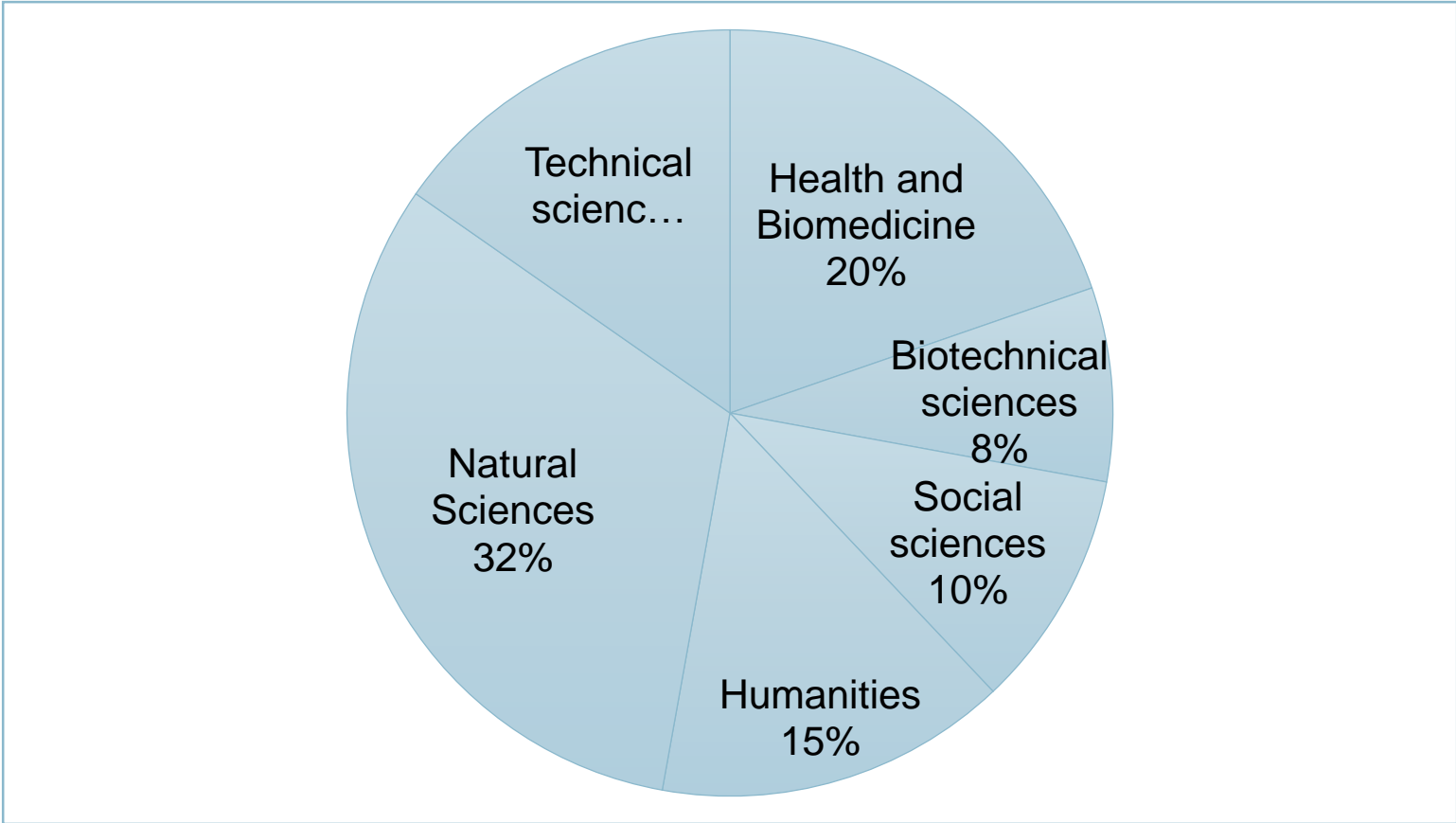
CSF Programmes (2)

- Tenure Track Pilot Programme
- Program of Financing Research and Development Activities in the Field of Climate Change
- Unity Through Knowledge Fund 's Programmes

Research Projects

- **Goal:** supporting a collaboration of researchers and establishment of recognisable research groups dealing with internationally significant issues, whose PIs are prominent scientists with internationally recognisable achievements.
- Instrument for supporting the international co-operation.
- Themes are not predefined.
- 483 projects are financed.

Financed projects per scientific area



Installation Research Projects

- Support for the establishment of new research teams with young scientists in order to accelerate the establishment of independent research careers after the PhD.
- It allows for young scientists to set up a research group and/or their laboratory during five years of financing.
- The research must be internationally recognisable and/or nationally relevant.
- 103 projects are financed.

Young Researchers' Career Development Project – Training of Doctoral Students

- Stable financing of the career development of the PhD students and enable active and perspective researchers, dealing with international and/or nationally significant issues within their research projects, to include young researchers willing to participate in the scientific research with the aim of directing their career towards cutting-edge science.
- The total costs of PhD student salary are financed.
- The call is opened to scientists who are PIs or collaborators within the scientific projects.
- Around 300 PhD students are financed.

Partnership in Research

- Supports partnership in research among research organisations and other sectors within the country or abroad (privat entities, local municipalities, international research organisations and financing agencies, etc.)
- Co-financing for partner – minimum of 50% of the total value of the project.
- 4 projects are financed.

Program of Financing Research and Development Activities in the Field of Climate Change

- Support for research and development activities in the area of mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
- Analyses and proposals of innovation are expected in order to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the industry, agriculture and other sectors.
- Programme is financed by the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund.
- 10 projects are financed.

Support to researchers for the application to the ERC programmes

- Short-term visits to the PIs of approved ERC projects are financed.
- Croatian visiting researcher: active researcher with internationally recognised results.
- The financing includes EUR 2.000,00 per month for the accommodation and living expenses and costs of round ticket.
- Financing is approved for 3 to 4 months.
- 4 visits are financed.

Croatian-Swiss Research Programme

- Joint Research Projects between Swiss and Croatian researchers are financed with the amount of CHF 400.000,00 for 3 years.
- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) is acting as an Executive Agency and the Croatian Science Foundation is acting as a Croatian Partner.
- All scientific areas are acceptable.
- 10-12 Joint Research Projects are to be financed.

Tenure Track Pilot Programme

- **Goal:** support excellent young researchers at the early stage of career development where they can start their own independent research groups and help them gain competences for the employment in the positions of professors or senior scientists at universities and scientific institutes.
- Personnel costs, equipment and maintenance costs, mobility allowance, research costs and overheads are financed.
- Model for career development of excellent scientists.
- 4 to 5 projects are to be financed.

Thank you for your attention!

