

**DECISION DOCUMENT**  
**on co-funding Slovenian-Japanese joint projects**  
**in FY 2024 (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2026)**

Based on Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia 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 and Innovation Agency (SRIA) and the JSPS, respectively in 2023, the two sides realize that:

SRIA received 23 (twenty-three) proposals for joint research projects, of which 2 (two) project proposals were not submitted to JSPS. JSPS received 21 (twenty-one) proposals for joint research projects, among which 11 (eleven) 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 the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation and JSPS, the two sides decided to jointly fund the following 4 (four) research projects in FY 2024 in the period from April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2026.

No.	Institution in Slovenia	PI in Slovenia	Institution in Japan	PI in Japan	Title of project	Duration
1.	<i>University of Ljubljana</i>	ZIDAR Nace	<i>Osaka University</i>	OKAMURA Yasushi	Structure-based discovery of novel Hv1 proton channel inhibitors	<i>April 1 2024 – March 31, 2026</i>
2.	<i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i>	MUŠEVIČ Igor	<i>National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology</i>	TAKENAKA Yoshiko	Physical properties and evaluation methods of liquid crystal self-assembly toward optical application	<i>April 1 2024 – March 31, 2026</i>
3.	<i>University of Ljubljana</i>	ZOREC Robert	<i>Kurume University</i>	NISHI Akinori	Astrocyte role in pathological process	<i>April 1 2024 – March 31, 2026</i>
4.	<i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i>	HRIBAR Jernej	<i>Shibaura Institute of Technology</i>	SHINKUMA Ryoichi	MISA: Multi-lidar Intelligence for Smart city Applications	<i>April 1 2024 – March 31, 2026</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).

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

The two sides decided to publish the new call for proposals in June 2024 with deadline for submission of applications not later than September 2024. The funding period will be from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027. 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 2024.



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