

**REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA**  
**Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research**

*Future European Tunisian Research Innovation Cooperation Project*  
*(FETRIC)*

In the context of the implementation of the Future European Tunisian Research Innovation Cooperation project (FETRIC), the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) initiated in collaboration with the DLR (International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research) a programme for the "***Improvement of the innovation management capacity of Research Centres***" (***IMC-RC Programme***). The programme IMC-RC aims to strengthen the innovation management capacity of the Tunisian research centres by introducing major changes in their way of governance, mainly in their administrative management and innovation strategy, and management of project and research activities. The programme targets the following objectives: (i) the development of a culture of evaluation and quality, (ii) the creation of an environment for the valorization of research and development of innovation, and (iii) The acquisition of skills to develop tailored strategies for the improvement of innovation and technology transfer capacities.

The "Plan for improving the innovation management capacity" focuses on: (i) Guided self-assessment of organizational performance in the field of knowledge- and technology transfer; (ii) Support for the identification of tailored measures for the improvement of the research centre's management capacities for knowledge- and technology transfer (Management results-oriented); and (iii) Support for the development of a long-term strategy to bridge the gap between the research centre and the industry as well as national and international founding bodies.

The programme will be implemented through **a call for proposals open to research centres**. In response, each research centre eligible presents its candidacy, according to a "Bottom-Up" approach and a competitive basis. The proposal should specify goals and gaps of the research centres/laboratories, identify its strengths and propose its approach for reforms at the level of innovation management capacity.

Proposals must be prepared using the form provided with the Terms of Reference for this call for proposals. Proposals should be written in English and in accordance with the guidelines provided in these Terms of Reference and in the form annexed.

*Components of the request for proposals:*

1. Letter of application, dated, signed and addressed to the General Director of Scientific Research (dated and signed);
2. "Proposal Form" filled out according to the guidelines described in these Terms of Reference and in the proposal form (dated and signed);

The proposal must be dated, signed and sent to the General Directorate of Scientific Research-MHESR until **September 30, 2015, at 17.30 PM (Tunisian time).**

Final proposals must be (1) sent by post, or (2) deposited directly to the Registry Office of the General Directorate of Scientific Research-MHESR, **and mailed to the following address:** [fetrich2020@yahoo.fr](mailto:fetrich2020@yahoo.fr) (with delivery notification) with the following indication:

« **Do not open, call for proposals for the elaboration of plans for improving the innovation management capacity of Research Centres** »

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