



MASARYK UNIVERSITY

The Czech Science Foundation (GAČR)

- introduction

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First of all...

The Czech Science Foundation
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Grantová agentura ČR
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GAČR

Aim: To introduce the GAČR scheme, priorities, focus and programmes

- **GAČR - what is the agency purpose and focus**
- **GAČR programmes - scope, priorities and targeted beneficiaries , general terms and conditions, budget**
- **GAČR in statistics**
- **Who can help at MU – contacts**

GAČR - what is the agency purpose and focus

- **an institution established by state to support basic scientific research in the Czech Republic**
- **two main goals:**
 - **to fund basic research on a competitive basis**
 - **to promote international cooperation in basic research**
- **all disciplines of basic research**
- **individual research teams**
- **bottom – up principle**
- **evaluation based solely on excellence (of the PI and the project)**
- **peer review system of evaluation**

GAČR programmes

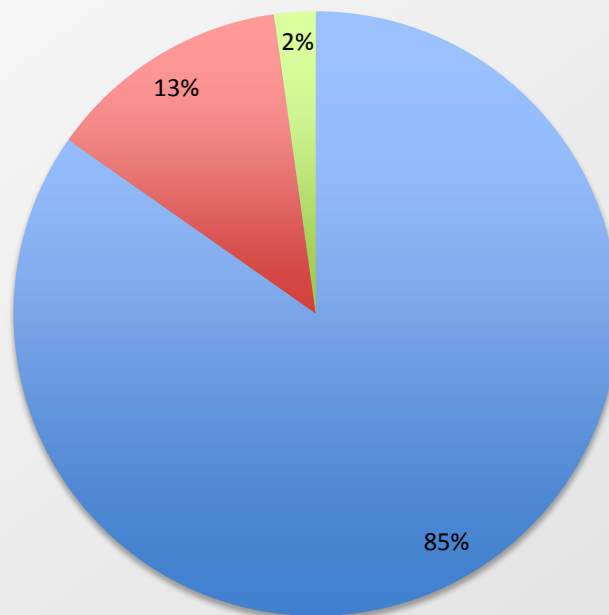
- **STANDARD PROJECTS**
- **JUNIOR PROJECTS**
- **BILATERAL PROJECTS**
- **LA GRANTS**

Average year budget for all projects (including projects in the 2nd and 3rd year) is about 3,5 billion CZK.

Average success 24% (previous years 17 %)

Expected support for the entire period of providing support to individual competitions from 2016 to 2018 - percents of the whole budget

■ Standard grants ■ Junior grants ■ Bilateral grants + LA



Source www.gacr.cz

STANDARD PROJECTS

- **Goals:** To promote excellence in basic research.
- **Eligibility Requirements:** One scientist (or a research team) who work at Czech research institution, or will be employed at the institution from the beginning of the project; topic of research is chosen by the applicant.
- **Funding Duration:** 2 or 3 years
- **Maximum costs of a project:** no limit
- No investments allowed.
- Call for proposals open once a year.
- 1 PI can obtain grant repeatedly

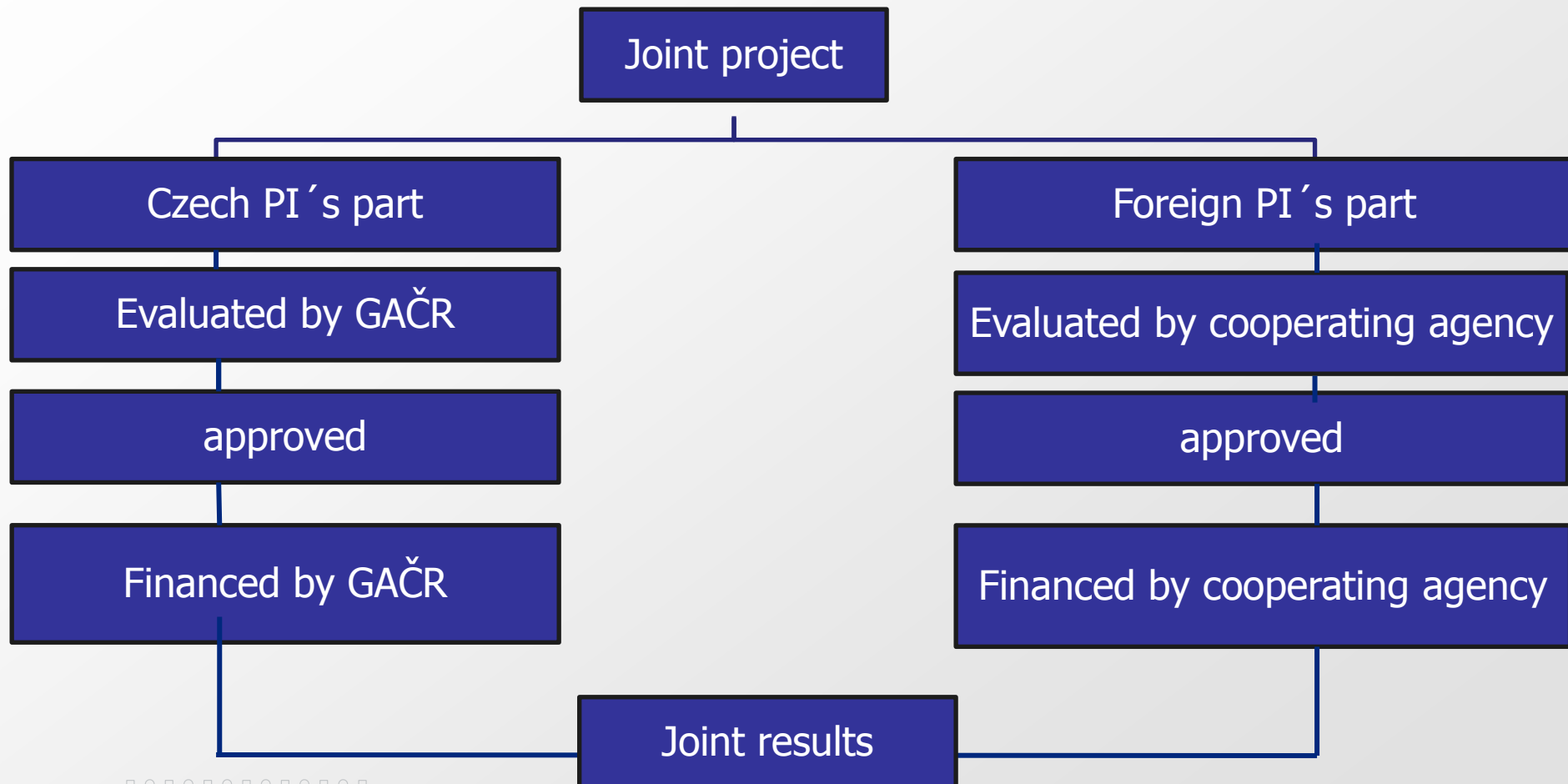
JUNIOR PROJECTS

- **Goals:** To promote excellence in basic research. To support young excellent researchers
- **Eligibility Requirements:** 1 PI or 1 PI and 1 co-PI
- Maximum 35 years old, not more than 8 years from the completing of doctoral degree
- Obligatory 6 months internship
- **Funding Duration:** 2 or 3 years
- **Maximum costs of a project:** no limit
- Investments allowed
- Call for proposals open once a year

BILATERAL PROJECTS

- **Goals:** To support international cooperation in a field of basic research. To enable the better exchange of scientific information and techniques and the use of specialised equipment available in the involved countries.
- **Cooperating foreign agencies:**
 - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Germany
 - National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), South Korea
 - Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Taiwan
- **Funding Duration: 2 or 3 years**
- **Maximum costs of a project:** no limit
- Call for proposals open once a year

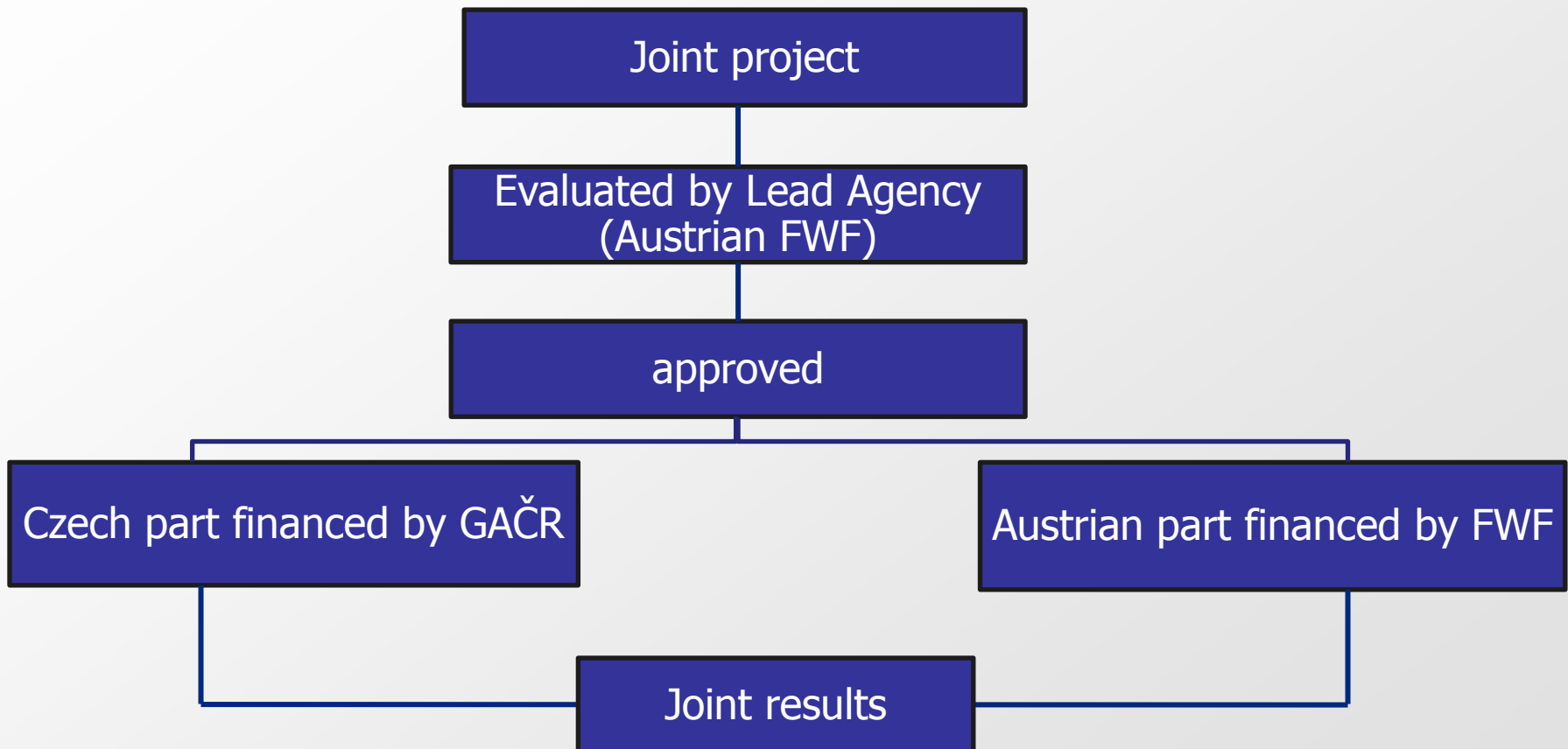
BILATERAL PROJECTS – the process



LA GRANTS (Lead Agency)

- Czech-Austrian Joint Research Projects with the The Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- Evaluated only by one agency
- Supported separately
- **Funding Duration:** 2 or 3 years
- **Maximum costs of a project:** no limit
- Call for proposals open once a year

LA GRANTS (Lead Agency) – the process



GAČR in statistics

Standard projects starting 2015

- **Number of proposals: 1 866**
- **Number of supported projects: 448**
- **Success: ≥ 24 %**
- **Number of supported project according the field of study**
 - **technical science: 89**
 - **physical science: 96**
 - **medicine and biology: 67**
 - **social science and humanities : 134**
 - **agricultural and environmental science : 62**
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GAČR in statistics

Junior grants starting in 2015

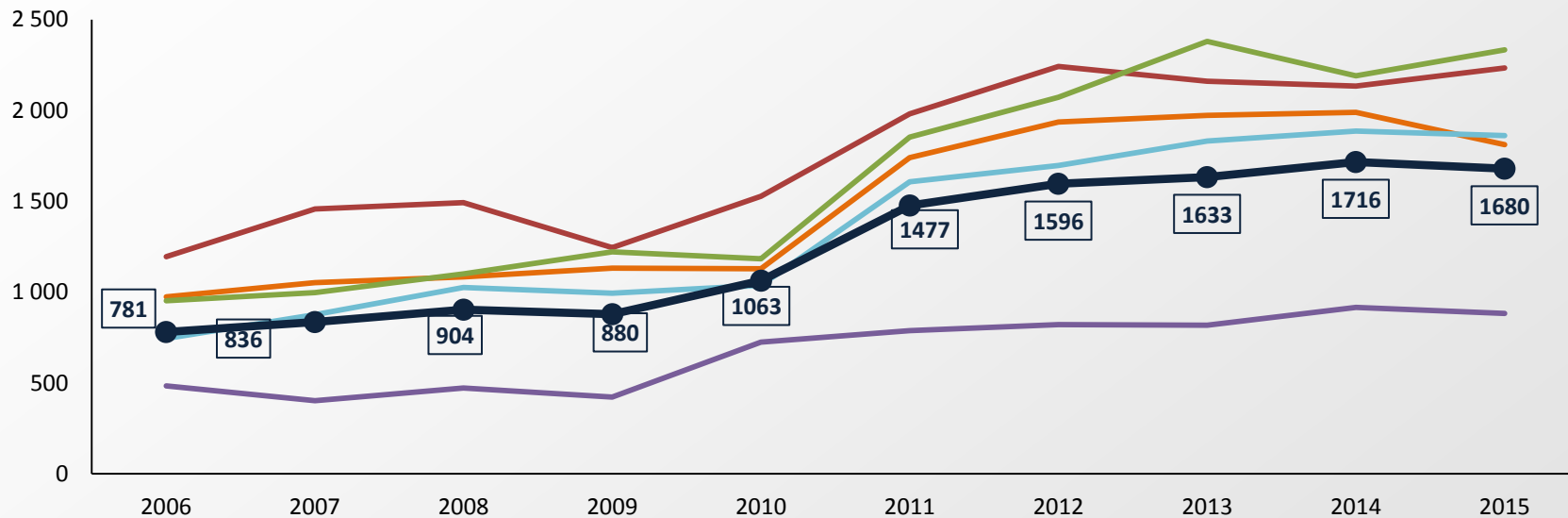
- **Number of proposals: 213**
- **Number of supported projects: 59**
- **Success: ≥ 29 %**
- **Number of supported project according the field of study**
 - **technical science: 11**
 - **physical science: 21**
 - **medicine and biology: 14**
 - **social science and humanities : 5**
 - **agricultural and environmental science : 8**
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GAČR in statistics

Bilateral and LA grants starting in 2015

	Proposals	Supported
DFG	32	9
NRF	7	1
Taiwan	17	3
LA grants	108	9

Average cost for the first year of a standard project



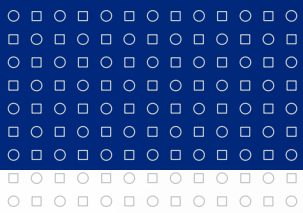
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Who can help at MU – contacts

- **Always contact the Faculty research office.**
- **List of contact people:**

<http://vyzkum.rect.muni.cz/en/project-support/ga-cr>

- **Research office of rectorate of MU**
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THANK YOU for your attention!

