

General Support Funds – Report for 2018

The purpose of the “General Support funds” is to support any activity related to EURO that cannot be funded by the other instruments of EURO.

Priority will be given to:

- bids that give special consideration to the need of students,
- bids that give special consideration to the need of organisers of OR events in Central and Eastern Europe,
- bids, that emanate from a member society of EURO or organisers of EURO sponsored events or organisers of events sponsored by a member society of EURO.

The budget for the General Support Fund for 2018 was €10,000. In 2017 the EC decided to support the EUROyoung initiative in order to support initiatives for “junior” Operations Researchers. For 2018 this support was given through the General Support Fund.

There was only one deadline for submission, which was April 1st and the GSF received applications worth €36,000. EC therefore allowed the instrument to support beyond the €10,000. The allocated funds were spend on five applications. In order to accommodate a fair set of proposals €12,600 was handed out through the GSF instrument.

Funds were allocated as follows:

- Organising the International workshop on Matheuristic 2018. Travel grants to support students (€1,500)
- Organisation of BALCOR 2018 (€3,000).
- Organisation of the First Modelling Week on Data Driven Decision Making and Optimization (€3,350).
- NHH Summer course on Rural logistics. Five spots for EURO students at the course (€2,250).
- Organisation of the meeting in honor of ÖGOR 40th Anniversary (€2,500).

And then to support initiatives for junior Operations Researchers was given to:

- Organisation of the 1st EUROyoung meeting (€5,000)

In addition, due to special circumstances the application on a OR and IE Doctoral Colloquium did not reach EURO at the deadline. Extraordinarily a unanimous Executive Committee granted €2,000 for the application.

- Organising an OR and IE Doctoral Colloquium in Istanbul in November 2017 (€2,000)



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