

Call for Ecsite members: Host a travelling exhibition about Citizen Scientists for free

Background

Ecsite is the coordinator of the EU-funded [Sparks project](#) which aims at promoting the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) throughout the whole of the EU. In line with RRI principles the project tries to show Europeans that they can participate in science and that various stakeholders share the responsibility for scientific research. As part of the project, a travelling exhibition has been travelling through the EU since 2016. *Beyond the Lab: the DIY Science Revolution* explores seven remarkable stories of people who are opening up scientific research to everyone, taking it out of professional labs and into homes, workshops and backyards. From people who build their own medical devices to manage their diabetes, to community groups measuring pollution, a growing number of 'do-it-yourself scientists' around the world are busy hacking, experimenting and inventing.

Sparks is looking for a new host venue where "Beyond the Lab" will be exhibited in the period from April 2018 till June 2018 for a minimum of 2 months (exact dates can be discussed). Costs for renting the exhibition, basic insurance, transportation to and from your venue are covered by the Sparks project.

Exhibition specifications

- The exhibition design was led by the Science Museum (London)
- Requires a 150m³ exhibition surface (minimum size 100m²)
- Arrives in 19 wooden crates transported by a 13m long truck
- Contains 7 stories of citizen scientists and 3 artworks commissioned by Ars Electronica
- Consists mostly of photography, videos, 35 pre-installed objects
- Is built from two main materials: perforated timber and perforated powder-coated steel
- Contains integrated lighting
- Features pre-installed English text panels translation is available into all official EU languages

Eligibility and technical requirements

- Institution located in one of the following countries: Germany, France, UK, Italy, Spain, Poland, Norway, Serbia, Ukraine, Switzerland
- Suitable venue of around 150m² with access to electricity (ideally on the ground floor or with a service elevator)

- Staff resources to install and de-install the exhibition (at least four people, an electrician and AV specialist)
- Access to forklift and a pallet jack
- Storage space for the exhibition crates (60m3)
- English speaking project manager

Selection criteria

- Extensive experience with installing and de-installing exhibitions
- Willingness to experiment with new participatory activities formats
- Experience with the topic of RRI, healthcare and citizen science

What are you getting?

- A free top-quality exhibition on an engaging topic
- Becoming part of a recognized EU project and joining a family of 33 science engagement institutions brought together by Sparks
- Full support and guidance in the exhibition installation/de-installation process
- Guidance and training on innovative participatory activities formats
- Inclusion in the evaluation study and chance to make policy recommendations
- EU-level promotion and dissemination of your venue and activities

What are you giving?

- Your space (~150m2)
- Your staff time (for installation/de-installation, evaluation, and mediation)
- Technical equipment
- Resources associated with installation, promotion , mediation and printing of text panels in your language

How to apply

Please fill in [this form](#) by 18.00 CET on 2nd October 2017. If you require the full technical specifications of the exhibition or have other questions, do not hesitate to contact Maria Zolotonosa, project coordinator at mzolotonosa@ecsite.eu

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