

## Ecsite Call for Third Parties



### About the project

This proposal is coordinated by Science|Business and Ecsite is a project partner. It will be submitted in response to the Horizon 2020 call for proposals, under the topic [ERC-2014-SUPPORT-1](#): *Call for proposals to identify and implement novel ways to highlight the work funded by the ERC and reach out a wider public*

The ERC (European Research Council) is an EU agency dedicated to support frontier research. The project will develop a communications campaign to raise the awareness of the ERC-funded research results among students, investors, policy makers, researchers, and all citizens. The cutting-edge science produced by ERC projects can capture the imagination, change the world and stimulate curiosity

A limited number of awe-inspiring science stories and unique grantees' experience will be selected, and high-impact content packages around them will be built. These stories will be clustered around six big themes, for example (exact themes will be defined during the project, this is just mentioned as an example):

- Brain
- Food
- Nanotechnologies
- robotics etc

Third parties will be expected to run activities on 2 or 3 of these topics.

### Role of Third Parties

A number of science centres and museums (or similar) will be selected as third parties to the project, managed by Ecsite. The role of these organisations will be:

- To attend a training session on the tools/stories developed by the project
- To adapt and run dialogue activities such as PlayDecide games or different versions of science cafes
- To organise science pop-up stands in public spaces (outside the museum) with experiments, demonstrations, videos etc
- To run fablab/DIY/maker's workshops (optional)
- To disseminate the project stories through your usual channels
- To provide detailed reports on all activities as required by Ecsite

### Indicative budget

A maximum of €15 000 can be allocated depending on your person-month rate and whether fablab activities are being run. This includes travel and accommodation at the training workshop, personnel costs plus all expenses related to the running of the dialogue events, pop-up stands and fablab workshops. Third Parties will have to record their time by filling in timesheets.

### Criteria for selection: obligatory

- Ecsite member status (Full Members prioritised)
- Active in public engagement in science
- Existing activities and expertise with dialogue events

- Experience of running activities outside the museums
- The institution must be located in one of the 28 EU member states.
- An English-speaking project manager

#### **Criteria for selection: desirable**

- All institutions from EU members states are welcome to apply and will be considered. However institutions from the following countries are encouraged to apply: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovakia
- Experience of running events in public spaces (shopping malls, libraries, parks, city squares etc)
- Fablab facilities or experience with DIY/makers movement

#### **How to apply**

Please fill in the [online form](#) by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome in due course.

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