

Ecsite Call for Third Parties for NMP-32-2015

About the project

This proposal is coordinated by [SPI](#) and Ecsite is a project partner. It will be submitted in response to the European Commission's Horizon 2020 call for proposals, under the topic [NMP32 – Topic: Societal engagement on responsible nanotechnology](#)

The project will establish a European-wide sustainable platform for mutual learning and informed dialogue among all stakeholders (researchers including social sciences and humanities, industry/ business, the public including Civil Society Organisations and the media, as well as policy-makers and research funders) to improve transparency and societal engagement in responsible nanotechnology.

Through national and EU level dialogue, stakeholders will develop an action plan with a shared vision on existing and potential future benefits and risks of advancing nanotechnology including ways to support RRI along the value chain. This will result in a permanent platform for future development of trust, awareness and inclusion, providing guidance on societal needs and concerns, and fuelling co-innovation that benefits society as a whole.

Role of Third Parties

Approximately 6 science centres and museums will be selected as third parties to the project, managed by Ecsite. Please note that Ecsite Full Members will be prioritised in the selection. The role of these science centres and museums will be:

- Organise nano-outreach sessions for citizens as part of existing events in order to raise awareness on nanotechnology and gain their interest in participation in future project activities
- Run one dialogue event where citizens will have the opportunity to express their values and ideas on the application of nanotechnology
- Organise one multi-stakeholder training and dialogue event aimed at mutual learning, assessment of alternative innovation trajectories and policy-making. Stakeholders involve: academia, industry, policy-makers, civil society, general publics and media
- To attend two meetings (Kick-off and Training session)

Indicative budget

Up to €29 000 total. This includes travel costs to both meetings, personnel costs plus all expenses related to the implementation nano-outreach and incentives for participants of dialogue events, indirect costs. Third Parties will have to record their time by filling in timesheets.

Criteria for selection: obligatory

- Ecsite member status (Full Members prioritised)
- Expertise on the topic of nanotechnology

- The institution must have a physical venue for public engagement in science
- The institution must carry out its activities in one of the [countries eligible for H2020 funding](#)
- An English-speaking project manager

Criteria for selection: desirable

- Knowledge or strong interest in RRI (Responsible Research and Innovation)
- Link with stakeholders in nanotechnology e.g. researchers, policy-makers, industry
- Events and activities on nanotechnology run regularly
- Experience in running focus groups or dialogue events

How to apply

Please fill in [this online form](#) by 12pm CET on Thursday 19th March 2015. Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome in due course.

For any further questions, please contact the Ecsite office at info@ecsite.eu