

Call for Ecsite members to join *HORIZON EUROPE* ORHIZON proposal as Affiliated Party

About the project

The ORHIZON project proposal is coordinated by the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD). Ecsite is a project partner leading a work package on communication, dissemination and implementation activities.

This research project is expected to contribute to the transition to a more resilient and sustainable European agriculture. The project's mission is to develop new crop varieties and agro-ecological systems that are both productive, resilient and sustainable to provide food and nutritional security for a growing population while preserving natural resources and biodiversity. It focuses on root and rhizosphere traits in breeding programs for cereal crops and on beneficial plant-microbe interactions. The project will be implemented in Europe and in West Africa and will have a duration of 5 years.

As for communication and engagement activities, ORHIZON aims at raising awareness among citizens of the current biodiversity priorities and pathways to a more sustainable agriculture.

Role of a Third Party

Ecsite will involve 3 of its member institutions as Affiliated Parties in the project to do the following:

- To co-create and perform with researchers and citizens science engagement activities such as PlayDecide Games, Zines, science cafes, pop up science exhibitions, etc. on themes around biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, plant biology and agronomy (plant breeding and phenotyping);
- To create a science engagement toolkit for museums, research centers and companies, used as a playful tool to choose and implement successful participatory activities engaging citizens and multiple stakeholders on biodiversity and agro-ecological issues;
- To create and provide science engagement trainings for scientists. The training materials will be made available to all researchers and for further use;
- To attend 2 project meetings;
- To provide detailed reports and insights on all activities as required by Ecsite;
- To disseminate the project in your country.

Criteria for selection

Obligatory

- Ecsite member status
- English speaking project manager
- The institution must be active in public engagement in science, have an interest on agriculture, biodiversity, agro-ecology and food systems and an existing network with research institutions

- The institution must be located and carry out its activities in one of the following countries: the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions and Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

Desirable

- Strong links with research institutions
- Demonstrable experience in public engagement on topics related to biodiversity and agriculture plant biology
- Experience in co-creation activities with adults and young people
- Experience in designing communication and science engagement training for scientists
- Links with journalists and policy makers

Indicative Budget

The budget will be calculated based on the Person month (one person working full time for one month) rate, including the following:

- An estimated 5 Person-months' salary
- Travel and subsistence for one staff member to attend 2 project meetings
- Budget for other direct costs including development and implementation of activities, meetings and any additional costs incurred in order to achieve the tasks outlined (€7.000)
- An additional lump sum as 25% for overheads

Deadline to apply for the call

Please fill in this [online form](#) by Monday 13 September 23:59 CEST. Successful applicants will be notified on 17 September in the afternoon, and will be expected to be available to submit their profile on the 21 September at 13:00 CEST.

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