

Call for Expression of Interest to participate in an EU project



About the project

Ecsite seeks 10 science centres/museums from 10 EU member states interested in participating in the Horizon2020 [SwafS-15-2016: Open Schooling and collaboration on science education](#) as Third Parties. This proposal is coordinated by the European Schoolnet EUN (Belgium) and Ecsite is a project partner.

The project will expand the cooperation between formal, informal and non-formal education organisations to promote the engagement of all societal actors with science and open schooling. To do so, the project will promote new partnerships (science centres and museums, schools, industry, enterprises, civil society organization, local communities) to design tools, strategies, and activities to cultivate a long-lasting interest in science and pursuits of science careers. Furthermore, a programme of non-formal/informal educational activities will be created and matched with a formal curriculum via an ICT tool in order to establish an innovative learning environment. Proposed duration of the project is 30 months, starting in April 2017. A majority of the TP activities would span a period 2017-2018.

Role of Third Parties

10 science centres and museums will be selected as Third Parties to the project and managed by Ecsite. Please note that Ecsite Full Members will be prioritised in the selection. The main tasks of these science centres and museums, currently foreseen, will be:

- To assume a significant role in the forging/maintaining of local partnerships with the CSOs, enterprises/industrial partners, schools, and local communities
- In conjunction with the local partners, to design and create a non-formal programme of activities complementing the formal school curriculum
- To test selected formats of learning in non-formal/informal environment by organizing a series of pilots focused on real-life learning projects and problem-based learning
- To contribute to the organization and execution of the ICT pilots
- To disseminate the project
- To provide detailed reports on all activities as required by Ecsite

Indicative budget

At this stage of the project proposal preparation we cannot give any indication regarding the budget. Applicants are invited to submit their own estimate based on the foreseen role and tasks.

Criteria for selection: mandatory

In addition to having proven experience in non-formal/informal and formal science education:

- Ecsite member status (Full Members prioritised)
- Registration seat and operations in one of the EEA countries or Switzerland
- The institution must have access to a physical venue for carrying out some activities
- An English-speaking project manager

Criteria for selection: desirable

- Existing partnerships with the local industry, enterprises, research institutions, CSOs and schools
- Experience in and existing track record of activities in engaging families and local communities in the teaching and learning processes and promoting education as part of local community development

- Existing relationship with the national Ministry of Education or an institution responsible for the development of formal curricula

How to apply

Please fill in the [online form](#) by **Thursday 5th May 2016**. All applicants will be notified about the final selection of Third Parties. In addition, the selected applicants will be notified of the next steps in due course of time.

For any further questions, please contact Mr. Tomas Rehacek, Ecsite Project Manager, at trehacek@ecsite.eu.