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CALL FOR ASSOCIATE PARTNER PROPOSALS

Institute of Oceanology – Bulgarian Academy of Science, Varna is opening a procedure for selecting associated partners for the project proposal for “**Sustainable Management of the Marine Environment and it’s Resources - SUMMON**”, funded by the Operational Programme “Science and Education for Smart Growth” 2014-2020 (OP SESG), Priority Axis 1. Research and technological development, procedure title: Creation and development of Centers of Excellence, Specific Objective 1. Enhancing excellent and market-oriented research.

For the purpose of this call, **associated partner** means: all natural persons and legal entities and consortia thereof constituting an interested party with regard to the project implementation and involved in the implementation of the project activities but which do not spend grant funding.

Eligible associated partners under the procedure will be legal entities supporting the project implementation. The expenditure incurred by the associated partners will not be eligible for reimbursement under the Operational Programme. However, the expenditure planned at the application stage with the project proposal incurred by associated partners must be included in the total cost of the project/planned benefits, including in the co-financing under item 10 of the Guidelines for Applicants and item 6 “Financial information – sources of funding” of the Application form.

Grant applicants:

Institute of Oceanology – Bulgarian Academy of Science: leading organization

Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - Bulgarian Academy of Science: partner

Institute of Fishery Resources – Bulgarian Agricultural Academy: partner

Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture – Bulgarian Agricultural Academy: partner

Biological Faculty, Sofia University: partner

Faculty of Physics, Sofia University: partner

Bulgarian Antarctic Institute: partner

Under this procedure will be approved all candidates that execute research and development activities and/or innovations in the area of:

- Bio-technologies serving the needs of healthy life and aging;

- Blue” technologies and application of new methods and technologies in sustainable use of sea and river resources;
- Production plants for the extraction of clean electricity and industrial water;
- Green economy.

or organizations that execute activities related to the dissemination and implementation of research results in the same area.

All interested parties must submit the following documents (where applicable):

A. General set of documents:

1. Application form (acc. to the template attached)
2. Declaration on avoiding conflict of interest for associate partner (acc. to the template attached)

B. Specific documents

B.1. Documents for research institutes; universities and other research and development organizations

1. A list containing objectively verifiable information concerning the publications in scientific journals and books refereed in SCOPUS or WoS in the last 5 years (2011-2015). A joint list, arranged in the following order: surname of the author in alphabetical order, and then the next authors shall be submitted. The list should contain:

- the authors of the publication with the names of the relevant members of research team in bold;
- publication title; the name of the journal / book, year, volume, initial and final page of the publication
- publication date;
- scientific field of the publication related with the relevant ISSS thematic area;
- internet links to the reference of the publication in SCOPUS or WoS.

2. Extract of graph/table and/or other data/information in Web of Science, certifying the percentage of publications of the associated partner/its research team members in the last 5 years (2011-2015), falling with in the 1% most cited publications in the respective area according to the Essential Science Indicators in Web of Science,

3. Contracts for financing received by the associated partner from the European Research Council;

4. Contracts for financing of projects under the FP 7 and Horizon 2020, certifying that the associated partner has performed the role of coordinator;

5. Patents and/or patent applications, issued/registered in foreign and/or international patent authorities and/or organisations (including WIPO, European patent office, USA patent offices);

6. Statute, Articles of Association, contract or other document concerning the participation of the associated partner in the creation of innovative enterprises (spin off, spin out) in the area of the project proposal. Will be requested in the event where it will not be possible to carry out ex-officio verification in the Commercial Register of the information about the participation of the associated partner in the creation of the innovative enterprise.

7. Contracts, recommendations or other documents, certifying partnerships between the associated partner and other research organisations.

B.2. Documents requested for enterprises:

1. Data sheet on the R&D activities for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (depending on the number of completed financial years) .Where the said documents are published in the Commercial Register as of the application date, ex officio verification of this circumstance will be carried out in accordance with Art. 23 (6) of the Commercial Register Act.

2. Profit and loss accounts for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (depending on the number of completed financial years). Where the said documents are published in the Commercial Register as of the application date, ex officio verification of this circumstance will be carried out in accordance with Art. 23 (6) of the Commercial Register Act.

3. Strategy for innovations, IPR policy and rules.

4. Innovation project contracts implemented in collaboration with a research organisations, in the last 5 years (2011-2015).