CALL: Science with and for Society 2020

- I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Project
- I am planning to coordinate a project and I am looking for Project Partners

### Topics

**Strategic orientation 1. Accelerating and catalysing processes of institutional change**
- SwafS-08-2019: Research innovation needs & skills training in PhD programmes
- SwafS-23-2020: Grounding RRI in society with a focus on citizen science
- SwafS-24-2020: Science education outside the classroom

**Strategic orientation 2. Stepping up support to Gender Equality in Research & Innovation policy**
- SwafS-09-2018-2019-2020: Supporting research organisations to implement gender equality plans
- SwafS-25-2020: Gender-based violence including sexual harassment in research organisations and universities
- SwafS-26-2020: Innovators of the future: bridging the gender gap

**Strategic orientation 3. Building the territorial dimension of SwafS partnerships**

**Strategic orientation 4. Exploring and supporting citizen science**
- SwafS-27-2020: Hands-on citizen science and frugal innovation
- SwafS-28-2020: The ethics of organoids
- SwafS-29-2020: The ethics of technologies with high socio-economic impact
- SwafS-30-2020: Responsible Open Science: an ethics and integrity perspective

**Strategic orientation 5. Building the knowledge base for SwafS**
- SwafS-31-2020: Bottom-up approach to build SwafS knowledge base

### 1) PROJECT INFORMATION

**Field of expertise related to the topic:**

Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" is the biggest and most prestigious scientific hub in the country and one of the most reputable centers of science on the Balkans. Its mission is to develop the scientific, educational and cultural potential of Bulgaria.

The Faculty of Biology of Sofia University has a long and very rich experience in formal, non-formal and informal education in biology. Every year the following events: BioFest, Open Doors Days are held, as well as a participation in the European Researchers' Night. They are directed to students, non-specialists and the general public. Their goal is to present all current researches in the field of biology in an interactive and understandable way. In the field of ecology, presentations focus on
researches that have a direct effect on nature conservation and improvement of the balance between wildlife and human needs.

Further, the Department of Ecology and Environmental Protection organizes each year a summer practice in ecology for Bachelor and Master students. Our team, being part of this department, is specialized in the fields of ecology, ethology and conservation biology. Specifically, we conduct studies on population ecology and monitoring of mammals. Of particular interest in our studies is the behaviour and behavioural strategies of mammals in nature, as well as in captivity under the influence of various stimuli. We study not only the species of conservation importance, but also common species in order to insight into their ecology and to improve their conservation status.

**Potential contribution to the project:**
- Field and laboratory training in ecology and behaviour of mammals;
- Teaching of field methods and techniques for capturing, marking and monitoring of mammals;
- Experience in the design and delivery of presentations, textbooks and other materials, organization of scientific forums and discussions;
- Experience to work with all goups of actors - students, teachers, children, parents, local communities and the ability to apply formal, non-formal and informal teaching approaches;
- Behavioural research and education of students in Zoos;
- Impact assessment of the activities;

**Role in the project:**
- [ ] Research
- [ ] Training
- [ ] Dissemination
- [ ] Technology Development
- [ ] Other

Project idea:

Already experience as a Coordinator: [ ] yes  [ ] no
As a Partner: [ ] yes  [ ] no

If “yes”, which project: K-TRIO 3, Researchers in the knowledge triangle, Grant agreement ID: 818757, MSCA-NIGHT-2018 - European Researchers’ Night;
RECSES, Researchers in chemistry supporting economy and society, Grant agreement ID: 287367, FP7-People - Specific programme "People" implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013), FP7-People-2011-NIGHT - Marie-Curie Action: "Researchers’ Night".

Other partners in consortium already identified (with countries): no

2) **TARGET COORDINATOR / PARTNER SOUGHT**

**Organisation details:**
- [ ] Higher education / university
- [ ] Industry / SME
- [ ] Research institution
- [ ] Other
- [ ] NGO
- Please specify:
- [ ] Education

We are looking for following Expertise / Competencies:
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**Short profile of the Organisation:** The Faculty of Biology of Sofia University teaches students in three educational degrees – bachelor, master and PhD. Education in the faculty is provided in three professional trends – Biological Sciences, Biotechnologies and Pedagogy of the Education in Biology. The major tasks of the Faculty of Biology of Sofia University is training of highly-qualified specialists with higher education, capable of developing and applying scientific knowledge in different aspects of human activity; to undertake fundamental and applied scientific research and to create and apply scientific production; to hold and develop the national traditions in the field of education, science and culture; to select, train and develop its teaching staff; to conduct national and international collaborations in the field of education, science and culture; to raise the qualification of higher education specialists.

**Date:** 07.02.2020

**The offer is valid until:**

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□ YES □ NO

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