



InSPIRES Open Call

for funding participatory research projects within the EU project “Ingenious Science shops to promote Participatory Innovation, Research and Equity in Science”

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A. Introduction

Aim of the InSPIRES Open Call

This InSPIRES Open Call will provide financial support for the **implementation of participatory research projects focused on health and environmental issues** that are considered key societal challenges, giving special attention to gender parity and vulnerable groups (women, the elderly, adolescents, migrants and refugees).

The Call will fund the implementation of projects presented by legal entities from eligible countries for H2020 funding which will be external entities to the InSPIRES Consortium. Approximately 6 projects will be funded.

InSPIRES project

The [InSPIRES project](#) is coordinated by Fundación Privada Instituto de Salud Global Barcelona (ISGlobal), and implemented together with a consortium formed by: Living Lab for Health at IrsiCaixa, Université de Lyon, Environmental Social Sciences Research Group (ESSRG), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Università Degli Studi Di Firenze, Institut Pasteur De Tunis and Fundación Ciencia y Estudios Aplicados para el Desarrollo en Salud y Medio Ambiente (CEADES).

InSPIRES brings together practitioners and experts from across and beyond Europe to co-design, jointly pilot, implement and roll out innovative models of participatory research projects through the so called [Science Shops](#). The InSPIRES models integrate [Responsible Research and Innovation \(RRI\)](#), [Open Science \(OSc\)](#) and [Impact Evaluation](#) as part of their DNA in order to open the research process up in a more strategic way to civil society and other stakeholders.

Concentrating most of its efforts on Research & Innovation in the health sector, with a strong focus on the environmental and social determinants, and giving special attention to gender parity and vulnerable groups (women, the elderly, adolescents, migrants and refugees), InSPIRES brings [Science Cafés](#) and other [public engagement initiatives](#) into its models together with a “glocal” international focus, for more inclusive, context relevant and culturally adapted community based participatory research and innovation.

With the aim to further spread out InSPIRES’ practices, the Consortium has launched this Open Call.

B. Funding

As a result of this competitive Open Call, approximately 6 grants will be awarded for implementing participatory research projects. The awarded entities will join the project as Third Parties receiving financial support.

Even though the maximum estimated budget for each project is €20.000, there will be flexibility when granting the selected projects, taking into account the needs of each project and the cost of the Person Months¹ (PM).

The budget will be calculated based on:

- Staff costs: Personnel costs associated to the effort in PM required to carry out the participatory research project tasks
- Other costs: For organizing the tasks and piloting and implementing them

The deadline for implementing the awarded projects will be May 2020.

C. Projects' specifications

The awarded projects will be focused on health and environmental issues that tackle key societal challenges, giving special attention to gender parity and vulnerable groups (women, the elderly, adolescents, migrants and refugees), as mentioned above. They will fulfil the following characteristics:

- Will be designed and implemented with **methodologies aligned with RRI, OSc and Impact Evaluation**, including innovative models and methodologies for participatory research agenda setting with CSOs (Civil Society Organisations) and other stakeholders, and also methodologies for the co-design and the co-implementation of research projects. Those will also include participatory approaches to the evaluation and dissemination strategies, and will also make use of an impact evaluation tool that the InSPIRES project is currently developing.
- Will involve a diversity of stakeholders, including CSOs and/or citizens. They may also involve other stakeholders such as: researchers working in different disciplines, industry representatives, policy makers and representatives of the education community. However, projects with lower levels of engagement may also be accepted to respond to different levels of complexity of the challenges addressed.
- May establish collaborations between different countries and be implemented in parallel in different Science Shops or other entities performing participatory research, which will respond to similar social needs and demands identified in the different locations. However, projects implemented in one particular location will also be eligible.

¹ One PM is the cost of one person working full time for the project for one month (including taxes and other charges).

D. Participation Criteria

Participation in the InSPIRES Open Call is open to:

- Entities that belong to eligible countries² for H2020 funding.
- Participatory research projects that fulfill the projects' specifications listed above.
- Teams with an English speaking project manager or principal investigator

What is expected from the applicants?

- **APPLICATION:** Candidate entities will send an Application Form and the CV of the project manager or the principal investigator of the project. This Application form will include the challenge targeted, objectives, the phases of the process including the evaluation and actors and methods of engagement that will be implemented in each of those³. The Form will also indicate the tasks, budget, timeline and expected impact.
- **ASSESSMENT:** The selected projects will be invited to participate in webinars with consortium partners to promote mutual learning and assessment.
- **FINAL REPORTING:** Granted entities will report on the projects performed and will be invited to present their project at the final InSPIRES Conference, which will take place during spring 2021.

E. Evaluation process and criteria

All project proposals received by the prescribed deadline will be evaluated in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The evaluation and selection of the awarded projects will be carried out by InSPIRES' General Assembly, which is formed by one representative of each project partner.

A selection of approximately 6 projects will be funded, following the evaluation criteria below:

- The research question addressed in the project is in line with the community needs and expectations: 20%
- The diversity of stakeholders and the level and the methodologies for multistakeholder engagement is in line with the complexity of the challenge addressed in the project: 20%
- The applicant has previous boundaries with stakeholders in the topic of the project within the health and environmental sector (i.e. researchers, policy makers, industry, civil society organizations, education community...): 20%
- The applicant has previous experience in implementing participatory research activities: 20%. However, the Call is open to Institutions that wish to start implementing participatory research activities, since they will be mentored by the Consortium.
- The applicant has knowledge on RRI, Open Science and Innovation and public engagement methodologies such as those implemented in Science Shops: 20%

² https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2018-2020/annexes/h2020-wp1820-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf

³ Including how the research question will be formulated and how actors will be engaged during the different phases such as in the design of the process, methods and tools, during the recruitment and analysis of data, in the formulation of conclusions, in the evaluation, dissemination, etc.



F. Project proposal submission and deadline

Applicants must send the complete Application Form and the CV of the project manager or principal investigator **before 23:59 CET on June 15th** to rmalagrida@irsicaixa.es with cc mpinoc@irsicaixa.es.

Please, use the e-mail Subject: **“Open Call for participatory research”** for sending these documents.

G. Notification of evaluation results

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by e-mail on July and the results of the evaluation will be made available on the InSPIRES website.

Once selected, the organisation must be able to provide the necessary administrative input for the application by 30th September.

Should you have questions, please contact Living Lab for Health at mpinoc@irsicaixa.es with cc rmalagrida@irsicaixa.es.

