


Proposal Evaluation Form

	EUROPEAN COMMISSION Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)	Evaluation Summary Report - Coordination and support actions
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Call:	HORIZON-MSCA-2022-CITIZENS-01
Type of action:	HORIZON-CSA
Proposal number:	101061190
Proposal acronym:	MEDNIGHT
Duration (months):	20
Proposal title:	MEDITERRANEAN RESEARCHERS' NIGHT (2022 AND 2023 EDITIONS)
Activity:	HORIZON-MSCA-2022-CITIZENS-01-01

N.	Proposer name	Country	Total Cost	%	Grant Requested	%
1	EPISTIMI EPIKOINONIA	EL	0	-	144,750	24.14%
2	EL CALEIDOSCOPIO PROYECTOS DE CIENCIA Y CULTURA SL	ES	0	-	119,688	19.96%
3	FUNDACION PARA EL FOMENTO DE LA INVESTIGACION SANITARIA Y BIOMEDICA DE LA COMUNITAT VALENCIANA	ES	0	-	50,000	8.34%
4	FUNDACION PARA LA INVESTIGACION DEL HOSPITAL CLINICO DE LA COMUNITAT VALENCIANA, FUNDACION INCLIVA	ES	0	-	40,000	6.67%
5	AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS	ES	0	-	38,000	6.34%
6	SCICO CYPRUS LTD	CY	0	-	22,500	3.75%
7	KADIR HAS UNIVERSITESI	TR	0	-	30,000	5.00%
8	FUNDACION MUSEO DIDACTICO E INTERACTIVO DE CIENCIAS DE LA VEGA BAJA DE SEGURA DE LA COMUNITAT VALENCIANA	ES	0	-	52,000	8.67%
9	European Women Rectors Association	BE	0	-	50,313	8.39%
10	UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA	IT	0	-	52,445	8.75%
	Total:		0		599,696	

Abstract:

More than 500 million people on three continents are united by the world's largest sea, the Mediterranean. Our strategic geographic location and the shared history gives us a common character and common challenges. Mediterranean Researchers' Night - MEDNIGHT objective is to generate a Mediterranean unity, providing awareness about common problems, fostering scientific careers, reinforcing researchers' commitment and progress, and putting science and scientists at the cornerstone of our future and a relevant matter. MEDNIGHT shows the attractiveness and importance of the researchers' work and professions to the general public, and specially for girls and boys, carrying out a series of activities framed under the common umbrella of what we have come to call "Mediterranean Science" placing particular emphasis on youngsters and female researchers and showing the potential of R&D as a source of progress and well-being. Mediterranean Science relates to research developed in our territories but also the countless collaborations with other EU researchers. Mediterranean Science is focused on Mediterranean relevant topics according to our culture, way of life or current challenges: Sea and pollution, Climate and clean energies, Diet and nutrition, life and Health. Many online and face-to-face diverse activities are organised by MEDNIGHT consortium in Valencia, San Juan, Orihuela, Torrevieja, Messina, Lesvos, Nicosia, Istanbul (Main cities), and also Liria, Santa Pola, Limnos, Rhodes, Syros Eyupsultan, Kadikov, or El Cairo, among others (Satellite cities).

Evaluation Summary Report

Evaluation Result

Total score: 14.00 (Threshold: 10)

Criterion 1 - Excellence

Score: **5.00** (Threshold: 3/5.00 , Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme:

- Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives.
- Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures, including soundness of methodology.

STRENGTHS

- MEDNIGHT objectives are clear, achievable and measurable and respond optimally to the CITIZENS call by engaging scientists and researchers from several countries under the unitary concept of Mediterranean Science.
- The collaborative nature of European research, sound promotion of female science careers and the need for open science are concepts very convincingly integrated in the proposal, which is very positive.
- Audiences are targeted clearly, in particular youngsters, school kids and girls/women with specific approaches to effectively engage them in the NIGHT events.
- Thematic areas are clearly identified (sea and pollution, climate and clean energies, diet and nutrition, life and health) and are well in line with the EU Green Deal and EU Missions.
- The overall methodology is robust and supported by observed assumptions and tested methods. It is reinforced by a well-developed and effective communication campaign, whose international coherence is facilitated by the handbook "How to design Mediterranean science activities".

- Stakeholders' engagement strategy is clear and well-conceived, being deployed in an effective hierarchy of associated entities, ambassadors, collaborators and associated NIGHTs.

WEAKNESSES

- None.

Criterion 2 - Impact

Score: **4.50** (Threshold: 3/5.00 , Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme:

- Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.
- Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.

STRENGTHS

- Well-defined target groups and innovative activities to reach them are planned in diverse locations, including public spaces and special venues like hospitals and refugee camps, and which contribute to the credibility of the pathways to achieve the outcomes.
- The project defines a wide number of sound approaches leveraging multiple stakeholders and taking advantage from synergies with well-established initiatives, encouraging the acknowledgment of the EU dimension of NIGHT and the value of EU contribution to research.
- A well-structured evaluation procedure is in place to measure the impact of the project
- Specific activities to highlight professional options in science careers beyond academic jobs will convincingly contribute to increase youngsters' interest in STEAM disciplines.
- Estimated figures about outreach and attendees are very ambitious but well explained and credible on the basis of the activity plan, the large transnational consortium and members' established networks.
- The awareness campaign is very professionally elaborated and comprehensive to fit the transnational dimension of the project. Communication strategies are underpinned by sound data and offer an extensive number of formats and targeted messages, including innovative approaches, like the video blog from the Toftevaag ship, the Guerrilla Science and the Mediterranean Science Team.

WEAKNESSES

- Numerous preparatory activities are identified, but they are not elaborated sufficiently to explain how they will be implemented in each location.
- The researchers' involvement strategy, in particular for MSCA Fellows, is not sufficiently defined.

Criterion 3 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Score: **4.50** (Threshold: 3/5.00 , Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme:

- Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.
- Capacity and role of each participant, and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

STRENGTHS

- The work plan is fully elaborated and of very good quality. It is well structured and includes a comprehensive list of shared and specific actions to be developed at each location.
- Resources allocated to each work package are appropriate to successfully implement the foreseen activities.
- The risk assessment strategy is of good quality, with clear mitigation measures and control points
- The consortium contains heterogeneous entities with complementary backgrounds that can credibly leverage their networks to mobilise numerous external organisations.
- The role of each partner in the project is clear and logical.

WEAKNESSES

- The impact assessment strategy does not sufficiently define the expected volume of questionnaires to be answered nor the strategy to promote participation in the different polls.
- The purchase costs within the EU requested grant amount are relatively high and lack justification in some instances, for example the cost for the website development in 2022 and 2023.

Scope of the application

Status: **Yes**

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided

Exceptional funding

A third country participant/international organisation not listed in [the General Annex to the Main Work Programme](#) may exceptionally receive funding if their participation is essential for carrying out the project (for instance due to outstanding expertise, access to unique know-how, access to research infrastructure, access to particular geographical environments, possibility to involve key partners in emerging markets, access to data, etc.). (For more information, see the [HE programme guide](#))

Please list the concerned applicants and requested grant amount and explain the reasons why.

Based on the information provided, the following participants should receive exceptional funding:

Not provided

Based on the information provided, the following participants should NOT receive exceptional funding:

Not provided

Use of human embryonic stem cells (hESC)

Status: **No**

If YES, please state whether the use of hESC is, or is not, in your opinion, necessary to achieve the scientific objectives of the proposal and the reasons why. Alternatively, please state if it cannot be assessed whether the use of hESC is necessary or not, because of a lack of information.

Not provided

Use of human embryos

Status: **No**

If YES, please explain how the human embryos will be used in the project.

Not provided

Activities excluded from funding

Status: **No**

If YES, please explain.

Not provided

Do no significant harm principle

Status: **Not applicable**

If Partially/No/Cannot be assessed please explain

Not provided

Exclusive focus on civil applications

Status: **Yes**

If NO, please explain.

Not provided

Artificial Intelligence

Status: **No**

If YES, the technical robustness of the proposed system must be evaluated under the appropriate criterion.

Overall comments

Not provided



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