

Call for Ecsite members: Host an exhibition about Citizen Science

Background

Ecsite is the coordinator of the EU-funded [Sparks](#) project which aims at promoting the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) throughout the European Union. In line with RRI principles, the project communicates to Europeans that they can participate in science and that various stakeholders share the responsibility for scientific research. As part of the project, a travelling exhibition is currently touring the EU. Beyond the Lab: the DIY Science Revolution explores seven remarkable stories of people who are opening up scientific research to everyone, taking it out of professional labs and into homes, workshops and backyards. From people who build their own medical devices to manage their diabetes, to community groups measuring pollution, a growing number of 'do-it-yourself scientists' around the world are busy hacking, experimenting and inventing.

Sparks is looking for up to three science centres and museums where Beyond the Lab will be exhibited for a period of one to three years (exact dates and timeframe can be negotiated). Although there are no renting or purchasing costs, organisations will need to cover costs relating to: transport, insurance, licence fees and any and all costs relating to installing, maintenance and disposal.

Organisations that exhibited Beyond the Lab during Sparks' tour are very welcomed to apply.

Exhibition specifications:

- The exhibition design was led by the Science Museum (London)
- Requires around 150m³ exhibition surface (minimum size 120m²)
- Arrives in 19 wooden crates transported by a 13m long truck
- Contains 7 stories of citizen scientists and 3 artworks commissioned by Ars Electronica
- Consists mostly of photography, videos, and 35 pre-installed objects
- Contains integrated lighting
- Features pre-installed English text panels and translation is available in all official EU languages
- Accompanying documents: handbook for participatory activities developed for the project, exhibition guide, on-site explainers' guide and a collection of tips and tricks gathered during Beyond the Lab tour.

Please review [Beyond the Lab information booklet](#) for more information.

Eligibility and technical requirements

- Suitable venue with approximately 150m² exhibition area with access to electricity
- Ability to present the exhibition for a period no shorter than one year
- Ability to respect exhibition layout
- Ability to comply to quality, health and safety standards
- Ability to dispose of exhibition at the end of display period

Selection criteria

- Be a non-profit Ecsite member
- Geographical spread: preference will be given to EU28 countries
- Suitable schedule (delivery dates Spring 2018)
- Suitable venue
- Extensive experience with installing science exhibitions
- Experience with the topic of RRI, healthcare and citizen science
- Williness to run participatory activities related to exhibition thematic
- Motivation for hosting the exhibition

How to apply

Please submit this [form](#) by **23:59 CET on 11 March**. If you require the full technical specifications of the exhibition or have other questions, do not hesitate to contact Maria Zolotonosa, project coordinator at mzolotonosa@ecsite.eu. Organisations will be selected by Ecsite in collaboration with Sparks' Steering Committee by **19 March**.