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**ERASMUS + K2 –”Higher Education Innovation in Plant Diversity: flexible learning paths for emerging labour market- HEI-PLADI”**

**MOBILITY FOR**

**“Modern Methods for Plant Systematics” PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES**

**Call for applications to 4 GRANTS**

**Academic Year 2017/18**

**DEADLINE: September 15h 2017 at 12 a.m.**

The “Higher Education Innovation in Plant Diversity: flexible learning paths for emerging labour market - HEI PLADI” – is a pilot course financed by ERASMUS PLUS KA2 - Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices Strategic Partnerships for higher education program and it involves Universities of Molise, Cagliari, Lisboa, Malta, and Sofia, the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, and the Polish Academy of Sciences Botanical Garden-Centre for Biological Diversity Conservation.

The program aims at:

1) stimulating the internationalization of Europe’s higher education systems and provide more opportunities for students to gain additional skills in the field of plant diversity;

2) attuning higher education curricula to current and emerging labour market needs. Equip the young generation with “transversal skills” in the emerging labour market where plant diversity resources can offer an extraordinary opportunity to realize innovative benefits;

3) allowing students to inter-relate and learn from scientists coming from different backgrounds in an European context;

4) encouraging processes of international exchanges, integration and cooperation.

Within the HEI-PLADI pilot course students from each of the partner universities are allowed to participate to short-term training activities on:

Modern Methods for Plant Systematics organized at the University of Lisboa October 30 th – November 3th 2017 **(4 grants**)

**COURSE INFORMATION**

1. **Aims**

The training course on “Modern Methods for Plant Systematics” will be focused on practical activities related with the theoretical knowledge gained from the e-learning course. For more detailed information refer to the program handbook published at the following webpage: https://dibt.unimol.it/HEI-PLADI/attachments/Handbook%20HEI-PLADI%202016-2017.pdf

1. **Course organization**

Practical course on “Modern Methods for Plant Systematics”, organized at UNIVERSITY OF LISBOA, PORTUGAL

ADDRESS: Faculty of Sciences, C2. Lisboa

Date: **October 30th – November 3th, 2017**

Maximum number of participating students: 20 (four per university partner)

Contacts for course information: Helena Cotrim, FCUL, University of Lisboa, Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes (CE3C), Phone: FCUL: ext 22146/00 351217500382 (FCUL), e-mail: hmcotrim@fc.ul.pt

1. **Assessment methods**

Assessment of practical activities will be by means of a written report where the aims of the activities carried out together with the methods and results obtained will be described and discussed.

It is required:

 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding;

 Emphasize students’ understanding of activities and their ability to conduct them;

 Ability to connect various topics with current issues

1. **Awarded ECTS**Students participating in the Practical activities on Modern Methods for Plant Systematics earning positive result on the written report will be awarded with 4 ECTS.

**STUDENTS’ APPLICATION**

The course is open to participation of undergraduate and post-graduate students (master/PhD level) of all relevant disciplines with genuine interest in gaining new competences in plant biodiversity management and conservation issues.

The positions per University are as follows:

University of Molise (4), University of Cagliari (4), University of Lisboa (4), University of Malta (4), University of Sofia (4).

1. **The selection criteria for the participants are:**
* Good level of English (at least C1 or B2- testified by any language certificates such as TOEFL, IELTS, other). In absence of certificate, the level of English will be evaluated by an interview).
* have satisfactorily completed the activities of study and passed the examinations earned positive results on the exam;
* registration in the virtual courses of HEIPLADI pilot program (https://dibt.unimol.it/HEI-PLADI/elearning/)
* basic knowledge on Botany and/or Plant taxonomy, and/or Ex situ ad in situ conservation, and/or Modern methods in plant systematic, and/or GIS certified by the exams taken, the ECTS awarded and marks obtained.
1. **How to apply**

## By September 15th 2017 at 12 a.m the signed application, drafted using the Call for practical activity template accompanied by:

* a short CV including the necessary information concerning the above mentioned criteria for the selection (Max length 2 pages);
* a motivation letter as cover explaining briefly why it is relevant for taking part in the short-term mobility for practical activities (Max length 1 pages)
* evidences for having earned positive results and/or for registration in the virtual course/s of HEIPLADI pilot program;

must be submitted by students from University of Sofia: to Mrs. Lyuba Pencheva, University Botanic Gardens, Sofia University, Moskovska str., 49, Sofia, e-mail: ubg\_sofia@abv.bg

 **C- Deadline for applications**

The application should be submitted by **September 15th 2017 at 12 a.m**

**D) Communication of selection results**

The selection of the students will be made accordingly with the selection criteria (See section **A** STUDENTS’ APPLICATION) by professors involved in the HEI-PLADI project.

**The accepted students will be contacted personally by e-mail by the last week of September 2017.

ORGANISATION AND FUNDING**

The course is free of charge. The HEIPLADI project is funded with support from the European Commission-ERASMUS PLUS program accommodation arrangements will be made by the organizers and costs of travel and subsistence will be reimbursed up to the maximum budget provided by the project

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| Student From | To | Travel cost reimbursement | Individual support |
| University of Sofia | University of Lisboa | 360 € | **385 €** |

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE PROJECT WEBPAGE**:

 **https://dibt.unimol.it/HEI-PLADI/home/**