

## “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST” FOR HOSTING MARIE S. CURIE FELLOWS IN SPANISH INSTITUTIONS (CALL MSCA IF 2018)

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- 6. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CENTRE:**

Polibienestar ([www.polibienestar.org](http://www.polibienestar.org)) is a Public Research Institute at the University of Valencia, led by Jordi Garcés, Full Professor at the University of Valencia and Prince of Asturias Distinguished Visiting Professor at Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA). It is specialised in research, innovation and social technology, technical advice and training in the field of public policies.

Polibienestar is composed by an interdisciplinary team with more than 60 senior and junior researchers from different departments from eight Spanish Universities. Its team develops interdisciplinary research applied in social sciences. This interdisciplinary perspective is necessary to respond to the complexity of welfare systems and allows Polibienestar to develop, from innovative and classic research, effective analysis and solutions for new social challenges.

In the last ten years Polibienestar has developed more than 40 R&D projects and 40 contracts and produced 113 ISI articles, 54 indexed to different networks, 41 book chapters and 21 books. Among the projects, Polibienestar has participated and coordinated regional, national and European projects funded by the regional programme for research groups of excellence Prometeo; different Spanish Ministries, as the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (programmes as CENIT and Influye) and the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism; and European programmes like 6th and the FP, AAL, III Daphne, Progress, ENPI CBCMED, Youth in Action, Lifelong Learning, CIP, Erasmus+, II and III Health Programme and COSME.

### **7. RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:**

One of Polibienestar main research lines is “Social Tourism accessible for all and the building of age-friendly and disability-friendly environments with relevant role to ICTs”. It is focused on studies and R+D projects on social tourism accessible for all. In this field, Polibienestar has been compiling a wide know-how that provides the following capacities: accessibility evaluation and advice, promotion of active and healthy ageing through tourism and leisure activities, ICT tourism devices, and training and designing training in accessible social tourism.

In this line, Polibienestar participates in national and European networks. Among them, the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) promoted by the European Commission. In this partnership, Polibienestar leads the working group on Age Friendly Tourism and its impact, that tries to promote active and healthy habits by increased participation of older people in leisure activities linked to age-friendly tourism.

Polibienestar has participated and coordinated regional, national and European projects and has advised to administrations and private companies. As example of our large scientific carrier:

- PLEASE, Please Let Enjoy a Seniors Experience (COSME).
- CAP4Access, Collective Awareness Platforms for Improving Accessibility on European Cities Regions (7th FP).

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- SOCIALTOURISM, Research for the improvement of the knowledge in social tourism accessible for all in Spain (Spanish Ministry of Science & Innovation).
- THOFU, Technologies for the future hotel (Ministry of Economy & Competitiveness).
- Thinktur, the Spanish Technological Platform of Tourism (Spanish Ministry of Sciences & Innovation).
- LivingAll, Free movement and equal living opportunities for all (6th FP).

**8. RESEARCH AREAS:** Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

**9. APPLICATIONS:**

Required documents:

- Full CV (Europass format)
- Letter of motivation

Deadline for submission: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018