**Application 1**

**INVITATION**

to participate in the selection procedure for associated partners for joint participation in a procedure by selecting project proposals ВG05М2ОР001-1.002 "Establishment And Development Of Centers Of Competence" under "Science and education for smart growth" 2014 - 2020

**Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum - BAS,** as a leading organization in Association "National Centre for Museology and Tourism" in connection with the preparation of a project proposal procedure ВG05М2ОР001-1.002 "Establishment and development of centers of competence" under "Science and education for smart growth 2014 - 2020, Priority Axis 1 "Research and technological development", Investment priority: № 1a "Strengthening the infrastructure needed for research and innovation to improve the capacity for implementation of the acquis in the field of research and innovation and promoting centers of competence, in particular centers which are of interest to Europe, Specific objective 1:" Development of advanced and market-oriented researches "Component 4: "New technologies in creative and recreational industries".

announces procedure for selection of associates.

**1. Eligible applicants**

Associate partners can be all legal entities and their associations that are interested in realization of the project and participate jointly with the applicant in preparation and / or its technical performance or by pre-ordered in the project justification project activities but does not spend funds from a grant.

\*\*\* When there are municipalities as associate partner, they should be presented on stage submitting of the project proposal, a letter of support for the project from the municipality in whose territory will be carried out the project activities.

\*\*\* Only associate partners which have declared in their request for participation sustainability of the partnership and the continuation of its activities for a period not less than five years after project implementation will be reviewed.

**2. Ineligible candidates:**

а) a member of the management or supervisory body, or a person temporarily performing such duties, including procurators or commercial agents, constituting an affiliated party within the meaning of §1 (1) of the Supplementary Regulations to the Conflict of Interest Prevention and Ascertainment Act with regard to the Head of the Managing Authority;

b) falling in the cases referred to in Articles 21 or 22 of the Conflict of Interest Prevention and Ascertainment Act.

*\*\*\* In this regard the associate partners should submit declaration of no conflict of interest - Appendix 4, completed and signed by all persons entitled to represent the partner (regardless of whether they are together and / or separately and / or otherwise) .*

**3. Necessary documents**

1. Application for participation, completed according to a model (Appendix 2);

2. Analysis of capacity for research and innovation:

* For research organizations completed according to a model (Appendix 3);
* Business organizations completed according to a model (Appendix 3a);

3. Declaration of absence of conflict of interest (Appendix 4)

**4. This call contains the following documents for information:**

1. Invitation (Appendix 1).
2. Criteria and methodology for assessment of Associate Partners. (Appendix 5).
3. Partnership statement (Appendix IIIa)

All documentation of the call is available at the following addresses:

* <http://iefem.bas.bg/>
* <http://nalilg.org/>
* <http://www.zarata.org/>
* <http://www.etar.org/>
* <http://www.sofiahistorymuseum.bg/>

The candidates' proposals should be sent to:

* Email: office@iefem.bas.bg

 - delivered in person, by an authorized person or by a courier to the address: Sofia. "Moscow" Str. 6-A

 not later than: 17/02/2017

All proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Associate partners will be selected according to the criteria set out in the criteria and methodology for assessment of Associate Partners. (Appendix 5).

Selected Associate Partners will be announced to the public and will be invited to conclude a partnership agreement consisting in signing the Declaration of Partnership (Appendix IIIa)