

Science with and for Society – Project Partner Search Form CALL:

Science with and for Society 2020 SC1-BHC-22-2019: Mental health in the workplace

- I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Project
- I am planning to coordinate a project and I am looking for Project Partners

Topics

Strategic orientation.

SwafS-01-2018-2019-2020: Open schooling and collaboration on science education

- SwafS-08-2019: Research innovation needs & skills training in PhD programmes**
- SwafS-23-2020: Grounding RRI in society with a focus on citizen science
- SwafS-24-2020: Science education outside the classroom**

Strategic orientation 2. 1.4. Innovative health and care systems - Integration of care

- SC1-BHC-22-2019: Mental health in the workplace

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- Building the territorial dimension of SwafS partnerships

Expected Impact:

Improved mental health and reduced sickness absence in the EU working population. • Positive impact on productivity and economic results of workplaces by improved • policies and action to promote mental health. Improved policies on mental health in the workplace based on the broader evidence base • of effective interventions

Mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and stress represent substantial financial costs for employers and employees, as well as a significant loss for society at large. An EU-level estimate of the overall costs, direct health costs and lost productivity is more than 450 billion EUR per year.145 ' 146 ' 147

Mental illness is an important cause of absence from work but it is also linked to high levels of presenteeism, where an employee remains at work despite experiencing symptoms resulting in lower productivity. It is important to create mentally healthy workplaces, i.e., promoting and protecting employees' good mental health and supporting them when they experience mental health problems, and their return to work.

A healthy workplace involves creating an environment that is supportive of the psychosocial aspects of work, recognising the potential of the workplace to promote workers' mental health and wellbeing, and reduce the negative impacts of work-related stress. Many of the factors that influence the positive mental health and wellbeing of workers relate to the social environment at work such as the working conditions, style of management, working culture and levels of supports, as well as job security.

A Workplace is a location, which can be inside or outside, virtual or physical, and can include an office, factory or home – where a person's primary occupation takes place

Strategic orientation 4. Exploring and supporting citizen science

- SwafS-27-2020: Hands-on citizen science and frugal innovation -
- SwafS-28-2020: The ethics of organoids
- SwafS-29-2020: The ethics of technologies with high socio-economic impact
- SwafS-30-2020: Responsible Open Science: an ethics and integrity perspective

Strategic orientation 5. Building the knowledge base for SwafS

- Taking stock and re-examining the role of science communication
- SwafS-31-2020: Bottom-up approach to build SwafS knowledge base

Project aim

This project aims to promote a good mental health, an issues that is not seen with the emphasize that deserve in many institutions and working contexts. We aim to reach an understanding of the importance of a positive mental health , taking into considerate the importance of a mental healthy working environment itself.

Activities

- There are planned to prepare and produce, informative materials about the importance of mental health in general and especially in working context.
- There are planned to organize awareness campaigns, with persons employed, in public and private sector in order to deliver information about mental health, in general and especially in work context. The stigma attached to mental ill health is important to consider as well as other social and cultural factors which may be relevant to improving the working environment.
- Project will involve key partners such as employers and employees in the private and public sector, policy makers, insurers, social partners and civil society in developing initiatives.

Potential contribution of the project:

Project should develop and implement intervention(s) that an employer/organization can take to promote good mental health and prevent mental illness in the workplace.

These interventions can be newly developed or improvements on existing ones.

They should address challenges in mental health in the workplace.

The interventions should be assessed in terms of direct and indirect individual and collective health outcomes and cost effectiveness, implementation facilitators and barriers.

Implementation:

- producing informative materials (flyer, leaflets);
- trainings;
- Collaboration with human resources.



Role in the project:

Researcher

Training

Already experience as a Coordinator: No
As a Partner: Yes

TARGET COORDINATOR / PARTNER SOUGHT

Higher education / university
Research institution

We are looking for following Expertise / Competencies: We are looking for one or more university or research institution(s) with experience in EU-funded project administration and coordination

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Short profile of the Organization:

The mission of the PHI, as a National Center for Public Health, consists of developing and applying prevention and control of diseases, injuries, disabilities, and environmental health damaging factors, and developing and applying health promotion, in close cooperation with national and international

agencies / bodies / organizations.

In more detail, the mission of the PHI is:

Monitoring the health status of the population in order to timely identify and scientifically solve the health problems encountered. Identification and monitoring of health risk determinants. Undertake and increase the level of information, education and awareness of the population on health problems. Stimulate, coordinate, and support institutions and community initiatives regarding activities undertaken by them to identify and resolve health problems. Stimulate and support draft laws and regulations aimed at protecting the health of the population and its health insurance. Continuous training and education of public health workers and professional support to them. Assess the effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of both population-based and patient-based health services. Research to provide innovative solutions to health problems as well as to establish effective strategies for disease control and prevention.

Date: 17 September 2019

The offer is valid until: March 2020

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