

Call for experts on social inequalities in cancer prevention.

Scope

FISABIO (the Foundation for the Promotion of Health and Biomedical Research in Valencia Region, Spain), **invites independent experts to assist with the evaluation** of Best Practices tackling social inequalities in cancer prevention, in the framework of the Joint Action *Innovative Partnership for Action against Cancer* (iPAAC).

Background

The **iPAAC Joint Action**, co-funded under the 3rd European Health Programme (DG Santé), brings together 24 European countries and 44 partners whose main objectives are to develop and implement innovative approaches to advances in cancer control.

The iPAAC Joint Action officially started on 1 April 2018 and it will last for three years. It is coordinated by the National Institute of Public Health Slovenia (NIJZ). More information about the iPAAC Joint Action can be obtained by visiting the official website (www.ipaac.eu).

In the field of cancer prevention and population-based screening programmes, the project aims to strengthen the principles of the European Code against Cancer (ECAC) as well as to optimise population screening programmes by **integrating social equality as a crucial cross-cutting issue**.

In this light, FISABIO will launch at the beginning of 2019 a **Contest of Best Practices tackling social inequalities in cancer prevention**, including both health promotion and cancer screening programmes. The aim of this contest being to:

- **Identify and compile** relevant European experiences,
- **Disseminate** them among European countries in order to promote and facilitate their implementation in different health systems and services,
- Contribute to the **exchange and replication** of best practices on equality in cancer prevention.

The assessment of best practices will be carried out by the **panel of specialists selected through this call for experts**.

Aim of the call

The present Call for Experts is addressed to **involve independent experts in the evaluation of proposals** submitted within the Contest of Best Practices tackling social inequalities in cancer prevention.

Experts on social inequalities, cancer prevention, health promotion, and/or population-based cancer screening programmes from scientific, academic and/or public policy management fields are welcome and they are invited to provide a sound methodological support to the Best Practices Contest evaluation stage.

Candidates' relevant areas of experience and skills

- Applicants will be evaluated on the following areas of knowledge and expertise: social and equity disciplines, epidemiology, occupational medicine and hygiene, environment and health, public health, health policy, health promotion, other scientific disciplines relevant to the topic;
- Professional experience in a multidisciplinary scientific environment, preferably in an international context;
- Published scientific papers on social inequalities in health and/or cancer prevention;
- Participation in collaborative projects related to the specific topics;
- Ability to work in English¹: applicants must be able to read English and report in English, in writing and orally.

Selection procedure

Candidates' relevant areas of experience and skills will be evaluated in order to identify the most suitable experts. Each application will be assessed by at least two members of the Evaluation Board against the applicants' relevant areas of experience and skills. The Board will proceed to nomination according to the professional experience of the applicant. The process will also have to ensure independence of the experts (in particular, avoiding potential conflicts of interest) and, as far as possible, balanced geographical and gender distribution.

Estimated work burden – Fees and reimbursement

As a rule, **3 to 5 proposals** will be distributed to each of the selected specialists, together with an **assessment template and guidelines**. Selected experts are expected to work at distance following specific recommendations and procedures that will be detailed at a later stage. The

¹'Ability to work in English' corresponds to level B2 or above, as set out in the Council of Europe reference document for the European Language Portfolio ('Common European Framework of Reference: Learning, Teaching, and Assessment'). For more information please refer to <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>



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estimated overall work burden will be of approximately **1.5 working days**, full time, within a 30-day period. The evaluation process is expected to be concluded by **May 2019**.

Proposals shall extend up to a maximum of five pages and they will be assessed against specific quality criteria. Two different independent professionals will evaluate each proposal.

Experts' cooperation will be acknowledged in every publication resulting from this work. Nevertheless they will receive no fees for their contribution.

Submission of applications

Independent experts and professionals willing to apply are invited to express their interest by completing and sending their Expert Application Form to ipaac-bp@gva.es

Further supporting documents might be requested at a later stage.

The deadline for submitting applications for the present Call is February 28, 2019.

Conclusion of the procedure - Publication of results

The Evaluation Board of this Call for Experts will publish the results of the selection procedure on the iPAAC web site no later than 30 days after the deadline of the Call.

Additionally, applicants will be informed by e-mail.

Personal data

Personal data submitted by the applicants will be collected, processed and published in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Information about the Call for Experts

Experts may ask for further information and details exclusively by E-mail to the following contacts at The Foundation for the Promotion of Health and Biomedical Research of Valencia Region, Spain (Fisabio):

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