

Call for being RIS Task Partner in ESEE Education Initiative KAVA

1. Project information

Project name:	ESEE Education Initiative
Lead Partner:	EIT RawMaterials CLC East
RIS Task Partner Patron:	Montanuniversitaet Leoben

2. Project description

In line with the overarching aims of EIT RIS objectives, EIT RawMaterials has designed and deployed its RIS Strategy with the aims at extending the geographical reach to those countries where it is not yet present or weakly represented by establishing fruitful partnerships and sharing of knowledge, best practice and innovative technologies with the respective ecosystems. Based on this strategy and the implications given in the initial country gap analysis, EIT RawMaterials has clustered the EIT RIS-eligible countries into five (slightly overlapping) groups with Eastern and South-Eastern European (ESEE) region (covering Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia) among them. From its very start educational activities have been a major concern of the EIT. The EIT has always underlined the role of high and entrepreneurial skills as drivers of innovation. A basic assumption underpinning the educational activities of the EIT is that human capital development is at the heart of approaches to fostering growth and creating jobs. Therefore, addressing these overarching goals using education as a tool an ESEE Education strategy has been created that focuses on education and capacity building in the ESEE region. The implementation of this strategy uses the piloting instrument called ESEE education Initiative which covers all countries in the ESEE region in terms of involving organizations or individuals (students, teachers, faculty members) from the region through several activities.

EIT RawMaterials has a well established partner network covering several, but not all countries in the region, therefore the implementation of the ESEE Education strategy and the activities of the ESEE education Initiative are developed through this network of local partners who have the knowledge, competency and capacity to further extend EIT RawMaterials presence and partnership in the region.

The program integrates education, business, wider society and any other potential innovation stakeholder through developing and deploying innovative pilot programs lead by local universities in the RIS region. The program shall involve local industry and SMEs and transfer best practices to the region from other KICs or regions of Europe. The overall goal is to establish a system of programs maintaining and supporting EIT RM RIS Action Line II activities by closing the gaps in terms of educational excellence in EIT RIS-eligible countries and regions, taking the proposing and coordinating initiative – and initiate knowledge transfer from KIC members from non-EIT RIS-eligible countries towards those and increasing visibility of and awareness about the EIT. The project itself transfers tailor-made successful programs already implemented within EIT RawMaterials to the ESEE region by making these programs available to those who have not yet become KIC partners or to individuals for the benefit of the innovativeness of the region itself.

One program is the RM@Schools program, being a successful Wider Society Learning program which is one of the flagship programs of EIT RawMaterials. RM@Schools objective is to propose to schools an active learning environment by involving students in experiments with RM-related hands-on educational kits and in communication activities. All students will be introduced into the RM topics by RM Ambassadors (experts from the consortium). Students from 14 to 19 years old will be asked to become "Young Raw Matters Ambassadors" themselves and create dissemination products focused on RM by using two idioms, the native and English language.

3. Expected role of RIS Task Partner

Selected RIS task partner is expected to implement project tasks as listed below in Bosnia Hercegovina
Creation of the European Network:

- a. Participating in 2 workshops
2. Training of the RM Ambassadors:
 - a. Development of RM@Schools hands-on Toolkits
 - b. creation of supporting teaching materials
 - c. traslation in different languages of some of the already existing RM@Schools toolkits
Sharing of these materials on the Virtual RM@Schools Centre to support the future RM Ambassadors
3. Creation of the Local Networks:
 - a. links among schools, companies, research Centres/University and places of interest such as museums and mines
4. Strategy validation in schools:
 - a. work with classes
 - b. Participation at the Final Conferences plus exhibition in Bologna

4. Conditions for financial support

a. Maximum amount of financial support

RIS Task Partners will receive their funding via the Task Partner Patron (a KIC partner participating in the project). Funding for RIS Task Partner will not exceed 10,000 EUR in this particular action in 2019.

b. Criteria for calculating the exact amount of the financial support

Financial support to selected RIS Task Partners will be categorized under Article 13 of the SGA, “subgranting” and will be reported based on actual costs incurred among the below categories:

Cost category	Description	Evidence*
Direct Personnel	Actual personnel costs	Time sheets
Travel and subsistence	Travel, accommodation costs and applicable per diem in accordance with usual accounting principles of the RIS Task Partner related to participation in project related activities	Travel & Expense policy Receipts
Other direct costs	Other costs incurred in relation to Task Partner activities in the Project	Receipts
Indirect costs	25% of all direct costs above mentioned	N/A

* Further details can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf

c. Categories of persons / organisations that may receive financial support

University with academics and/or research in the field of raw materials from Bosnia Hercegovina with teaching activity in a field of at least one below:

1. Exploration and raw materials resource assessment
2. Mining in challenging environments
3. Increased resource efficiency in mineral and metallurgical processes
4. Recycling and material chain optimisation for End-of-Life products
5. Substitution of critical and toxic materials in products and for optimised performance
6. Design of products and services for the circular economy

d. Criteria for giving financial support and selection process

At the time of selecting a RIS Task Partner, the following criteria will be considered:

Eligibility criteria:

- A. Task Partner comes from Bosnia Hercegovina
- B. Task Partner is able to contribute to and maximize the impact of the ESEE Education Initiative project coordinated by one of EIT RawMaterials Partners as described point 3..
- C. The selected candidate shall provide the expertise in the raw materials sector as the **legal entity** with specific knowledge, access to data-set or equipment available in the RIS country of their origin. The expertise is in particular demonstrated by the following *at least one needs to be selected):
 - i. Being the raw materials data owner and provider at regional / country level (e.g. geological data, mining properties inventory data, secondary deposits inventory data, etc.) and enabling the use of that data for the specific project;
 - ii. Possessing sound knowledge of local regulations, legislation and policy including policy analysis, legal and economic and multi factor analysis and local regulations for intellectual properties (IP) and utilizing this knowledge for the purpose of the specific project;
 - iii. Able to manage local raw materials sampling, sample handling and processing for use in a specific project;
 - iv. Accredited measurement and analysis for locally taken raw materials samples for use in a specific project;
 - v. Being the owner or having access to certain local raw materials sites / test sites or materials/processes and enabling them for usage in a specific project;
 - vi. Able to perform industrial tests as owner or producer of a certain technology and participation on measurement and validation in a specific project;
 - vii. Carry out research and development in the field of raw materials and conducting it or utilizing its results in a specific project;
 - viii. Being a member of or affiliated with major raw materials networks (i.e. chambers or professional associations) in the RIS country of origin;
 - ix. Representing and engaging the majority of types of legal entities in the RIS country of their origin (e.g. associations, chambers).
- D. Main activity related to the project is performed in Bosnia Hercegovina

Quality criteria:

- E. Applicants experience in schooling programs (any kind related involving primary and secondary schools)
- F. Applicants existing connection of local primary and secondary schools, museums and companies.

Selection process

In case there are several organisations or persons that qualify for the Tasks to be implemented, the selection will be based on the following:

- For each Type of Activity a rating between 1 (poorly meeting the criteria) and 3 (criteria met by 100%) will be given;
- Based on the sum of the individual ratings a ranking of organisations will be established;
- For establishing the consortium the partner ranked 1st will be approached, in case this potential partners refuses to become a partner the 2nd ranked potential partner etc. will be contacted.

Application Form

All applications must be submitted using the Application Form available <https://www.ric-leoben.at/en/news-en/>

Submission of application / contact details for more information

The application must be submitted to anja.meier@unileoben.ac.at by March 08, 2019, at 23:59 CET.

The following persons can assist you in case of questions:

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