



TRAINING VISITS SCHEME: CALL FOR HOST INSTITUTES

In line with the PERSEUS Description of Work (DoW), a personnel training visits scheme among partners, with the aim to train individuals, transfer knowledge and allow the dissemination and sharing of technological expertise will be organized under Work Package 8, Task 8.3.

This call is to invite the PERSEUS Partner Institutes throughout the Mediterranean and Black Seas, to submit proposals for the personnel training visits scheme, focusing on scientific, technical and/ marine environmental management topics related to the scope of the PERSEUS.

The interested Institutes are requested to submit their proposals to host/accept training visits and offer high quality training in scientific, technical and/ marine environmental management topics for a duration of a few weeks to a couple of months.

This is a single call for the host Institutes. The final decision on the qualifying host Institutes and the schedule of the training visits will be taken in June 2012 by the Scientific Steering Committee. Three calls will then open for the trainees in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Application/Selection criteria:

The submitted proposals should not be more than 3 pages and should clearly indicate the following points (against which they are going to be evaluated by the Steering Committee):

1. The nature of training offered, indicating the general issue(s) that the training will be carried on, the targets set, the available expertise, the facilities to be used, and the expected benefits from the visit (for all recipients).
2. The expected number of trainees and the duration of each visit (duration of the visits will depend upon the topics and importance for PERSEUS and could range from a few weeks to a couple of months)
3. The tentative budget request of the host Institute (please provide details on how it will be expended). The budget for the proposed training activities will be evaluated against the transfer of expertise provided. The funding received would be mainly dedicated to “bench fees” and the personnel that will work with the trainees.



4. (Optional) The time that is best suit for the visit, based on the Institute's availability and PERSEUS needs. This will help the Steering Committee to decide on the overall schedule of visits.

It should be noted that such training would not support additional activity in the host Institute. The offered training would rather suit everyday's activity towards PERSEUS's goals.

How to apply:

Please submit your proposals to WP8.3 Task Leader, Martha Papathanassiou, at mpapath@hcmr.gr before **31 May 2012**. The final list of the submitted proposals will be prepared for discussion during the Steering Committee Meeting in June 2012, where the final decision will be taken.

Further information

The Training Visits Scheme is described in the DoW under Task 8.3 of WP8. The proposed activities during the visits will not be restricted to scientific research topics, but further extended to technical capacity and marine environmental management topics.

Visits of scientists and technicians will be organised at selected PERSEUS partner institutes, who will provide training-on-the-job opportunities and hands-on experience. The goal is to put across and transfer expertise within the network, involving and engaging all Mediterranean and Black Sea countries on an equal opportunity basis.

The central idea is not simply to train individuals, but rather to support and encourage individuals to successfully complete their tasks and duties on the job. This exchange of scientists will meet the training needs of all individuals, while simultaneously it will complement the activities of other WPs, especially in relation to case studies.