

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

### **Project: “Food4Health”**

***Selection of Private Companies as PROJECT WORK PARTNER  
for the training course: “Digital skills enhancement training on the green & blue  
economy”***

***Date of Publication: 22 December 2022***

***Deadline of Application: 31 January 2023***

***Position: PROJECT WORK PARTNER***

***Duration of assignment: 4 months***

***Starting period: March 2023***

***Project title: Food4Health (CUP C68H19000260007)***

### **1. THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE INITIATIVE**

As part of the **Food4Health project** (Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro), CIHEAM Bari is launching a call for participation for private companies as “project work partner” in a training course on *'Digital skills enhancement in the green and blue economy'* for 30 graduates or nearly graduating students from Albania, Montenegro and Italy.

The innovative training course will be delivered during 2023 in close cooperation with digital companies thanks to the partnership with Puglia IT District, Ditech and the support of business associations and universities from Albania, Montenegro and Italy. The course is divided into a mindset training phase and a project work experience (traineeship) within digital companies in Italy, Albania and Montenegro.

The work experience will be carried out as part of a multidisciplinary team of participants who will have the opportunity to develop real innovative solutions based on the business challenges of the companies by applying Open Innovation-Design Thinking Methodology. The overall duration of the course, held in English, is 4 months.

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

This expression of interest is aimed at gathering the willingness of private companies, operating in the field of digital innovation, to become Partner of the training course on '*Digital skills enhancement in the green and blue economy*', by providing the following inputs:

- contribute to the definition of the company project work according to the call “Digital Skill Job Training” published on CIHEAM Bari website ([www.iamb.it](http://www.iamb.it));
- support the student team in the development of the project work through the involvement of staff and/or experts made available by the company, according to the methods agreed in the company project work;
- according to the activities foreseen in the project work, provide access to the facilities of the company to the student team and project staff (tutors and coaches), according to the company rules and procedures. The access will be subject to availability and authorization by the company.
- liaise with the CIHEAM Bari team in charge of the activity to report on the progress of the project work;
- authorize the use of the company name and logo for project communication purposes.

Through the aforementioned activities, the participating companies will benefit from the opportunity to develop skills based on the business needs that emerged during the project work.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicant must satisfy the following requirements on the closing date for submission of expression of interest:

- Company based in the eligible area (Puglia, Molise, Albania, Montenegro);
- Digital innovation as core business;
- English speaking staff/expert.

In the case the applicant doesn't fulfil all the eligibility criteria, the application will not be taken into consideration.

## **4. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Once the terms of validity of the notice have elapsed, the CIHEAM Bari assesses the expression of interest admissibility regarding the presence of the essential requirements and the absence of causes for exclusion.

The selection of the expression of interests received will be carried out by a committee specifically appointed by CIHEAM Bari. The Committee includes n.3 members with specific expertise in the field of innovation and business development. Evaluation by the above-mentioned commission is unquestionable.

The Commission will create a list of companies eligible as host organization of the students in the frame of “Food4health project” training course.

The outcomes of the selection (list of companies) will be published on CIHEAM Bari website/section **OPPORTUNITIES** – subsection **WORK WITH US** ([www.iamb.it](http://www.iamb.it)), on its dedicated page. The selected companies will receive a confirmation e-mail which will be valid for all purposes as notification of the results of this expression of interest.

## 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All interested applicants shall submit their application using the application form (ANNEX I) available on CIHEAM Bari website/section: **OPPORTUNITIES** – subsection **WORK WITH US**, to be sent to the following email address: [youth&innovation@iamb.it](mailto:youth&innovation@iamb.it).

The application dossier must be sent via email by **January 31, 2023**.

Applicants are requested to specify the following in the email subject: **“Expression of interest as PROJECT WORK PARTNER for the Digital skills training course – FOOD4HEALTH”**

The following documents shall be sent via email as applicant dossier:

- Application form (ANNEX I) duly completed and signed by the legal representative of the Company with a brief description of the reasons for applying, company purpose and consistency with the objective of the call (MAX 1000 characters; in PDF Format);
- Identity card of the legal representative of the Company (copy of valid document in PDF Format);
- Personal data treatment statement, duly signed for approval (in PDF Format).

All documents listed above are mandatory. Applications lacking essential eligibility requirements or received after the deadline stated in this announcement or lacking any essential document as per application procedure will not be considered.

## 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAINEESHIP

This expression of interest has the purpose of facilitating the setting-up of a collaboration between CIHEAM Bari and the Partner Companies.

It is understood that **no financial obligation** is foreseen for the participating companies selected as Project Work Partner.

For the implementation of the above-mentioned training activities, both CIHEAM Bari and the Partner Companies will bilaterally agree making available their staff, equipment and facilities. All the training activities will be subject to the internal requirements of the host institution.

## 7. RESPONSIBILITY

The activities to be carried out under this expression of interest will be executed by the Partner Company following the recommendations of and in coordination with CIHEAM Bari.

The Partner Company shall be fully liable for any damage or injury to people and/or property that may be caused by the performance of the activities covered by this expression of interest and attributable to it or to its employees, collaborators and auxiliaries in general.

The Partner Company undertakes to comply with and implement all safety, security, good practice measures, health precautions as provided for by national regulations in the performance of the activities covered by this expression of interest.

## **8. USE OF PERSONAL DATA AND DISCLAIMER**

Applying to this expression of interest, companies explicitly provide for the full acceptance of the “Information about collecting, storing and processing personal data” given by CIHEAM Bari when submitting the application.

Furthermore, applicants hereby authorize CIHEAM Bari to the processing of their personal data in compliance with lawfulness, fairness and confidentiality requirements, in line with CIHEAM adoption, on 5 July 2019, of the “Security of the Information and Personal Data Protection Policy”, in compliance with the principles of EU Regulation 679/2016 – General Data Protection Regulation and subsequent amendments and additions.

Applicants explicitly and fully consent to the use of their personal data by CIHEAM Bari for the purposes under this expression of interest.

CIHEAM Bari is not liable for any incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete, damaged, lost, delayed, misdirected or intercepted entries, or for any incorrectly submitted or received entries, unreadable, damaged, lost, delayed, misdirected or intercepted. In addition, CIHEAM Bari is not liable for applications that, for any reason, are not received, or electronic or other communications that are delayed, or other technical problems related to the submission and uploading of content under this initiative.

## **9. REQUEST OF CLARIFICATION**

For any clarifications as well as for any issue not provided in this call, applicants can contact the Project Management Unit at the email address: [youth&innovation@iamb.it](mailto:youth&innovation@iamb.it) up to January 23, 2023.