



Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska –Curie

European Training Network RurAction

**10 Positions for Early-Stage Researchers<sup>1</sup> offered**

**Application Deadline 26.03.2017**

The European Training Network RurAction (“Social Entrepreneurship in Structurally Weak Rural Regions: Analysing Innovative Troubleshooters in Action”) announces **10 positions for Early-Stage Researchers** with the option of awarding the doctoral degree. The positions last **36 months** and are expected to begin between September and November 2017. Early -Stage Researchers (ESRs) with a strong interest in research about regional development, social entrepreneurship and social innovations are invited to apply for positions at leading research institutions and acknowledged social enterprises in **Austria, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Poland and Portugal**.

### Project

RurAction is an integrated research and doctorate programme funded by the European Union in the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN Action. RurAction recognizes a lack of knowledge and cross-sectoral trainings at the intersection of rural development, social innovation and social entrepreneurship research. It addresses this gap by systematically integrating these three fields of research. RurAction offers a unique opportunity to 10 Early Stage Researchers to investigate highly relevant topics about social innovations and social entrepreneurship in rural regions. The 10 Early Stage Researchers will benefit from transnational high quality trainings, bringing together both academic education and practical skills trainings provided by social enterprises with great expertise in innovative rural development. The enrolment as PhD students in the contributing universities enables the ESRs to contribute to their institutionalized PhD courses, complementary to the RurAction trainings.

<sup>1</sup> Early-stage researchers are those who are, at the time of selection by the host institution, in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree. This is measured from the date when they obtained the degree which formally entitles them to embark on a doctorate.



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A consortium of seven leading research institutions and two highly experienced social enterprises will run the training network. The consortium is formed by the **Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space** (IRS - Erkner/Germany), **Adam-Mickiewicz-University** (AMU - Poznan/Poland), **the Roskilde University** (RUC - Roskilde/Denmark), **University College Cork** (UCC - Cork/Ireland), **Ballyhoura Development** (Kilfinane/Ireland), **Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography** (IfL - Leipzig /Germany), **University of The Aegean** (UAE - Mytilini/Greece), **Otelo eGen** (Vorchdorf/Austria) and **University Institute of Lisbon** (ISTE-IUL - Lisbon/Portugal). Each institution offers one Early Stage Researcher position - except of the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space which offers two ESR positions. Please find an overview of the positions attached.

### Project timeline

The successful candidates will be appointed in autumn 2017 and employed in a 3-year full-time position. The contract will cover allowances for living, mobility and family (if applicable) according to the mobility requirements of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN Actions.

### Projects

ESR 1-project: Dynamics of rural regions in Europe – an economic investigation

ESR 2-project: The political framework for rural development and social entrepreneurship

ESR 3-project: Discourses on regional problems and cultural knowledge patterns

ESR 4-project: Social entrepreneurial actors as troubleshooters in rural regions

ESR 5-project: Social entrepreneurship as a collaborative process

ESR 6-project: Tackling social and economic exclusion in a sustainable manner

ESR 7–project: The emergence of social innovation in rural regions

ESR 8-project: The spatial spread of social innovations. How and under which conditions do innovative social practices “travel”?

ESR 9-project: The impact of innovative solutions on regional discourses and the perception of rural development

ESR 10-project: The socio-economic impact of innovative solutions on regional development



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### Questions?

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