

HORIZON EUROPE PARTNER SEARCH FORM

Call Topic(s): HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-04: Culture, heritage and creative industries for health and well-being

Project Type: Research & Innovation Action (RIA)

EXPERTISE/COMMITMENT OFFERED

Form of Participation in a Horizon Europe Project: I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Horizon Europe Project

Description of Researcher/Research Team Expertise: The research team has expertise in personality psychology, well-being, health psychology, and psychometrics. The team has experience with quantitative and qualitative research methods, psychometric analyses, intervention research, and the development and adaptation of psychometric tools. The team also has experience in connecting psychology and health in non-profit practice and applied settings. Peter Halama is a senior researcher specialising in personality and well-being, with a particular focus on meaning in life and meaning-making processes. His expertise also includes psychometrics and the development and validation of psychological measurement tools. He recently studied the process of meaning-making and well-being during the retirement transition. Michal Kohút focuses on personality and well-being during emerging adulthood and has advanced expertise in statistics and psychometric analyses. Jana Bieščad specializes in health psychology, psychological stress, perceived control, and mental health difficulties related to developmental transitions in adolescence. In addition to her research background, she is also active in the field of musical arts, contributing interdisciplinary perspectives linking psychology and artistic expression. Veronika Kohútová studies well-being in emerging adulthood, particularly meaning in life, life satisfaction, and happiness, with a focus on personality determinants of well-being. She also works in visual arts and collaborates with non-profit organisations on research examining the effects of visual arts on human experience and well-being. Peter Teličák contributes expertise in quantitative research in personality and cognitive psychology, including research on distress and helplessness associated with irrational beliefs. He also has experience in conducting experimental intervention studies. Veronika Mihaliková studies adolescence and risky behaviour, particularly Internet gaming disorder. She also works in visual arts with components of art therapy which can greatly contribute to easier connection between arts and psychology. She also works in the field



of qualitative research which can be a great asset to this proposed research. Mária Kozelková is dedicated to projective techniques in psychological diagnostics, which include various art forms: visual, musical, literary and decorative. As a clinical psychologist, she uses various forms of artistic expression in practical psychotherapeutic work with adolescents and clients in emerging adulthood.

Keywords Specifying Your Expertise: Psychology of art, psychology of health, well-being, meaning-making, psychometric analysis, scale development

Activity Offered: Research

Involvement Proposed/Added-Value to Consortia: We are a Slovak team of psychologists specialising in research on psychology and mental health, with a focus on health psychology and well-being. As a research partner, we can contribute with our expertise in studying psychological processes related to mental health and well-being, and connecting them to the art experience. We offer expertise in psychometric research and can participate in the development and validation of standardised measurement tools aimed at quantifying specific aspects of artistic experience that contribute to well-being and the prevention of psychological difficulties. We also have experience with qualitative research and can use it to identify subjective components of artistic experience that support well-being and help prevent psychological difficulties across different types of art-related activities, including both art consumption and active artistic creation. We have established contacts with non-profit and public institutions involved in artistic activities, and we can collaborate with them in formulating research questions, designing studies, and supporting their implementation. Our work is also informed by expertise in existential psychology and meaning-making processes. We can contribute to research on how engagement with the arts (whether through consumption or active participation) supports meaning-making in coping with difficult life situations and in building resilience. We can also offer cultural analysis of current art forms, including not only classical visual arts, but also atypical newly emerged arts, e.g. tattoo artists, graffiti artists or digital artists and their role in current culture, supporting their role and meanings in society and its role in self-expression and mental health, not only from the artists' side, but also by consuming the arts. Based on our specialisation in developmental transitions across the lifespan, including adolescence, emerging adulthood, and the transition to retirement, we focus on periods that are often characterised by significant change, increased vulnerability, and challenges to mental health and well-being. These transitions involve important developmental tasks related to identity, social roles, meaning in life, and adaptation to changing life circumstances. Drawing on this expertise, we can specifically examine how engagement with the arts may contribute to the prevention of mental health problems, the development of resilience, and the promotion of well-being and meaning in life among individuals navigating these critical developmental stages and life transitions.

PROFILE OF PARTNER SOUGHT

Role: Research

Country / Region: Leading Countries

Expertise Required: We are looking for a partner to take the lead on the project and coordinate the research activities. The partner should have proven expertise in scientific research, experience leading international or interdisciplinary projects, and the capacity to ensure implementation of research activities.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Short Introduction of Key Areas of your previous Research/Innovation projects: Our previous research projects have focused mainly on personality psychology, well-being, mental health, psychometrics, and psychological adaptation during challenging life situations and developmental transitions. A significant part of our work has been devoted to the study of emerging adulthood, including predictors of optimal psychological functioning, well-being, identity development, and meaning in life during this important developmental period. From a developmental perspective, some members of the research team have participated in projects examining the transition to retirement and the factors that contribute to the development and maintenance of meaning in life and well-being during retirement. Their work has focused particularly on the relationship between retirement-related concepts and issues of well-being and mental health during this transitional period. We have extensive experience in psychometric research, including the adaptation, validation, and standardization of psychological assessment tools in the Slovak context. Our projects have involved the development and validation of personality and well-being measures, advanced psychometric analyses, and research on differential item functioning and potential biases in psychological testing. Another important area of our research concerns psychological resilience, coping, and meaning-making processes in difficult life situations. We have participated in projects examining posttraumatic growth and coping strategies among cancer survivors, as well as research on psychological and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, including maladaptive beliefs, misinformation, trust in institutions, and mental health-related behaviors

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RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Pillar 1: Excellent Science: European Research Council (ERC), Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Pillar 2: Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness: Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society, New European Bauhaus (NEB), Cluster 1: Health

Horizontal & Cross-Cutting Areas: Widening Participation & Strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA), EU Mission - Cancer, European Partnerships (Institutionalised, Co-funded, Co-programmed)

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