**INVITATION**

**for the selection of participants for Activity 13 "INCOMING MOBILITY FOR TEACHING: ATTRACTING FOREIGN TEACHERS (3.6)" under project BG05M2OP001-2.016-0005 "Modernization of South-West University ‘Neofit Rilski’ – Blagoevgrad, National Military University ‘Vasil Levski’ – Veliko Tarnovo and Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’ - Sofia, in professional fields 5.3 Communication and Computer Technology, 4.4 Earth Sciences, and 3.7 Administration and Management"**

Dear Colleagues,

A project financed under the operational program "Science and Education for Smart Growth" is being implemented at South-West University "Neofit Rilski". The project is co-financed by the European Union through the European Structural and Investment Funds, procedure BG05M2OP001-2.016-0005 "Modernization of South-West University ‘Neofit Rilski’ – Blagoevgrad, National Military University ‘Vasil Levski’ – Veliko Tarnovo and Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’ – Sofia, in professional areas 5.3 Communication and Computer Technology, 4.4 Earth Sciences and 3.7 Administration and Management".

We hereby invite teachers from the associated foreign partners from Romania – "Nicolae Balcescu" Ground Forces Academy in Sibiu, "Spiru Haret" University Bucharest and Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest – UTCB – in the professional areas covered by the project 5.3 Communication and computer technology , 4.4 Earth Sciences and 3.7 Administration and Management to take part in activity 13 "INCOMING MOBILITY FOR TEACHING: ATTRACTING FOREIGN TEACHERS (3.6)" at the Technical Faculty of South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Blagoevgrad to conduct specialized training with students from the majors "Technological Entrepreneurship", "Outsourcing and Cybersecurity", "Social Logistics", "Corporate Security", "Regional Management and Urban Economy", "Environmental Management and Economics" and "Geospatial Intelligence and Analytics".

 The training will be interdisciplinary in nature, which will enable the simultaneous study of all the interrelationships among the individual scientific fields of entrepreneurship, corporate and cyber security, outsourcing, geospatial analysis, regional management and urban economy, as well as their practical applicability. During the incoming mobility, emphasis will also be placed on developing students' teamwork and collaboration skills, their abilities to solve more complex problems and to think critically, to cultivate initiative, flexibility and other soft skills that are of vital importance in the 21st century and the professions of the future. The teaching methods will need to encourage an inquiry-based approach to learning. This, in turn, will increase students' creative and digital skills, and their skills for overcoming different challenges.

 The 3-month incoming (mixed) mobility at South-West University "Neofit Rilski" is planned to involve 15 foreign tutors altogether. Inbound (mixed) mobility includes 16 days of physical and 76 days of virtual mobility.

The teaching activity within the incoming mobility will include 90 teaching hours during the 3-month mobility.

The successfully completed mobility will be certified with a document (certificate) signed by the host organization (South-West University "Neofit Rilski"), which will include the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as the start and end date of the activity.

The period of activity implementation finishes in November 2023. Incoming mobilities will be carried out in accordance with a previously arranged schedule, which will be tailored to the individual needs of each participant. The specific schedule for conducting incoming mobilities will be prepared after the selection of tutors from the associate foreign partners.

**The applicants should meet the following criteria:**

1. They teach at one of the associated foreign partners from Romania - the "Nicolae Balcescu" Ground Forces Academy in Sibiu, the "Spiru Haret" University Bucharest or the Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest - UTCB in the professional areas covered by the project 5.3 COMMUNICATION AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, 4.4 EARTH SCIENCES or 3.7 ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT;

2. They have the required level of English language proficiency.

 The applicants for participation in Activity 13 "INCOMING MOBILITY FOR TEACHING: ATTRACTING FOREIGN TEACHERS (3.6)" under project BG05M2OP001-2.016-0005 have to submit the following:

1. Application to the Rector of the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" for participating in the selection, which follows the project model (available on the page of the South-West University "Neofit Rilski");
2. A copy of a document certifying that the applicant is a tutor in the relevant professional field in one of the associated foreign partners from Romania - the "Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, the "Spiru Haret" University in Bucharest or the Technical University of Civil Engineering in Bucharest.

**Submission of the documents for participating in the selection:**

The application and the attached documents are to be submitted by the applicant or by his/her proxy at the following address: 2700 Blagoevgrad, 66 "Ivan Mihailov" St., Rectorate of the South-West University "Neofit Rilski", room 214. Contact person: Mrs. Antonia Doneva.

The application and the attached documents can also be submitted electronically by e-mail at: adoneva@swu.bg.

The submissions for inbound teaching mobility will be reviewed monthly.

The deadline for submitting documents for inbound teaching mobility is 4:00 p.m. on the 25th (inclusive) of each month.

All applications will be considered by a board comprising: Prof. Dr. Petar Milanov – Head of the Scientific Projects Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eng. Gabriela Atanasova – Deputy of the Technical Faculty, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Radoslav Mavrevsky – Project Coordinator. Approved candidates will be informed in detail about the topics and the schedule of the teaching activity within the incoming mobility.

The deadline for announcing the approved candidates for inbound teaching mobility is 4:00 p.m on the 28th of each month.

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