**OPEN CALL FOR THE SELECTION OF ASSOCIATE PARTNERS**

The Medical University - Plovdiv, in partnership with Plovdiv University and the Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, announce the opening of a procedure for the selection of associate partners in relation to the development of Project "Creation and Development of Centres of Competence" under the Operational Programme "SCIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR SMART GROWTH" 2014-2020, ProcedureBG05M2OP001-1.002. All official documentation related to the procedure can be found at: <http://sf.mon.bg/?go=news&p=detail&newsId=410>.

Candidates for associate partners can be institutions such as research institutes, universities, business organizations, enterprises, innovation clusters, science and technology parks, municipalities, agencies and others.

**Potential applicants must submit the following documents:**

1. Proposal for participation completed in accordance with the provided template **(Annex 1)**

2. Analysis of the research and innovation capacity:

* Of the research organization completed in accordance with the provided template **(Annex 2)**
* Of the business organization completed in accordance with the provided template (**Annex 2a)**

**Attached to this Open Call find the following reference documents:**

1. Criteria for the evaluation and selection of associate partners (Annex 3)

2. Partnership declaration (Annex 4)

3. All documentation related to this Call can be found at:

The full application documentation should be submitted on the organization’s letterhead, signed and stamped and sent:

* by email to intrel@meduniversity-plovdiv.bg(as PDF files)
* OR delivered by a courier to **Medical University – Plovdiv, 15A Vasil Aprilov Blvd**

not later than **16:00 hr on 12 December 2016**

**Any proposals for participation received after this deadline will not be considered.**

Associate partners will be selected according to the criteria set out in the methodology for evaluation under this Call.

The selected associate partners will be announced publicly and will be invited to sign a partnership declaration.

Date:                      Signature ....................................

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