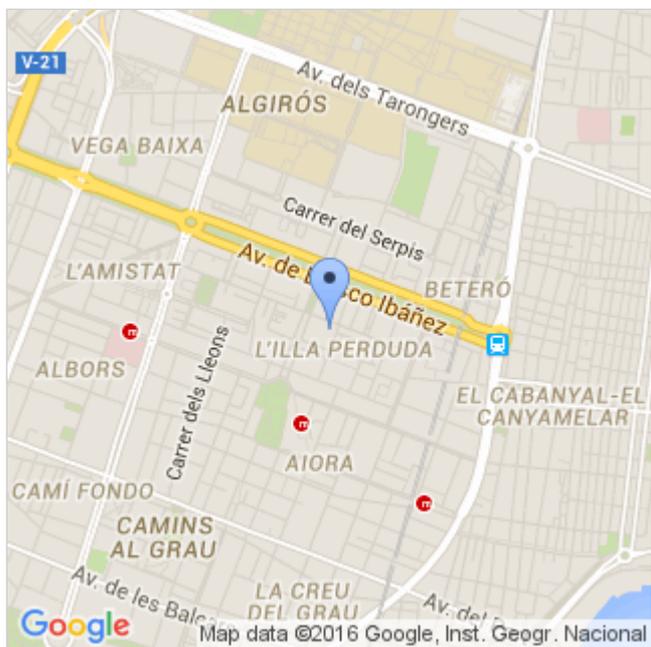


## Expression of Interest



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#### Research Area

- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

### Brief description of the institution:

The University of Valencia (UV) stands out as one of the main public research organisations in Spain, with more than three thousand researchers integrated in 90 departments, 19 institutes and other research units belonging to social, biomedical, human, experimental and formal sciences. Along with human resources, the UV state-of-art premises and facilities, guarantee the quality of a vast scientific and technological offer available to the service of society.

The UV is a leading academic organisation at national level. Shanghai 2014 ranks UV among the top 200-300 universities in the world, and 4th best university in Spain. As per URAP 2014, the University of Valencia ranks third among all Spanish universities, first in Valencia region and 193th in the world.

University of Valencia is participating in several European projects under the subsequent RTD European Framework Programmes (I to VIII) and other European programmes: Erasmus, Leonardo, Life+, Cost, Third Health Programme, EEA Grants, Daphne III, Creative Europe... acting as several roles: coordinator, contractor, associated contractor, member, host institution... having experience in the development and management of more than 300 European projects as a whole.

UV participated in 78 community actions financed under the VII FP (CSA, Collaborative Projects, MSCA,

ERC grants, etc.) with the role of coordinator in 29 of them. Currently, we are participating in 20 projects financed under Horizon 2020, with the role of coordinator in 8 of them, and 16 projects under several European Programmes other than H2020

**Brief description of the Centre/Research Group (including URL if applicable):**

Polibienestar is a Public Research Institute belonging to the University of Valencia (Spain), led by Jordi Garcés, Full Professor at the University of Valencia and Prince of Asturias Distinguished Visiting Professor at Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA). It is specialized in research, innovation and social technology, technical advice and training in the field of public policies. Its team develops interdisciplinary research applied in social sciences. This interdisciplinary perspective is necessary to respond to the complexity of welfare systems and allows Polibienestar to develop, from innovative and classic research, effective analysis and solutions for new social challenges. In this line, Polibienestar advises the Administration and private entities in the design, planning and implementation of social welfare policies and services.

Polibienestar is composed by an interdisciplinary team with 34 senior and 24 junior researchers with national and European experience from different departments from eight Spanish Universities (Valencia, Castilla-León, Murcia, Castellón, Madrid, Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura and País Vasco).

In the last ten years Polibienestar has developed more than 40 R&D projects and 40 contracts and has produced 68 ISI articles, 37 indexed to different networks, 23 book chapters and 13 books.

**Project description:**

Nowadays, one of Polibienestar main lines of research is “**Social Tourism accessible for all and the building of age-friendly and disability-friendly environments with relevant role to ICTs**”. It is focused on studies and R+D projects on social tourism accessible for all, line in which Polibienestar has been awarded with the first prize “Accessible Tourism Award” of the University of Nebrija and ACS Foundation. In this field, Polibienestar has been compiling a wide know-how that provides the following capacities:

- Accessibility evaluation and advice
- Promotion of active and healthy ageing through tourism and leisure activities
- ICT tourism devices
- Training and designing training in accessible social tourism

In this framework, Polibienestar has participated and coordinated regional, national and European **projects** and has advised to administrations and private companies. As example of our large scientific carrier, Polibienestar has participated/led in 8 European and national projects in this field. Among them, Polibienestar is now involved in the following two:

- 2016-2017 **PLEASE**, Please Let Enjoy a Seniors Experience, funded under the COSME programme of the Executive Agency for SMEs (proposal number 699512). The aim of the project is to develop a tourism product concept applied to 4 Member States for senior travelers involving older people visiting the 5th leading a participant Member State.
- 2014-2016 **CAP4Access**, Collective Awareness Platforms for Improving Accessibility on European Cities Regions, funded by the 7th Framework Programme (ref.: 612096). The objective of CAP4Access is to develop and pilot-test methods and tools for collectively gathering and sharing spatial information for improving accessibility.

### Applications

At the deadline for the submission of proposals (14/09/2016), researchers (\*):

- shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience;
- must not have resided or carried out their main activities in the country of Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the abovementioned deadline;
- should have good level of English and experience in European projects;
- should have research experience with quantitative and qualitative methodologies; and
- should have interest in the lines of research proposed in this document.