

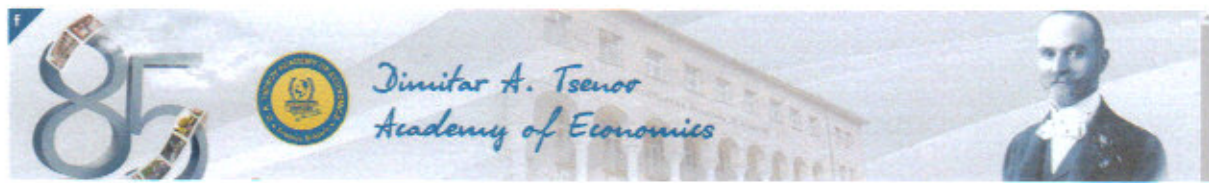
REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION

D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics is a Bulgarian Higher Education Institution established in 1936 located in Veliko Turnovo Province, Bulgaria. It is composed of 4 faculties, 18 departments, a Scientific Research Institute, various academic centres and auxiliary units. The Academy employs more than 180 researchers, annually teaching more than 4000 Bulgarian and foreign undergraduate and postgraduate students in full-time, part-time and distance learning Bachelor, Masters and Doctoral programs. Tsenov Academy of Economics is a university with an 85-year history and traditions, specialised in teaching and research in economics, administration and management. The specific expertise areas of Tsenov Academy are entrepreneurship, regional planning, regional development, public and business administration, tourism, commerce, international business, business intelligence, e-learning, business analysis and forecasting finance, social media and business informatics. The academy provides various opportunities for formal and non-formal learning and experience to stimulate the students' and PhD students' development of creative thinking and entrepreneur skills through participation in projects, networks and initiatives, organising seminars, workshops and meetings with key-note speakers in different economic areas, including cultural and creative industries.

The Academy actively cooperates with representatives of business and regional and local authorities on various common activities such as project implementation, research projects, policy advising, economic analysis, forecasting etc. Tsenov Academy's internationally cooperates with over 120 universities located in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Since 2010, the Academy and its affiliated researchers have participated in more than 120 research projects in the area of economics, management, finance, public administration, statistics, commerce etc. The 85th Academy anniversary in 2021 is organised under the patronage of **Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria**. The event calendar comprises conferences, public lectures, open days, workshops etc.

Tsenov Academy's governing bodies are open to cooperation and implementation of mutual activities with partnering organisations to foster the university's innovation and entrepreneurial capacity, conduct mutual research in the field of economics, management and administration, implement projects in cultural and creative industries and better integrate and explore its research and innovation potential.

We are looking for cooperation opportunities with HEI, research centres, innovation centres, centres of excellence, etc. which are interested in widening their research networks, establishing networks and consortia to apply for funding under various EU funding programs and more specifically Horizon Europe. Following the recommendations of the **Bulgarian Commissioner in the EC (2019-2024) for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth - Mariya Gabriel**, we are determined to focus our efforts on widening our research area by conducting mutual research with international partners, expanding our contact and partnership networks, joining prestigious science networks in our research areas etc. We are interested in partnership with Greek institutions willing to apply for funding under the Horizon Programme



Pillar II - The Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness which supports research relating to societal challenges and reinforces technological and industrial capacities through clusters and The Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA).

We are interested in establishing a new partnership with the University of Crete, Research Centre of Athens, University of Economics and Business, University of Thessaly, University of the Aegean – Research Unit, European Regional Framework for Cooperation, University of Patras, Crowdpolicy and University of Ioannina but we also would be grateful if you refer us to other institutions that according to your experience and expertise would be interested in this request.

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