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MSCA Success Stories from Organisations in Widening Countries

Task 4.4 Effective MSCA promotion

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Host organization: University of Split

Country: Croatia

Organization role: Beneficiary/ WP leader

Project Acronym: Mirror

Project start and end date: March 2016 - March 2020

Type of MSC action, H2020: ITN

<http://mirror-ejd.eu/supervisors/>

Your story:

Project objectives and research field:

Overall project objective is to use multi- and interdisciplinary expertise of the consortium to investigate different possibilities to reduce waste in research. The team in Split is specifically working on issues related to research reporting and peer review. Split is also leading the WP related to research reporting and closely collaborating with team from Barcelona who lead WP on peer review.

Tell us why the topic is important and/ or how it brings to advancement in your research field:

There are estimates that up to 80% of funding invested in medical research may be wasted due to different factors such as inadequate planning, methodological shortcomings, poor reporting etc. Considering that most research is publicly funded it means that general public is the main victim of these losses. Finding ways to reduce waste in medical research may be the most important public issue which, if solved, may reduce cost of research and improve its efficiency.

What are the benefits of participating in a MSC action?

Benefits are immense, primarily due to international consortium made of leading experts in their fields. The action is providing quality control of all individual projects and trainings within the consortium and also opening routes for further collaborations.

Did you encounter any challenges during application/ implementation and did you get any help?

No challenges. We've consulted researchers who have previously successfully applied.

Would you recommend others to apply? What useful advice/ tips can you give them?

Well, it depends on who they are and how much effort they are ready to put into the work. This work is extremely challenging and requires dedication. However, benefits

are proportional and I would recommend it to anyone who is ready to make the sacrifice.

What strategies did your organization use to attract the fellow/s? Are they in line with national strategies supporting the widening EC policy?

No particular strategy. Fellows applied to the projects, not to the sites.