



1st Call to join NexusNet mentoring program: Nexus EXCELLENTIA

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Nexus EXCELLENTIA

This is the 1st Call for Applications to join the NexusNet Mentoring Program: Nexus EXCELLENTIA, initiated and supported by the COST Action CA20138 [“Network on water-energy-food nexus for a low-carbon economy in Europe and beyond – NEXUSNET”](#).

The Program is designed to offer each interested young researcher and innovator at least one senior mentor till the end of the Action. Group-mentoring events attached to the Management Committee meetings in 2024 and 2025 will be organized, along with other regular hybrid meetings for peer-mentoring and exchange.

Nexus EXCELLENTIA aims to bring together young researchers and innovators with senior researchers, practitioners or public authorities’ representatives, and develop a community liaising different generations and sectors, focusing on **Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus** and how it is interlinked with **climate, forestry, agriculture, tourism, transport, energy supply, wastewater management, water supply, land use planning, biodiversity conservation, extreme events recovery and economic development**.

Details on the concept of the Mentoring Program, as well as the content and goals of NexusNet are available at the [Action’s Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#).

NexusNet aims to empower collaborations between EU and international researchers and stakeholders, synthesize the existing empirical Nexus research and produce an intellectual toolkit, demonstrating a clear link to improved resource management and governance outcomes that underlie the value of Nexus.

Interested? Motivated? Now, that’s valuable in Nexus EXCELLENTIA!

The Mentoring Program benefits to:

- **Mentees**, who can be supported during their MSc or PhD studies or early career by distinguished professors and/or practitioners, develop their skills, and be part of an intergenerational learning community.
- **Mentors**, who will have the opportunity to meet young researchers and innovators, and work on research projects and publications.

In the framework of this 1st Call Mentoring Program Call, we seek for people to act as mentees or mentors, aiming to establish the Mentoring Program and start the organization of several activities. The Nexus EXCELLENTIA mentoring program will run till the end of the Action. Still, one of our goals is to continue this initiative beyond the completion of NexusNet, in close cooperation with other networks and projects.

Who is eligible to apply?

The mentoring program is addressed to young researchers and innovators, and senior researchers/practitioners affiliated to a legal entity in COST Full/Cooperative Member, Near Neighbor Country or beyond Europe.



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Application instructions

- All applicants must have an [e-COST profile](#).
- Applicants should study or work on Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus.
- Application **mandatory** documentation:
 - ✓ Motivation letter (up to 350 words), referring also to the main sectors of interest (for mentees) and experience (for mentors), i.e.: climate, forestry, agriculture, tourism, transport, energy supply, wastewater management, water supply, land use planning, biodiversity conservation, extreme events recovery and economic development
 - ✓ Detailed curriculum vitae
 - ✓ The above documents should be sent as a single .pdf file
- Applications should be sent by email to ntimmer@h2o-people.eu & adamos.giannis@gmail.com

Applications should be submitted by **8 March 2024**. Confirmation letters and guidance on the next steps will be sent to all applicants by **15 March 2024**.

Evaluation of applications

After the applications' submission ends, the Mentorship Committee will evaluate the applications, and will make an initial matching between mentors and mentees, based on the background, experience and expectations of the applicants.

The outcomes of this brainstorming of the Mentoring Committee will be shared with the applicants, along with a toolkit with guidance for the Program.

Expectations for mentees and mentors

Mentees:

- Identify your learning goals and be clear on the support you want/need.
- Be prepared for regular online meetings and participation in official physical events.
- Be in line with the schedule and obligations of the Program.
- Disclose mentor and mentorship arrangement with your supervisors at home institute.
- Update the Mentorship Committee on your progress, based on the guidelines of the Program.

Mentors:

- Eager to learn and connect together with new generations
- Decide how often you want to meet with the mentee(s) and feel free to set the timeline of this cooperation
- Be prepared to join the official events of the Mentoring Program (online and/or physical).
- Focus more on facilitating and advising the mentees, considering the work that they have already done.
- Avoid assigning extra tasks to the mentees that are not related to their work.

Questions/inquiries

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