

The Partnership for Soft Condensed Matter is now accepting applications for Collaborative Partner Organizations. **Expressions of interest** are due on 30th October 2018 for projects to start during 2019. EoIs will be shortlisted by a peer-review panel. For the shortlisted EoIs, the proposer will be requested to write a full proposal according to the guidelines that will be provided.

What is the PSCM?

The Partnership for Soft Condensed Matter ([PSCM](http://www.epn-campus.eu/users/pscm/), www.epn-campus.eu/users/pscm/) offers shared, complementary instrumentation and services to further enhance support capabilities for Soft Matter scientists exploiting neutron and synchrotron techniques at ILL and ESRF.

In addition to standard beamline experiments, the ESRF and ILL offer to leading European soft matter groups and institutes the possibility to become PSCM Collaborative Partner Organizations (CPOs). 3-year agreements will be established to support, through the coordinated exploitation of synchrotron radiation, neutrons and complementary techniques, the scientific programmes proposed by the CPOs. This approach will enhance the scientific achievements of the CPOs and simultaneously enable the collaborative development of additional capabilities in the PSCM that are not achievable via the standard ESRF/ILL beamtime support services. After completion of their programmes, the CPOs will make available these additional capabilities to the community of ESRF and ILL users.

Among the extra opportunities offered to CPOs, we highlight the possibility to integrate CPO staff members in the PSCM for the on-site coordination of the planned activities. CPO researchers can fully exploit the PSCM platforms. In addition, they receive support from on-site technicians, engineers and scientists for the collaborative development of novel technical solutions that are necessary for the success of their research programmes.

During the PSCM implementation phase (2012-2017) five pioneering European Institutes joined the PSCM as CPOs. The success of their programmes contributed significantly to the shaping and refinement of PSCM activities and modes of operation. This in turn contributed to the renewal of the PSCM agreement between the ESRF and the ILL with the launching of the full exploitation phase (2018-2023) and the opening of this First Call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) to become CPO's.

The EoI form can be found at this [link](#).

For further information about the PSCM initiative and about this call for applications, please contact the PSCM coordinators.

Best regards,

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