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## HORIZON 2020 MARIE SKLODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS – ITN/ RISE PARTNER SEARCH FORM

Organization Name/ Department/	Plovdiv University
Website	https://www.uni-plovdiv.bg/
Organization Short Name	PU
Organization Type	⊠ Academic
	☐ Non-academic
Research Fields	☐ Chemistry (CHE)
	Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
	☐ Economic Sciences (ECO)
	☐ Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
	☐ Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
	☐ Life Sciences (LIF)
	☐ Mathematics (MAT)
	☐ Physics (PHY)
Sub-Fields/ Keywords	Religion(s), ethnicity, tolerance, live-with-difference,
	prejudices, human rights, Balkans
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action(s) of	☐ European Training Networks (ITN-ETN)
interest?	☐ European Industrial Doctorates (ITN-EID)
	☐ European Joint Doctorates (ITN-EJD)
	☐ Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)
Short Description of the Organization	Plovdiv University is one of the leading higher-
	education institutions, the second biggest in the Republic
	of Bulgaria.  The PU confer each form of educational degree i.e.
	specialist, bachelor, master and doctor in natural,
	humanitarian, social, engineering and economic sciences,
	combined within the nine faculties.
	The management of teaching and research activities at the
	PU is supported by administrative and business units that include: University Information Centre, University
	Library, Audio-Visual Center, Science and Research
	Department, Centre for Distance Education, University
	Publishing House, Center for Career Prospects, Sports
	Center, Educational Theatre, technical centers,
	supporting and service units.  The PU actively maintains international contacts with
	almost all European countries, the United States as well
	as countries in Asia and Africa.



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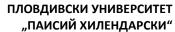
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Previous Related Projects/ Research	The themes of former Balkan Summer School on
Experience	Religion and Public Life were as follows:
	<b>2011</b> , A Mosaic of Margins: Ethnicity, Religion, and
	Belonging (https://logos.uni-
	plovdiv.net/en/web/logos.etn/bssrpl-2011)
	<b>2013</b> , Syncretic Societies – Bridging Traditions and
	Modernity ( <u>https://logos.uni-</u>
	plovdiv.net/en/web/logos.etn/bssrpl-2013)
	<b>2015</b> , Conversion and the Boundaries of Community
	( <u>https://logos.uni-plovdiv.net/en/web/logos.etn/bssrpl-</u>
	2015)
	2017, Strangers and Neighbors (https://logos.uni-
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Short Description of the Project idea	The Balkan Summer School on Religion and Public Life (BSSRPL) (https://logos.uni
	plovdiv.net/en/web/logos.etn/bssrpl) has been organized
	bi-yearly since 2011 as a unique pedagogical project
	where participants and organizers work together to
	develop strategies of learning to "live with difference"
	without trivializing, marginalizing or denying these
	differences.
	The goal of the BSSRPL is to provide a laboratory for the
	practical pedagogy of tolerance and living with difference
	in a global society. We attract participants (ages from
	mid-20's to mid 60's) from many nations and diverse
	backgrounds, who, jointly, create a space of interaction
	within which they are moved to new understandings o
	themselves, their taken-for-granted assumptions about the
	world, and their attitudes toward others they may see a
	threatening, or even dangerous. Our participants have
	included: school teachers and principals, municipal
	workers, journalists, students, clerics, artists, NGO
	leaders, university professors and lawyers from Wester and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Asia, Africa and the
	Americas. BSSRPL programs strive to provide new
	transferable skills that participants can then use in their
	home settings as tools for negotiating difference and
	coping with the discomfort that difference often invokes
	Through our unique pedagogical approach which
	combines lectures, site visits, shared physical activitie
	and hands-on learning, participants ultimately come to
	appreciate difference, while at the same time affirming
	their own particular communal identities.
	The BSSRPL is housed at the PU and our two-weel
	program take place in Plovdiv as well as in the smal
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villages in the surrounding Rhodope Mountains.

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	We invite partners from universities and organizations
	throughout Europe who may be interested in our methods
	and approach to join with us in developing new models
	for "living with difference" in a rapidly changing world.
Related MSCA Call	H2020-MSCA-ITN-2018
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