

**PARTNER SEARCH FORM**

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<b>Name of Organisations</b>	<b>Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics (CING) &amp; University of Nicosia (UNic)</b>
<b>Call for proposal</b> <b>- Title and call identification</b> <b>- Contracting authority</b> <b>- Link to the call document</b> <b>- Closing date</b>	<b>Preparatory Action "Healthy diet: early years and ageing population"</b> 2014/1/17037714 DG Health and Consumers (SANCO) <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/funding/call_health_diet_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/funding/call_health_diet_en.htm</a> <b>14 August 2014</b>
<b>Outline of the project idea</b>	<p><b>The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics and the University of Nicosia are interested in joining a consortium with a specific interest on the impact of the Mediterranean Diet and Dietary Glycaemic Index on biochemical markers</b> which are known to influence cognitive and other functions in the elderly population.</p> <p><u>The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics (CING)</u>, was established in 1990, as a bi-communal, non-profit, private, academic, medical center. The Vision of CING is to function as an International Centre of Excellence and a Regional Referral Centre in the areas of Neurology, Genetics, Biomedical, Medical and other similar and related Sciences. The Mission of CING is to develop and provide high level medical and clinical laboratory services, develop and pursue advanced research and provide education in the areas of Neurology, Genetics, Biomedical, Medical and other similar and related Sciences. Its ultimate scopes are to improve and upgrade the quality of life of all Cypriot citizens, irrespective of religion or national origin, and strengthen its international role in the areas of its specialty.</p> <p><b>Short Profile of the Department of Electron Microscopy / Molecular Pathology, The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics</b></p> <p>The department of Electron Microscopy/Molecular Pathology provides a spectrum of state of the art diagnostic services which are based on the application of the following two main laboratory disciplines. The first one is concerned with the examination of biopsies with the electron microscope, for the diagnosis of a range of diseases including neuromuscular and kidney disorders, ciliopathies and undifferentiated tumours. The second discipline is concerned with the application of molecular genetics for diagnosing familial predisposition to common cancer syndromes such as the breast/ovarian and colorectal cancer syndromes. A recent development is the application of pharmacogenetics in order to detect the presence of mutated genes, such as the EGFR in lung cancer, which constitute the target for many upcoming therapies in oncology.</p> <p>In addition to carrying out the above diagnostic services the department has established itself as a leading national centre for executing research programs that focus on cancer epidemiology, nutritional epidemiology and cancer genetics. In order to fulfil its role, the department is closely collaborating with Oncology centres, cancer screening services, and cancer registries in Cyprus and abroad. Lastly, the Department is now hosting the only translational medicine facility in Cyprus, equipped with state-of-the-art proteomics equipment, as well as the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics biobank. The Department's personnel includes established researchers with extensive experience as Principal Investigators (PIs) in grants amounting to €5,000,000, four post-doctoral research fellows, laboratory scientific officers, and PhD as well as Master Students.</p>

	<p>The <u>University of Nicosia</u>, the largest private university in Cyprus, aspires to be a leading contributor to excellence in education and research. Over the years, it has adopted a dynamic research strategy, with an aim of reaching out to all its stakeholders, to work with them in developing ideas for academic and applied research, to better the community, country and wider region. The University is currently involved in funded projects at the national, EU and international level. Since 2007, UNic faculty and researchers have been actively involved in projects, in a range of fields, funded from national, EU and international grant programmes, with a total budget of over thirty two million Euros. Nutrition and dietetics researchers are interested in nutrition for disease prevention and specifically nutrition education and carbohydrate manipulation in relation to cognitive function, heart disease and obesity prevention.</p>	
<b>Foreseen duration of the project</b>	18 months	
<b>Role</b>	Consortium	Position within consortium
	✓ Join an existing consortium	✓ As a partner
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