

# MOBILISE COST Action TRAINING SCHOOL 2019

14-15 March 2019  
Sofia, Bulgaria



## “Digitisation and data management challenges in small collections”

### MOBILISE COST Action:

“Mobilising Data, Policies and Experts in Scientific Collections”, in cooperation with GBIF

<https://www.gbif.org> and DISSCo

<https://dissco.eu/>, organises its first Training School (TS) on the digitisation and management of biological and geological collections and the development of Digitisation Strategies & Plans.

### Training School Overview

The TS will target a basic but important part of the digitisation procedure of biological and geological collections and will include the following topics:

- origins of data (taxonomic data, specimens and materials, literature data, field work notes, occurrence data, remote sensing data etc)
- data quality, ensuring the maximum quality when digitising taxonomic, geographical, collection and descriptive data
- data cleaning in order to improve the quality of data and make them “fit-for-use”.

Most of the TS is dedicated to exercises on data quality and cleaning while group work will ensure and motivate interaction between trainees and trainers and foster lively discussions. Moreover, trainees will have the possibility to bring sample(s) of their institutional biodiversity and geodiversity digital database and exercise on them. Formal language of the TS is English.

### Who could attend?

The Training School “Digitisation and data management challenges in small collections” is addressed to everyone who is engaged in biological and geological collections and their data, such as Curators and Collections’ managers, Directors/Senior managers, Collections’ Digitization managers/officers, Scientists on bio- or geo informatics, Early Career Investigators (individuals who are within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate in full-time equivalent), Students (Post graduates, MSc, PhD), Technicians of collections. They must be engaged in an official research programme, or employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity, which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

### Location

The Training School will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 14th to 15th of March 2019. It will be hosted by the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research and the National Museum of Natural History - Sofia, both units of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

### Trainees Grants and Certificate

No fees apply to the Training School. Trainees will receive a fixed COST Grant amounting to 600 Euros. Certificates with ECVET points will be provided to trainees.

### Registration

Applicants need to register here:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/90222819863360>

and upload a CV of one page and a motivation statement of 200 words. The Training School is limited to 30 trainees. COST policies on gender balance, involvement of Early Career Investigators, and geographical inclusiveness will be followed.

**Deadline of applications is the 10th of February 2019.**