We are again announcing two calls for Max Planck Partner Groups in 2022:

- **This first call** for specific countries/regions of strategic relevance that aims at increasing MPG focus on the African continent and Central and Eastern European countries.
- **And a second call** open to all countries to be announced in the summer.

Nominations for Max Planck Partner Groups can only be submitted following the calls as announced by MPG Headquarters. Ad hoc nominations are not possible.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS IN 2022 FOR MAX PLANCK PARTNER GROUPS FOR THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIC REGIONS:**

- **AFRICAN COUNTRIES**
- **CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (CEECs)**

**DEADLINE: 15 MAY 2022**

**MAX PLANCK PARTNER GROUPS – BRIEF OUTLINE** *(for further details see nomination documents)*

Max Planck Partner Groups are intended for outstanding junior scientists or postdocs who have obtained their doctorate no longer than seven years ago (medicine: nine years). They must have spent a minimum of 12 months at an MPI before returning to a research institution in their home country. Please consider both scientists from African and CEE countries who have already returned to their home country as well as scientists who are currently at an MPI and will be returning to their home country in the near future. (As a special measure, candidates from African countries having returned/returning to a country in Africa other than their home country may be considered to lead a partner group. Please see nomination documents for details). Partner Groups are supported for up to five years with €20,000 p.a. provided from MPG central funds. Funds can be used to cover expenses for travel, workshops, doctoral students/postdocs and minor equipment.

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1 Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia.
The **deadline** for the submission of nomination documents is **15 May 2022**. The outcome of the selection process will be announced by the end of July 2022.