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CIVIS AMBASSADORS CALL

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CIVIS, Europe's Civic University Alliance, is a European University Alliance gathering 11 member universities: Aix-Marseille Université (France), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), University of Bucharest (Romania), Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain), Sapienza Università di Roma (Italia), Stockholm University (Sweden), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany), University of Glasgow (UK), Paris Lodron University of Salzburg (Austria) and University of Lausanne (Switzerland).

Selected by the European Commission as one of the first 17 European Universities pilots, it brings together around half a million students and more than 70 000 staff members, including 37 400 academics and researchers.

In 2022, CIVIS signed a partnership agreement with 6 strategic African partner universities: Université Hassan II de Casablanca (Morocco), University of Sfax (Tunisia), Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Senegal), Makerere University (Uganda), University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique).

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Get involved in CIVIS – become an Ambassador!

CIVIS aims to create a truly unique European inter-university campus where students, academics, researchers and staff will move and collaborate as freely as within their institution of origin. It will develop a deep level of European integration, involving joint learning pathways, development of complementary research facilities and diverse degree pathways.

CIVIS will unite efforts and experiences to develop a European University Alliance with strong links to its local social and geographical environment and an orientation towards global challenges and thereby promote Civic Engagement.

Within this framework, each University will select **three students** to serve as CIVIS Ambassadors who will promote the mission and goals of the CIVIS Alliance within their home institutions. Ideally, the three cycles of studies and different academic disciplines will be represented through the selected Ambassadors.

Why become a CIVIS Ambassador?

Serving as a CIVIS Ambassador is a unique way to contribute to the CIVIS mission and vision: the creation of a European University Alliance, connected to its social environment and open to the world. Your engagement as a CIVIS Ambassador will undoubtedly be an asset to your personal and professional development through:

- making the most of networking opportunities and being part of the CIVIS Community: a diverse community of 11 European Universities which brings together more than 470 000 students and 68 000 staff members including 35 000 academics and researchers.
- further developing your skills for promoting, advertising and consulting on international exchange opportunities.
- building teamwork skills through collaborating across borders with other ambassadors.
- engaging with peers to promote a life-changing experience.
- getting involved in student-led projects together with representatives of the CIVIS student council.
- provided that funds are available attending travel opportunities during student-led projects and/or during Global CIVIS Days.
- earning a CIVIS Ambassador badge for your CIVIS Passport - a digital tool where each CIVIS activity undertaken by a student will be recorded and awarded a badge. The CIVIS Passport will be shareable with academic communities and prospective employers.

What does a CIVIS Ambassador do?

Examples of duties and responsibilities:

- CIVIS Ambassadors will be responsible for promoting CIVIS within their home universities.
- They will be the first point of contact for their peers, both incoming CIVIS students and students of the home university interested in learning more about the Alliance.
- Organize Virtual Cafés or other formats for future students.
- Organize university and city tours for incoming students.
- Participate in information sessions for outgoing students.

- Assist in the organization of CIVIS Student days in their universities.
- Communicate regularly with other CIVIS Ambassadors in the other CIVIS partner Universities to share ideas, initiatives and experiences.
- Advocate for and assist in disseminating CIVIS initiatives in their community.
- Be in touch with Alumni regarding CIVIS initiatives and activities, as well as on a need-to basis with the CIVIS team and the International Relations departments regarding the above.
- Cooperate with the CIVIS Student Council.

Selected CIVIS Ambassadors will serve for **one or two academic years**.

CIVIS Ambassadors: Selection Criteria

Minimum requirements:

- Mobility experience: Prior experience with long term Erasmus+ mobility or/and participation in a CIVIS course (short term mobility course/ hub project)
- Applicants need to be enrolled at their home university in a BA, MA, or PhD program to be eligible for selection. Please note: students enrolled at the University through national or international exchange programs are not eligible candidates. If in doubt about your enrollment status, please check with your home university's International Office.
- Very good command of English (minimum: level B2)
- Strong communication skills
- Excellent organization skills

Desirable qualifications:

- Knowledge of more than one language of the Alliance
- Civic Engagement

Please note:

Among several candidates, selection will take into account the different levels of study, equal gender representation, academic excellence and the need to represent different academic fields. Civic engagement will also be taken into consideration.

How to apply?

Students who are interested in becoming CIVIS Ambassadors should submit:

- a CV in English
- a short statement in English in which you outline the reasons for wishing to serve as a CIVIS Ambassador (max 200 words)
- a copy of an English language certificate

Please note:

- Candidates may also be called in for an interview at a later stage.
- The results will be announced in mid-October 2023.

Application deadline: October 6, 2023

Applications should be sent to: (Please check the list below for your home institution's contact info). Each University will be responsible for selecting its ambassadors according to the selection criteria above.

Aix-Marseille Université: Hanaé Luong, hanae.luong@univ-amu.fr

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