



**CIVIS** A European Civic University

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CIVIS HUB 2 ACTIVITIES 'SOCIETY, CULTURE AND HERITAGE'

**[DEADLINE FOR THIS CALL: 20 November]**

### 1. CONTEXT

The **CIVIS European University Alliance** is a far-reaching initiative that aims to have a significant impact on the development of our societies at local and global levels. We will intertwine relationships at all scales between students, teachers and stakeholders in order to implement educational and research activities grounded in our fast-changing societies. **Five major challenges (“Hubs”)** lie at the core of our actions: Climate, Environment, Energy; Health; Digital and Technological Transformations; Cities, Territories, Mobilities; **Society, Culture, Heritage**.

**CIVIS Hubs** are “academic collaboration spaces” for the development of multinational and multidisciplinary educational and research opportunities. They will be offering joint or allied degrees, innovative learning practices and blended mobility at Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD levels, multidisciplinary research programs as well as public and/or private partnerships. CIVIS Hubs will remain at the forefront of civic engagement, maintaining a “challenge-based” approach to ensure that the European Universities remain relevant to society, addressing new challenges as they arise.

CIVIS Hubs **support academics** willing to contribute to tackle these challenges together with other European colleagues and involve the respective staff, faculty and researchers of the nine member universities to work in **multidisciplinary teams to develop allied educational programs and research projects, using innovative pedagogies**. During the first phase of the CIVIS Alliance, Hubs will be developing a framework for research-driven educational activities and a network of collaborations, which will be strategized during the consolidation phase.

**Hubs provide access to a network of motivated lecturers** and researchers from CIVIS universities ready to contribute to societal challenges. The added value of being part of CIVIS Hubs is to be involved in nests of innovative educational programs linked to research and innovation to address issues from a multidisciplinary perspective and to develop high-level research collaborations.

The Hub **‘Society, Culture and Heritage’** decided on a framework of the following **focus areas** that shall be worked on during the first phase of the CIVIS Alliance:

- Mediterranean Studies: Diachronic and Intercultural Perspectives
- Heritage and Global Epistemologies
- Diverse Societies, Inequality and Social Change
- Multicultural and Multilingual Communication and Education
- Law, Norms, Ethics and Political Institutions

Hub 2 educational initiatives relevant to the Hub’s themes will be organized within this framework.



## 2. HUB 2 'SOCIETY, CULTURE AND HERITAGE' – 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

**We welcome proposals for activities relevant to the Hub's themes.** Proposed activities may include courses, summer schools, workshops, semesters, project supervision and research exchanges; they may involve educational projects with students as well as workshops/meetings of academic staff to develop future activities together with partners from CIVIS universities.

While the Hub Council especially encourages proposals for activities that **increase student mobility**, it also agreed on **prioritizing allied programs** with a long-term perspective for this Call. In addition, for this Call, activities are prioritized that stem from the field of **social sciences** (including, among others, sociology, political science, law, psychology, economics) or address corresponding focus areas. In this context, projects with **contacts to African partners** are a particular focus of attention.

At least one allied multidisciplinary educational program shall be established within the Hub by the end of 2022; initiatives could involve:

- **Allied programs**

Programs at Bachelors, Masters or PhD level in which 3 or more CIVIS partners are co-teachers for the majority of courses. This can be an existing program at a CIVIS partner university with a majority of courses which are modified to include co-teachers from CIVIS partners (A starting point could be, for example, a multilateral M.A. program, that can be built on existing programs between CIVIS partners: Partners are asked to take an inventory of programs to see if they could be expanded to an allied program, and work on modules as building blocks).

- **Allied semesters/micro-programs**

This is a semester or "micro-program" (smaller units like courses and modules combined into 'micro-programmes' with a certification possibility to offer CIVIS students flexible learning pathways) at Bachelors, Masters or PhD level, in which 3 or more CIVIS partners are co-teachers for several courses. This can be an existing semester at a CIVIS partner university that includes several courses which are modified to include co-teachers from CIVIS partners.

- **Allied courses**

These are individual courses or packages of courses which a student can use as part of her/his education at Bachelors, Masters or PhD level in which 3 or more CIVIS partners are co-teachers. These can be existing courses at a CIVIS partner which are modified to include co-teachers from CIVIS partners.

**We welcome proposals based on two types of initiatives:**

- 1) Activities which are **"ready to go"** (e. g. allied teaching projects within the current academic year 2021–22)\* that comply with the eligibility criteria below. For these activities CIVIS offers branding, networks and support as well as student and staff mobilities.
- 2) Activities at the **"planning stage"** for which planning within the current academic year is needed, especially for long-term educational projects. For these activities CIVIS offers networks and support as well as staff mobilities enabling members to meet to exchange ideas and work together on the implementation of allied/joint teaching projects.

**\* Please Note:** CIVIS financial support is available until August 2022. However, long-term visions for a second funding phase are encouraged.



### Eligibility criteria:

The following criteria **must** be fulfilled:

- Activities must involve 3 or more CIVIS partner universities. (*To find partners, you may use the Airtable "CIVIS Initiatives": <https://airtable.com/shrsxhIQJUPauE72i>*)
- Activities must be directly relevant to the Hub 2 theme: Society, culture and heritage

Hub 2 initiatives will be organized within the framework of the following **focus areas**:

- Mediterranean Studies: Diachronic and Intercultural Perspectives
- Heritage and Global Epistemologies
- Diverse Societies, Inequality and Social Change
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### Evaluation criteria:

The following criteria will be **prioritized**:

- Transdisciplinary challenge-based activities
- Academic initiatives with a long-term perspective for the development of allied teaching projects/programmes, for example implementation of activities in existing Master's programmes
- activities that stem from the field of social sciences or address corresponding focus areas
- Academic initiatives for which Mediterranean/African partners have been identified (with assistance from CIVIS WP5; see [https://civis.eu/en/activities/civis-calls/call-for-proposals-  
seed-funding-for-joint-projects-with-civis-african-partner-universities](https://civis.eu/en/activities/civis-calls/call-for-proposals-seed-funding-for-joint-projects-with-civis-african-partner-universities))
- Activities with societal outreach (as, for example, Civic engagement initiatives tied to Open Lab activities; see <https://civis.eu/en/activities/civis-openlab>)
- Academic initiatives which also stimulate research collaboration

**Further criteria** for selection are transversal CIVIS goals:

- Multilingualism
- Innovative pedagogies (see [https://civis.eu/en/news/civis-publishes-a-handbook-on-  
innovative-pedagogies-ways-into-the-process-of-learning-transformation](https://civis.eu/en/news/civis-publishes-a-handbook-on-innovative-pedagogies-ways-into-the-process-of-learning-transformation) s)

**Proposals must be submitted using the following link:**

<https://civis.smapply.io/>

**Please submit the completed application by 20 November 2021.**



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The Hub Council will make recommendations by the end of November to the CIVIS Steering Committee as to which courses and/or activities will be part of Hub 2 for the current academic year.

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## APPENDIX

### ELIGIBLE COSTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE HUB

- Student mobility (unit costs; see below)
- Staff mobility (no unit costs; see below)
- Staff costs (according to each university's practices; see below)

*Please note: No other costs (e.g. equipment budget, teaching hours, overhead costs, ...) can be financed by CIVIS Hubs.*

### ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR MOBILITY

- CIVIS only finances travel costs and allowances for students and/or academics staff for short term mobility (students: two days to two months; academics: max. 1-2 weeks)
- Student mobility will be financed according to the unit cost established in CIVIS Consortium Agreement (see below).
- Academic staff mobility could include training activities with students and activities to develop future joint initiatives
- Academic staff mobility will be financed according to each institution's usual practices
- Limitations as to the numbers of funded mobilities of students or academic staff may apply, subject to availability of funds.

Please note: No Hub budget is allocated for virtual/digital mobility. (For CIVIS "Virtual Mobilities" see <https://civis.eu/en/activities/civis-calls/civis-virtual-mobilities-1st-call-for-proposals>)

### ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR STAFF

- CIVIS can finance staff costs ('incentives') related to the implementation of activities, in particular the development of programs and degrees, according to each university's internal regulations and to the Hub's allocated budget
- Funding of staff costs is to be allocated to the development of physical, virtual or blended courses, modules and programs and cannot be used for mobility (travels and subsistence)
- The Hub Council and the Steering Committee will select and accept the budget corresponding to the quality and level to reach CIVIS objectives
- The Hub Council may decide if the coordinator of a project will receive the funds or if universities participating in an activity receive an equal amount of funds
- Funding per activity could range between 1000-8000 €
- Each CIVIS University involved should validate the project and staff costs before start. The university responsible for coordinating the activity is also in charge of financial reporting unless otherwise agreed
- All staff costs must follow reporting rules of the European Commission: real costs and timesheets need to be provided to prove the work and a direct link to the project's activities and objectives

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## STUDENT MOBILITY BUDGET CALCULATION

- Travel costs and individual support for student short term and blended mobility activities are based on unit costs applying as an internal rule to all the beneficiaries. Please note that activities should be open to students from all partner universities; please indicate the number of mobilities and calculate the total amount using the tables below
- These unit costs are based on Erasmus+ 2020 program guide and are the following:
  - **Travel costs** based on the travel distance per participant: travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission ([http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm))
  - The distance of a **one-way travel** must be used to calculate the amount of the EU grant that will support the round trip
  - **Individual support** based on the duration of the stay per participant (if necessary, including also one travel day before the activity and one travel day following the activity)

## Travel Costs

Travel distances <sup>34</sup>	Amount
Between 10 and 99 KM:	20 EUR per participant
Between 100 and 499 KM:	180 EUR per participant
Between 500 and 1999 KM:	275 EUR per participant
Between 2000 and 2999 KM:	360 EUR per participant
Between 3000 and 3999 KM:	530 EUR per participant
Between 4000 and 7999 KM:	820 EUR per participant
8000 KM or more:	1500 EUR per participant

## Individual Support per day (E+ guide 2020)

Sweden	Greece	Germany	Belgium	France, Italy	Spain	Romania
70,00 €	71,00 €	58,00 €	65,00 €	66,00 €	61,00 €	54,00 €

**Please note:** The University of Glasgow joined CIVIS at the end of 2020 and may be indicated as a partner to fulfil the eligibility criterion of 3 participating CIVIS partners; yet Glasgow cannot access CIVIS funding.

**Please use the budget template to indicate funding requests.**

