CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CIVIS HUB 2 ACTIVITIES: SOCIETY, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

[THE DEADLINE FOR THIS CALL IS THE 30TH OF JUNE]

1. CONTEXT

A CHALLENGE-BASED APPROACH TO FUEL OUR CIVIC, IMPACT-DRIVEN ALLIANCE

CIVIS European University Alliance is a far-reaching initiative whose goal is to have a significant impact on our societies’ development, locally and globally. 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”) of local and global reach lie at the core of our actions: Climate, Environment, Energy; Health; Digital and Technological Transformations; Cities, Territories, Mobilities; Society, Culture, Heritage.

CIVIS Hubs

CIVIS Hubs are “academic collaboration spaces” to develop multinational and multi-disciplinary educational and research offers. They will be offering joint 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 the “challenge-based” approach to ensure that the European Universities remain relevant and useful to society, addressing new challenges as they arise.
CIVIS Hubs will support academics willing to contribute to tackle these challenges together with other European colleagues and involve respective staff, faculty and researchers of the 9 member universities to work in multidisciplinary teams to develop joint degrees, educational programs and research projects, using innovative pedagogies. During the first phase of the CIVIS Alliance, Hubs will be developing a network of collaborations, which will be strategized during the consolidation phase.

CIVIS Hubs will provide you access to a network of motivated lecturers and researchers from CIVIS universities ready to revolutionize the current higher education system and contribute to our societal challenges. The added value of being part of CIVIS Hubs means being included in nests of innovative educational programs linked to research and innovation, to address issues from a multidisciplinary and complementary perspective and to develop high-level and multidisciplinary research collaborations.

2. HUB 2 SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE – CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

You will find below the first Call for activities launched by Hub 2 ‘Society, Culture, Heritage’.

We welcome proposals for activities relevant to the Hub’s themes. With the Hubs building up a framework for research-driven and challenge-based joint educational activities, our objective is to foster synergies among education and R&I (research and innovation). Proposed activities can, for example, include courses, summer schools, workshops, semesters, project supervision and research exchanges. The activities could include training & research projects with students as well as workshops/meetings of academic staff to develop future joint activities. At least one joint and interdisciplinary educational program shall be established within the Hub by the end of 2022 ('joint and interdisciplinary educational programs’ could be CIVIS modules, CIVIS Micro-programs* or multilateral M.A. programs**, that can be built on existing joint degree programs between CIVIS partners).

We welcome proposals based on two types of initiatives:

1) Activities which are “ready to go” provided that they comply with the “must be fulfilled” criteria below. For these activities we can offer CIVIS branding, networks and support as well as student and staff mobilities.

2) Activities which are at the “planning stage”. These are activities for which planning is needed for implementation of joint teaching projects within the next academic year***. For these activities we can offer CIVIS networks and support as well as staff mobilities so that members can meet (virtually or physically) to exchange ideas.
Eligibility criteria: The following criteria must be fulfilled:

- Activities must involve 3 or more CIVIS partner universities.
- 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 the Hub Council agreed on in March:

- 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

Evaluation criteria: The following criteria will be prioritized:

- Transdisciplinary challenge-based activities.
- Civic engagement initiatives tied to Open Lab (WP3) activities.
- Academic initiatives for which Mediterranean/African partners have been identified with assistance from WP5.
- Academic initiatives which also stimulate research collaboration.
- Virtual activities.

Further criteria for selection are transversal CIVIS goals:

- Multilingualism
- Innovative pedagogies

*CIVIS Micro-Programmes: Smaller units like courses and modules combined into ‘micro-programmes’ with a certification possibility to offer CIVIS students flexible learning pathways. In particular, with transdisciplinary course programmes, a possibility for students can be designed to follow their own interests, to deepen their knowledge and choose individually, into which fields they would like to gain deeper insights.

**Multilateral M.A. programmes (to be discussed in faculties): Partners are asked to take an inventory of their Master’s programs to see if they could be expanded to a joint program, and if so, work on joint modules as building blocks in the coming academic year.

***CIVIS financial support is available until September 2022. However, long term visions for future calls and a second funding phase are encouraged.

Proposals must be submitted using the following link:
https://civis.sapply.io/prog/call_for_proposals_hub_2_society_culture_heritage/

Please submit the completed application before June 30th.
The Hub Council will make recommendations by the end of July to the Task Force for Research and Academic Affairs (WP4), who will make final recommendations to the CIVIS Steering Committee as to which courses and/or activities will be part of Hub 2 for the next academic year.

If you need support for finding partners or guidance on CIVIS approach, please contact the Hub 2 Council members at your university or the chairpersons of the Hub 2 Council:

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APPENDIX

**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.
- CIVIS budget will finance only mobilities currently not eligible under Erasmus+ actions.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR STAFF**

- CIVIS can finance staff costs (‘incentives’) related to the implementation of activities, in particular the development of programmes and degrees, according to each university’s internal regulations, to the allocated budget and to a funding framework binding for each hub.
- Funding of staff costs is to be allocated to the development of physical, virtual or blended courses, modules and programmes and cannot be used for mobility costs (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 all universities participating in an activity will get an equal maximum amount or if the coordinator of a project will get additional 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.
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.
- 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).
  - 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:

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Please note:

*No equipment budget can be funded by the Hubs.*
*CIVIS financial support is available until September 2022.*