



Second Call for Proposals for CIVIS Hub 1 Activities: *Climate, Environment and Energy*

The deadline for this call is **February 1, 2021.**

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 with a wide diversity of stakeholders, in order to implement educational and research activities grounded in our fast-changing ecosystems.

Five major challenges ("Hubs") of local and global reach lie at the core of our actions: <u>Climate, Environment, Energy</u>; Health; Digital and Technological Transformations; Cities, Territories, Mobilities; Society, Culture, Heritage.

Transversal skills, Critical thinking, Entrepreneurship, Problem solving Creativity, Climate, Environment, Energy Climate, Environment, Energy Relationships with Technological Transformations Relationships with Méditerranean & African partners

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 and Master's 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 University 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 8 member universities to work in multidisciplinary teams to develop joint degrees, educational programs and research projects, using innovative pedagogies. During the first phase of CIVIS Alliance, Hubs will be on developing a 'surge' of collaborations, which will be strategized during the consolidation phase.

The added value of being part of CIVIS Hubs means being included in **nests to innovative educational programs linked to research and innovation**, address issues from a multidisciplinary and complementary perspective, develop high-level and multidisciplinary research collaborations. 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.

2. HUB 1 CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY – SECOND CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

You will find below the second call for activities launched by the <u>Hub 1 Climate</u>, <u>Environment</u>, <u>Energy</u>.

This call welcomes academic initiatives from CIVIS member universities:

- 1 **new proposals** fulfilling the 3-partner criterion
- 2 **proposals submitted for the first call** (Appendix 1) but with additional partners to ensure fulfillment of the 3-partner criterion.

The Hub 1 Council received 99 proposals for activities in response to the first call for proposals (Appendix 1). Most of these proposals concern activities for which additional partners are needed to meet the 3-partner criterion for CIVIS activities. For this reason, we are now publishing a second call, specifically for activities which meet this criterion.

We welcome proposals for education and research activities. Our objective is to **foster synergies among Education and R&I**. The activities can, for example, include courses, summer schools, workshops, semesters, project supervision and research exchanges. The proposed activities could include training & research projects with students as well as workshops/meetings of academic staff to develop future joint academic & research activities.

We welcome proposals based two type of initiatives:





- 1) activities which are "<u>ready to go</u>" 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 a proposal to be formulated for submission to a later call. 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.

The following criteria must be fulfilled (Eligibility criteria):

- Activities must involve 3 or more CIVIS partner universities.
- Activities must be directly relevant to the Hub 1 theme: climate, environment and energy.

The following criteria will be prioritized (Evaluation criteria):

- Virtual activities (for environmental reasons).
- 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.

Hub 1 initiatives will be organized into a framework which is partly based on focal challenges defined by Future Earth (https://futureearth.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/future-earth_10-year-vision_web.pdf). This framework encompasses research-oriented education and knowledge-action education pathways that target the following focal challenges:

- 1. Deliver energy, water, and food for all
- 2. Decarbonise socio-economic systems to stabilise the climate
- 3. Safeguard the terrestrial, freshwater and marine natural assets
- 4. Increase resilience and promote sustainable transformations
- 5. Create fundamental knowledge about climate, environment and energy

The Hub 1 Council will make final recommendations to the CIVIS Board of Rectors as to which courses and/or activities will make become a part of Hub 1. This Council will be using the criteria outlined below when making its recommendations.

If you need support for finding partners or guidance on CIVIS approach, please contact one of the Hub 1 Council members at your university or the chairperson of the Hub 1 Council. Please find below the list of Hub 1 Council members:





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Proposals <u>must</u> be submitted using the template on the following page.

Please send the completed application **before February 1**st, **2021** to fredrik.oldsjo@su.se





APPENDIX

Eligible costs & calculation for CIVIS budget

Eligible Costs for CIVIS Mobilities

- CIVIS could only finance travel cost and allowances for students and/or academics staff for short term mobility (max 1 week)
- The student mobility will be financed according to the unit cost established in CIVIS Consortium Agreement (see next section)
- The student mobility activities must include learning outcomes for the participants
- The academic staff mobility could include training activities with students and activities to develop future joint academic & research initiatives
- The academic staff mobility will be financed according to each institution 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 directly finance only mobilities currently not eligible under other Erasmus+ actions.

Please note: The academic participants may also cover their travel and accommodation costs through Erasmus+ mobility programme Staff Teaching Mobility. This budget for staff mobility is available in each partner university. Likewise, for student mobility there are several eligible options within Erasmus+ programme. Therefore, CIVIS before validating the direct funding of the proposed activities will verify the eligibility under other actions of existing European funding programmes.

STUDENT MOBILITY BUDGET CALCULATION

- Travel costs and individual support for student short term and blended mobility activities are based on unit costs as an internal rule applying 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.

Travel distances ³⁴	Amount 20 EUR per participant		
Between 10 and 99 KM:			
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* 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).

Individual Support per day								
E+ guide 2020	Sweden	Greece	Germany	Belgium	France, Italy	Spain	Romania	
Youth worker	70,00 €	71,00 €	58,00 €	65,00 €	66,00 €	61,00 €	54,00 €	

No CIVIS equipment budget is allocated for digital mobility/activities.

NO CIVIS budget is allocated for staff cost.

Limitations as to the numbers of funded mobilities of students may apply, subject to availability of funds.