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Open Lab Rolling Call

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CIVIS & Open Labs



CIVIS is a journey, not just a destination



A pioneer of the first wave of European Universities Alliances, CIVIS brings together **11 member universities in Europe** and **6 associate members in Africa** embarked on an odyssey to transform higher education.

Our member universities in Europe

CIVIS is a vibrant community of over half a million students and 70.000 staff members, including 37.400 academics

- **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**, Italy
- **Stockholm University**, Sweden
- **Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen**, Germany
- **University of Glasgow**, United Kingdom
- **Paris Lodron University of Salzburg**, Austria
- **University of Lausanne**, Switzerland



Member universities :

amU Aix
Marseille
Université

HELLENIC REPUBLIC
National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens
EST. 1837

ULB UNIVERSITÉ
LIBRE
DE BRUXELLES

UNIVERSITY OF
BUCHAREST
VIRTUTE ET SAPIENTIA

**University
of Glasgow**

Unil
UNIL | Université de Lausanne

UAM Universidad Autónoma
de Madrid

SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

**PARIS
LODRON
UNIVERSITÄT
SALZBURG**

**Stockholm
University**

EBERHARD KARLS
UNIVERSITÄT
TÜBINGEN



Our associate member universities in Africa

The Mediterranean zone and Africa are at the heart of CIVIS' global strategy. Six prestigious universities in the region enrich the CIVIS journey.

- **Makerere University**, Uganda
- **Eduardo Mondlane University**, Mozambique
- **Université Hassan II de Casablanca**, Morocco
- **University of Sfax**, Tunisia
- **Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar**, Senegal
- **University of the Witwatersrand**, South Africa



Associate member universities :



UNIVERSITE
CHEIKH ANTA DIOP
DE DAKAR

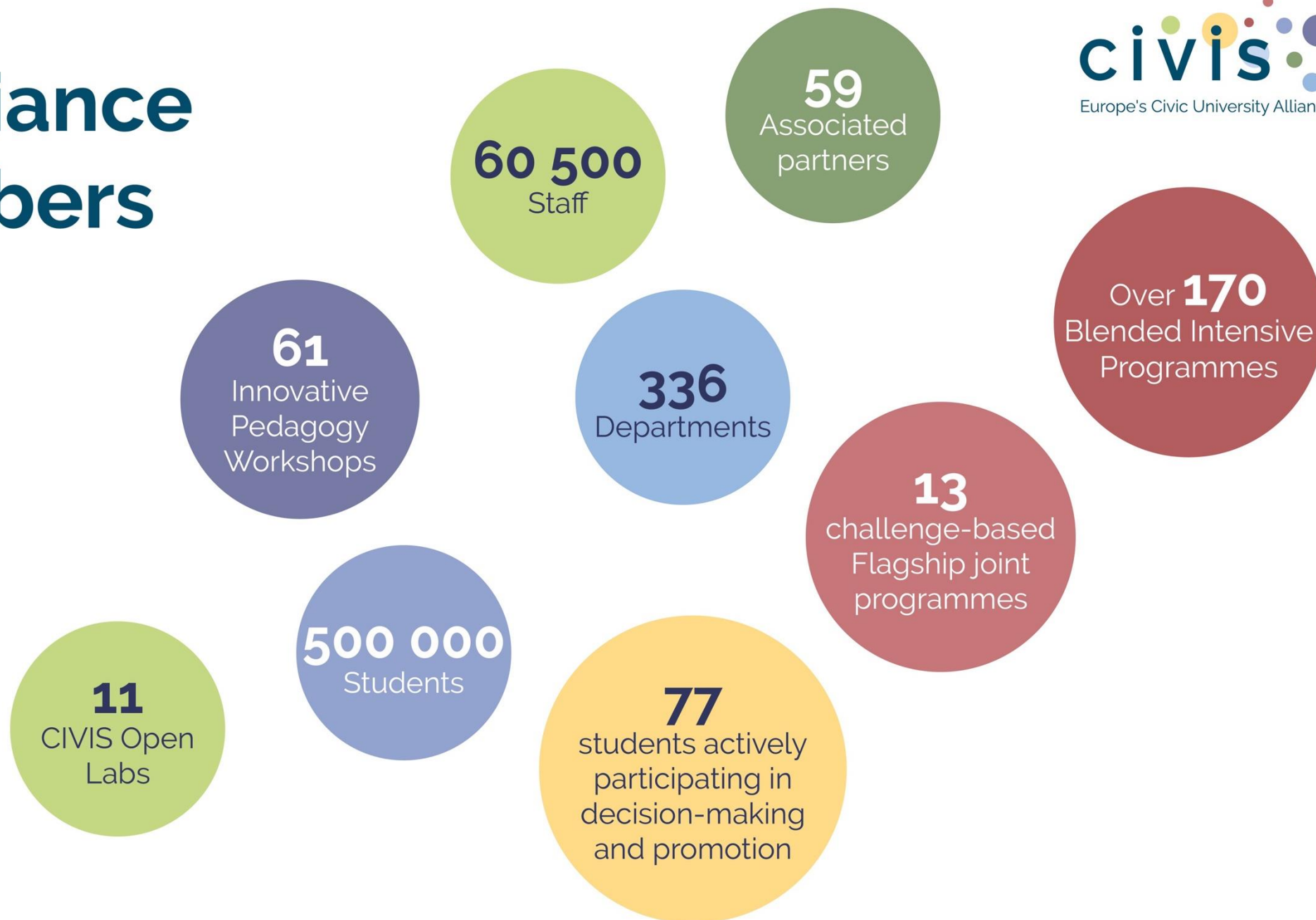


UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



University of Sfax
TUNISIA

Our Alliance in numbers



CIVIS Open Labs



- ✓ A Network of 11 Open Labs, bridging academia with society
- ✓ Participatory Research
- ✓ Service-Learning Education
- ✓ Design Thinking

CIVIS Open Labs



Support offered

- Identification of partners locally and across the alliance
- Support in project building
- Open Lab Rolling Call

CIVIS Open Labs



Additional support depending on the local Open Labs

- Methodological support
- Infrastructure access
- Visibilisation of participatory research, service-learning, and design thinking activities.

The CIVIS Open Lab Rolling Call

General Description

Goal of the Call

Strengthening connections **between member universities and local communities** to foster participatory, inclusive, and impactful collaboration.

Transnational Projects
Glocal perspective

Who can apply?

Any STAFF member of
CIVIS universities

At least 3 CIVIS
universities (including
associated members in Africa)

What kind of activity can be funded?

1. **Promotion and dissemination of methods**

Training programs on service-learning, participatory research, or design thinking.

2. **Workshops on specific themes**

Events involving researchers, local authorities, and community stakeholders to address pressing issues.

3. **Collaborative projects**

Initiatives that connect academia with external organizations to co-develop solutions for societal challenges.

What can be funded?

Mobilities

- Restrictions may apply (travelling only in Europe)
- Staff & Students from universities
- Guests from universities (but the mobility should be managed by a university: ***NO TRANSFER OF MONEY TO THIRD PARTIES!***)

Some staff costs

- Funding is only for personnel already employed.

Service-providers, consumables

- Catering
- Room rental
- Videos, graphic supports, deliverable...

✗ What cannot be funded?

- Equipment purchases
- Transfer to third parties (stakeholders)
- Engagement of new personnel

Who can be funded?

- **EU Only EU CIVIS universities can benefit from the subsidies.**
- Non-EU universities can participate with their own funding.
 - The University of Glasgow and Université de Lausanne have dedicated budgets for OL Projects.

How much can be funded?

- No specific amount by project.
 - Each CIVIS EU university has €80,000 available for Open Lab Projects
 - Budget should be proportionated in regard with the expected impact of the project
 - The budget should combine the ressources of different universities
- ➔ Typically, project budgets range from €5,000 to €40,000.

How much can be funded?

You can combine this funding with others,

but ⚠ no double funding from European sources!

The CIVIS Open Lab Rolling Call *Requirements*

Admission Criteria

The applications should be aligned with CIVIS WP2 and WP4 objectives

- Develop CIVIS 2 **civic engagement and challenge-based education** strategy.
- **Build bridges between the academic world and** the local social, economic, political, and cultural **stakeholders**
- **Set up and share tools to tackle societal challenges** creating new opportunities.
- **Establish knowledge co-creating teams** involving the universities with local and global partner.
- **Facilitate the involvement of global and local associated partners** in the challenge-based agenda.

Admission Criteria

The applications should be aligned with CIVIS WP2 and WP4 objectives

- Boost civic engagement through **Open Labs Projects**
 - Enrich beneficial **interactions between communities** on our respective campuses as well as **societal stakeholders to encourage them to meet, exchange collaborate and co-create**
 - **Boosting Civic Engagement**
 - **Support Citizen Science projects**

Admission Criteria

The applications should be aligned with CIVIS WP2 and WP4 objectives

The applications should at least involve 3 CIVIS universities

The application only contains eligible costs

The project must be completed by 30 June 2026.

Additional criteria (at least one module)

- Co-construction of the project with external partner(s)
- Civic engagement dimension
- Involvement of associated member universities in Africa
- There is already an existing pilot that can be further developed/internationalised
- The project is aligned with [CIVIS Hubs Themes](#)
 - Hub1 • Climate, environment and energy
 - Hub2 • Society, culture, heritage
 - Hub3 • Health
 - Hub4 • Cities, spaces, and mobilities
 - Hub5 • Digital and technological transformation

Local requirements may apply

- Local rules regarding budget
- Remaining budget available varies

The CIVIS Open Lab Rolling Call

How to apply?

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CONSORTIUM

Form a consortium of eligible individuals from at least 3 CIVIS universities.
Open Lab Coordinators can assist you in building a consortium.

TIMELINE

Call open continuously until **30 January 2026**.
Deadline each last day of the month
Evaluation the next month

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OPEN LAB COORDINATOR

Open Lab Coordinators **MUST** be contacted

- Check budget, eligibility and feasibility
- List of contacts
- Help in finding partners
- Help in preparing the application

Open Lab Coordinators

University	Open Lab Coordinator	E-mail
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How to apply?

APPLICATION

- **A project proposal**
 - *Document to draft proposals available*
- **A budget**
 - *Budget template available*
- **A timeline**
- **A support letter from each university taking part in the consortium** (except for African associated partners) signed by:
 - The local Open Lab coordinator
 - The local institutional coordinator (IC)
 - *Task managed for you by the Open Lab Coordinators*

Form online: <https://civis.eu/en/teach-and-research/opportunities/civis-calls/rolling-call-for-proposals-for-projects-with-the-civis-open-labs>

Evaluation

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Qualification criteria
 - Alignment with WP2 and WP4 objectives
 - Multilateral/transnational dimensions with at least 3 CIVIS universities
 - Letters of commitment from every partner
- Evaluation criteria (See guide for details)
 - Maximum score 38.
 - Minimum score 19 to pass.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE

- 5 people: Chair Open Lab Council, CIVIS Management representative, CIVIS WP4 representative, EG Service-learning, EG Civic Engagement

Evaluation

IF ACCEPTED:

- Notification sent by the Open Lab Council Chair (or its delegate) with feedback
- An official notification letter is also sent by e-mail.
- **Notification letter should be signed by the project coordinator and sent back to ol-council@lists.civis.eu**

IF NOT ACCEPTED:

- Possibility to reapply
- Evaluation committee shares a feedback

The CIVIS Open Lab Rolling Call *Implementation*

Implementation

TO START

Once the notification has been signed and sent back, you can proceed.

REQUIREMENTS

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Regular collaboration with the Open Lab Coordinators

Reporting

- Mid-term report
- Final report



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Q&A

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