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## Program

CIVIS Staff Training Week

**Erasmus Mundus Unlocked:  
Preparing Successful Proposals  
for Sustainable CIVIS Joint Master's Programmes**

Athens, October 13-15, 2025

Venue: [NKUA History Museum](#), Tholou 5, Plaka, 10556 Athens

## Day 1: Monday, 13 October

### Welcome and Staff week overview

- 8:45 - 9:15      **Arrival and registration**
- 9:15 - 9:45      **Welcome addresses and program overview**  
*Sofia Papaioannou, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, International Relations, and Extroversion; Head of CIVIS at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)*  
*Maria Daskolia, WP9 Leader and Staff Week Organiser, NKUA*  
*Ilias Antoniou, NKUA CIVIS Institutional Coordinator and Staff Week Organiser*  
*Antonia Samara, WP9 member and Staff Week Organiser, NKUA*
- 9:45 - 10:00      **Overview of Checklist for Successful EMJM Applications (SEMJM)**  
*Angela Melley, previously at University of Glasgow*
- 10:00 - 10:15      **Participant introductions**

### Session 1<sup>1</sup>: State of play for EMJM applications in CIVIS

- 10:15 - 11:00      *Alexandru Mihai Cartis, Head of Education Unit, University of Bucharest*
- 11:00 - 11:15      **Morning Break**

### Session 2: Lessons learned from two CIVIS EMJM applications

- 11:15 - 12:15      **Lessons learned from TRACEE and the European Approach application**  
*Joakim Edsjö, Professor, Stockholm University*  
*Sara Laginder, Stockholm University*  
*Angela Melley, previously at University of Glasgow*

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that, unless otherwise stated, each session will include a 5-minute Q&A at the end.

**12:15 - 13:00      Lessons learned from EUROSUD**

**Irene Martìn Cortès**, *Vice-Rector for Internationalisation at Autonomous University of Madrid*

**Sofia Navarro Garcia**, *Autonomous University of Madrid, CIVIS Education Unit*

**Angela Melley**, *previously at University of Glasgow*

**13:00 - 14:00      Lunch Break**

**Session 3: Funding opportunities for CIVIS joint Programmes: From Past to Future**

**14:00 - 14:45      Brief history of Erasmus Mundus and looking to the future**

**Christel Dupont Ferrier**, *Aix-Marseille University*

**14:45 - 15:30      Future proofing CIVIS agreement models**

**Paola Vellani**, *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

**Discussant: Alexandru Mihai Cartis**, *Head of Education Unit, University of Bucharest*

**15:30- 15:45      Afternoon Break**

**Session 4: Designing for sustainability - Integrating financial planning into Erasmus Mundus Applications**

**15:45 - 16.45      Angela Melley**, *previously at University of Glasgow*

**16.45 - 17.00      Q&A**

**Discussant: Christel Dupont Ferrier**, *Aix-Marseille University*

**End of Day 1**

## Day 2: Tuesday 14 October

### Session 5: Parallel Workshops

9:30 - 10:45      **Workshop 1: Mobility and student services.** Ensuring a quality mobility experience for students supports a quality EMJM application  
**Facilitator:** Erik Rosenberg, *CIVIS Mobility Officer, University of Stockholm*

**Workshop 2: Completing EMJM application work packages with reference to future platform management.** Focusing on milestones, deliverables, and risk management  
**Facilitator:** Christel Dupont Ferrier, *Aix-Marseille University*

**Workshop 3: Setting up a self-funded edition.** Including design measures and positioning for a full EMJM bid  
**Facilitators:** Angela Melley & Clare McManus, *University of Glasgow*

10:45 - 11:00      **Morning Break**

### Session 6: Workshops summary and key takeaways

11:00 - 11:45      **Summary feedback from each of the three workshops by an attendee (15' each)**

11:45 - 12:00      **Consolidating and sharing key takeaways into the SEMJM Checklist**  
**Moderators:**  
**Maria Daskolia**, *WP9 Leader, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*  
**Antonia Samara**, *WP9 team, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

12:00- 13:15      **Lunch Break**

## Session 7: Project management support models for EMJM applications

- 13:15 - 14:00      **EMJM project support and management models: three CIVIS examples**  
Christel Dupont Ferrier, *Aix-Marseille University*  
Sebastian Seiffert, *Université Libre de Bruxelles*  
Angela Melley, *previously at University of Glasgow*  
  
Facilitator: Ilias Antoniou, *National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*
- 14:00 - 14:30      **TRACEE & EUROSUD: project support and management experience during the 2024/25 EMJM applications**  
Sara Laginder, *Stockholm University*  
Sofia Navarro Garcia, *Autonomous University of Madrid, CIVIS Education Unit*
- 14:30 - 15:00      **Open discussion on the respective support and management models, and the feasibility of linking to central expertise**  
Moderators:  
Christel Dupont Ferrier, *Aix-Marseille University*  
Ilias Antoniou, *National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*
- 15:00- 15:15      **Afternoon Break**

## Session 8: Renewal and resubmission bids - Successful bids (2023-25)

- 15:15- 16:15      Prof. Clare McManus, *University of Glasgow*  
Dr. Anna Dekalchuk, *University of Glasgow*
- 16:15- 16:30      **Consolidating and sharing key takeaways into the SEMJM Checklist and participant reflection**  
Facilitators: Sara Laginder, *Stockholm University*  
Sofia Navarro Garcia, *UAM, CIVIS Education Unit*
- 20:00      **Dinner (TBD) offered by the Rectorship of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

**End of Day 2**

## Day 3: Wednesday 15 October

### Session 9: European Degree Label and Joint European Degree preparation

9:30- 10:30      **Alexandru Mihai Cartis**, *Head of Education Unit, University of Bucharest*

10: 30 - 10:45      **Staff Week evaluation**

10:45 - 11:00      **Morning Break**

### Session 10: Recap and panel discussion

11:00- 12:15      **Panelists:** **Angela Melley**, *previously at University of Glasgow*

**Christel Dupont Ferrier**, *Aix-Marseille University*

**Clare McManus**, *University of Glasgow*

**Sebastian Seibert**, *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

**Facilitators:** **Maria Daskolia**, *WP9 Leader, NKUA*

**Antonia Samara**, *WP9 Member, NKUA*

**Ilias Antoniou**, *CIVIS Institutional Coordinator at NKUA*

12:15 - 12:30      **Closing and farewell**

### End of Day 3 and conclusion of the Staff Week