

Call for projects

Travelling seminars

The ERUA (European Reform University Alliance) is launching its first call for projects “Travelling seminars”.

Introduction

ERUA brings together 5 pioneer European universities: the universities of Konstanz (Germany), of Roskilde (Denmark), of Paris 8 (France), of the Aegean (Greece) and the New Bulgarian University (Sofia, Bulgaria). Our consortium, cofunded by the European Commission under the second Erasmus+ EUI call for projects, was launched on November 1, 2020.

Our mission is to address the actual world challenges by bringing together students and academics from diverse areas of Europe and from all socio-economic backgrounds to contribute to reshaping a more just, open and inclusive society.

To operate such changes, ERUA promotes experimental approaches to reimagine the role of Higher Education. This call for projects of travelling seminars has the ambition to be one of our most innovative forms of learning.

For more information about ERUA: <https://erua.wpnbu.com/>

What do we call travelling seminars?

ERUA's travelling seminars are experience-based learning formats that promote mobility and learning-by-doing approaches. This mobility format is inspired by the model implemented for several years at the University of Paris 8 and called the Bonus Qualité Mobilité Internationale (BQMI), which allows the financing of a mobility for one or more teachers accompanied by a group of students as part of a field study abroad.

Within the framework of ERUA, the traveling seminars system is thus intended to finance the mobility of around thirty students per partner university (3 groups of 10 students) every year within the framework of project-based seminars. This format will enable us to involve students in the co-design of an innovative pedagogical approach as well as civic engagement.

Objectives & priorities

ERUA call for “Traveling seminars” will be launched once a year during a three-year period. Each year 15 projects will be selected (3 per university) and each project will constitute a group of 10 students maximum and their teacher. Thus, our objective is to give an opportunity to 150 students to benefit from this initiative per academic year.

The idea of the travelling seminars is to connect the universities of the alliance and to encourage the projects that aim different types of cooperation (co-teaching, visits to other campuses, field studies, etc.), as well as to develop the project-based mobilities.

Eligibility criteria

This first call is open for academics from our 5 universities to design one project-based course in accordance with their ambition, ideas and the flagship pedagogical and research areas of members universities.

The travelling seminars are short term mobilities that take place at the location of one of the other partner universities. If not, they should at least include a co-teaching system or any other configuration bringing together students and/or teachers of at least two member universities.


The travelling seminars can cover all topics. It should bring benefits and challenges to your personal, your students', your own university's and the host university's internationalization profile (e.g. language use).

Framework

Eligible applicants	<i>All teaching staff from one of ERUA's member universities</i>
Content	<i>Open</i>
Disciplines opened	<i>All fields of study</i>
Duration	<i>From 3 days to 5 days (+2 travel days) The course can include a preparation work and assignments Please consider the budget available</i>
Format	<i>On-site or blended</i>
Number of students per group	<i>Approximately 10 (please consider the local conditions)</i>
Languages	<i>English preferable but all languages of the alliance are accepted</i>
Period in the year	<i>Open</i>
Education level	<i>Open to Bachelor and Master students</i>
Housing students	<i>If there is a possibility for providing accommodation to the students, it should be described in the description of the project. Also, please consider the budget available if needed.</i>

Selection criteria

Each university will select what they consider the 3 most interesting and innovative projects among all submitted projects. The projects which will plan co-teaching sessions or visits to other universities are much encouraged.



The selection will be based on the following evaluation criteria:

- Relevance to ERUA's objectives and mission
- Innovative features of the project
- Quality of the project structure and organisation
- Expected impact on the participants

Budget

ERUA will give each of the students participating to one travelling seminar a **grant of 600€** to cover for their travel and accommodation expenses.

The teachers' expenses will be financed through the already existing **Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility**.

Timetable

Stages	Date
1) <i>Launch of the call for projects</i>	April 2 nd , 2021
2) <i>Deadline for submitting the projects</i>	May 31 st , 2021
3) <i>Evaluation period</i>	June 2021
4) <i>Information to applicants</i>	July 2021

Procedure for the submission of projects:

All projects must be sent by email with the documents below filled before May 31st 2021 (by midnight CET UTC+1) to lea.meunier03@univ-paris8.fr (object Call travelling seminar ERUA).

Additional call for interest:

In order to create an active ERUA community, the Alliance is committed to fostering exchange and collaboration between partners.

If you are a teacher and you wish to host a travelling seminar in your university, please contact us: lea.meunier03@univ-paris8.fr.



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Project Form

Project leader

<i>Surname:</i>		<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Status/position:</i>		<i>Home University:</i>	
<i>Receiving University:</i>		<i>Co-teaching (if any):</i>	
<i>email:</i>		<i>Telephone:</i>	
<i>Title of the project:</i>			
<i>Start and end date of the project:</i>			
<i>Project summary: (20 lines maximum)</i>			
<i>Description of the project (2 pages maximum)</i>			



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Estimated budget

The budget must be realistic and in accordance with the project description.

<i>Estimated expenses in €</i>				<i>Estimated receipts in €</i>			
<i>Type of expenses</i>	Description	Amount	<i>Total</i>	<i>ERUA Grant</i>		<i>Other fundings (if any)</i>	
Students							
Coordinators							
Preparatory activities (if any)							
Co-teaching (if any)							
Other costs (please specify)							
Total :				Total :		Total :	



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