

Call: CIVIS Call for Applications – seed funding for research activities and African-European collaboration

Eligibility: Academics, researchers, post-doctoral with a long-term contract

Budget of the call: up to 10 000 euros

Deadline: 31 May 2025

Direct link to the call: [Seed funding for research activities and African-European collaboration 2025 – CIVIS - A European University Alliance](#)

Information session on April 14th: To register, please fill in the [Registration Form](#)

What types of activities are funded?

- 1. New collaborative research activities** (such as: doctoral schools or other training measures for PhD students, Workshops on a research question, network meeting, publication, citizen science projects,..)
- 2. Application design measures** (such as: meeting of potential designated applicants/consortium members, meetings of the writing team, visits)

Who can apply?

- Applicants must be permanent academics or employees with a long-term contract.
- For organizational reasons, the main contact person/applicant should be a member from a CIVIS University in Europe.
- Postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students at CIVIS universities are encouraged to be involved in thematic activities.

Which costs are eligible?

- Each selected project can receive up to **10,000 EUR**, depending on the location and number of mobility envisaged.
- Staff mobility costs (travel, accommodation, and subsistence) can be covered according to Erasmus+ rules for participants from CIVIS member universities in Europe (for more information, please contact: alice.hoslet@ulb.be) (up to 850 EUR per participant travelling in Europe and up to 1 500 EUR per participant travelling from Europe to Africa).
- Staff mobility costs for participants from African partner universities (incoming visit at ULB only) can be funded by Erasmus+ ICM fund. Please consult marie.ugeux@ulb.be for this matter.
- The co-funding of activities from other sources is possible and encouraged. For meetings organized at ULB, please contact ulla.harmala@ulb.be for more information.
- The CIVIS office at ULB provides you also with a logistical or administrative support. Please contact: marie.ugeux@ulb.be
- Adequate supporting documents to prove costs may be requested; local rules may apply. For more details, please contact the CIVIS Office (ulla.harmala@ulb.be) at your respective universities before submitting the application.

What are the selection criteria?

Proposals must:

- Involve at least **three CIVIS Universities from Europe or Africa** (with a minimum of two European universities)
- Relate to one of the CIVIS Hub themes (see here: Climate, Environment, Energy / Society, Culture, Heritage / Health / Cities, Spaces, Mobilities / Digital & Technological Transformation)
- Align with one of the activity types described above (collaborative activity / application design measures)
- Be implemented by **June 30th, 2026**.

These eligibility criteria should imperatively be met to proceed with further evaluation.

How to apply?

- Inform your CIVIS office at ULB before submitting your application: marie.ugeux@ulb.be
- Then submit your application only through the [Seed funding for research activities and African-European collaboration 2025 – CIVIS - A European University Alliance](#)
- Application deadline: **31 May 2025** (24:00 CEST/UTC+2)
- Applicants who plan to organise an event at a CIVIS university should consult the local CIVIS Office/contact person at the potential host university (if the event plans to happen at ULB: marie.ugeux@ulb.be) before submitting the application.

Evaluation and timeline

- **Deadline for applications:** 31 May 2025
- **June to October 2025: Evaluation process.** CIVIS Hub Councils examine the academic relevance of proposed activities and the CIVIS Management Committee their financial and organisational feasibility. The CIVIS Research Council and Steering Committee will decide on the funding of activities.
- **By November 1st, 2025:** Applicants will be notified about the funding decision.
- **By June 30th 2026:** Proposed activities are completed.
- **By July 31st, 2026:** All reports are sent to Technical Committee.

Further information

For general inquiries regarding this call, please contact:
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