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Arqus Innovation Fund - 1st call for ad hoc bottom-up initiatives 2023

The Arqus Innovation Fund incentivises innovative internal bottom-up initiatives from Arqus staff and students by providing **seed funding to foster innovation and entrepreneurship**, as well as to increase the visibility of Arqus internally and encourage further staff engagement.

Under this fund, a **call for ad hoc bottom-up initiatives** with a joint approach and impact on the Alliance has been launched. The initiatives awarded must be developed and implemented over the next 30 months (up to and including 30 September 2026 – end of the eligibility period).

Specifically, the following types of activities will be supported under this call:

- **Challenge-based-learning programmes**
- **Collaboration project labs**
- **Cross-disciplinary seminars**
- **Dissemination events for the general public**
- **Joint short-term study projects (except twinnings)**
- **Research training**
- **Twin/triplet transition initiatives**
- **Joint workshops**

The following ceilings per initiative/project have been set:

Smaller projects with a minimum of 3 Arqus partners participating	€5,000.00
Larger projects with 5+ Arqus partners participating	€10,000.00

Additional funding (co-funding) from other sources is permitted, even encouraged, provided that applicants demonstrate that there is no double funding of activities.

Applications should be submitted by teams from at least three Arqus institutions who work together on a joint proposal. The number of staff involved in the project proposal is a matter of mutual agreement between applicants.

Full details of the call as well as information on the Selection Committee and the selection criteria applied can be found [at this link](#).

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1) Eligible activities selected for funding

Participating universities	Name of activity	Type of activity	Approved funding
Vilnius University University of Granada University of Padua University of Lyon 1 Leipzig University	Arqus musical performance	Dissemination events for the general public	€9,610.00
University of Graz University of Granada Leipzig University University of Lyon 1 Maynooth University University of Minho University of Padua Vilnius University University of Wroclaw	AI for proposal writing	Joint workshops	€9,960.00
University of Minho Vilnius University University of Granada	SG4NS 2.0 Professors Training Bootcamp	Joint workshops	€4,900.00
Leipzig University University of Granada University of Padua	Workshop on multimethod and multiscale geohazard characterization	Joint workshops	€4,830.00*

Participating universities	Name of activity	Type of activity	Approved funding
University of Lyon 1 University of Wroclaw University of Granada Leipzig University Vilnius University	Cross-disciplinary cycle of seminars and winter schools on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (CDCS-WS)	Cross-disciplinary seminars	€10,000.00
University of Graz Maynooth University University of Minho University of Granada	Multilingualism in Spaces of Crisis: The Impact of Human and Non-Human Agency	Joint workshops	€5,000.00
University of Granada University of Graz University of Padua University of Lyon 1 Leipzig University University of Wroclaw	JAI: A Journey through Artificial Intelligence – Lecture Series	Dissemination events for the general public	€9,600.00
University of Padua University of Graz Leipzig University Vilnius University Maynooth University	Implementing academic freedom for responsible internationalisation in Arqus	Collaboration project labs	€9,720.00
University of Granada University of Lyon 1 University of Minho University of Padua	Open Science Ambassador Network - Workshop Days 2024	Joint workshops	€10,000.00

Participating universities	Name of activity	Type of activity	Approved funding
Vilnius University University of Graz Maynooth University			
University of Graz University of Padua Leipzig University University of Granada	Nagoya Protocol - in Arqus and beyond	Joint workshops	€1,600.00
University of Minho University of Graz University of Granada Maynooth University Leipzig University University of Lyon 1 University of Padua University of Wroclaw Vilnius University	BIP – Turning Ideas into Businesses / Monitoring Program	Challenge-based-learning programmes	€10,000.00*
University of Granada University of Graz University of Padua University of Wroclaw University of Minho	Proximity matters: Transdisciplinary joint teaching activities to foster collaborative networks between local food producers and tourism/leisure entrepreneurs, under sustainable development and climate change prisms	Challenge-based-learning programmes	€9,400.00

Participating universities	Name of activity	Type of activity	Approved funding
Maynooth University University of Minho Vilnius University	Toward creating an Open Access pedagogic resource hub for Graduate Teaching Assistants	Joint workshops	€4,680.00
TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED			€99,300.00

* Activity was selected for funding within the framework of another funding programme after the selection meeting. As this involves double funding of the same activity, funding cannot be provided via the Arqus Innovation Fund.

2) Eligible activities not selected for funding

Participating universities	Name of activity	Type of activity
University of Graz Leipzig University Maynooth University	Southeastern Europe Doctoral Research Workshop	Joint workshops
Leipzig University University of Wroclaw University of Lyon 1 University of Graz University of Granada	Joint Workshop on Climate Change and Sustainable Development	Joint workshops
Vilnius University University of Lyon 1 University of Granada	Creating Arqus Culture Centres Network and development of pilot course - Arqus Staff Training Week in Cultural Management	Joint workshops
University of Padua University of Granada University of Graz	BRIER Course - Biostatistics foR blo-mEdical Research Course	Joint workshops
Leipzig University	Arqus Babel Breakthrough	Cross-disciplinary seminars

Vilnius University University of Granada		
University of Wroclaw Leipzig University University of Granada	Summer School on Democracy: Cultural Diversity and Representation	Cross-disciplinary seminars
University of Granada University of Graz University of Minho University of Padua Leipzig University	Plurilingualism and linguistic minorization in Italy, Portugal and Spain: survival and use of phraseological units in border linguistic areas (fieldwork and qualitative research)	Joint short-term study projects (except Twinnings)
University of Graz University of Wroclaw University of Padua	Universities between Free Speech and Deplatforming: Challenges and Guidelines for Management, Academics, Administration and Students	Joint workshops

3) Non-eligible activities

Participating universities	Name of activity	Type of activity	Comment
Vilnius University University of Padua Medical University of Graz	Establishing a platform for human liver cell atlas	Collaboration project labs	The requirement of a minimum of 3 Arqus partners participating is not fulfilled. The 3 rd partner university, the Medical University of Graz, is not an Arqus partner.

For more details on the evaluation process and the assessment of the applications, you can contact anja.hoffmann@uni-graz.at and celiacastillo@ugr.es.

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