



## ARQUS BIPS

Joint call for projects

Deadline: 20 January

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# ARQUS II JOINT CALL FOR BIPS

## 1. Call objectives

Arqus BIP call for programmes aims to activate Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) within the Alliance, ensuring Erasmus+ funds for the selected programmes.

Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) are intensive courses involving short periods of face-to-face activity combined with online learning and virtual collaboration among at least 3 partners.

## 2. Eligible activities

The Arqus European University Alliance brings together the universities of **Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Lyon 1, Maynooth, Minho, Padova, Vilnius and Wroclaw**. The Alliance's aim is to foster mobility even in its shorter expressions.

According to Erasmus+ 21-27 programme, a BIP needs to involve at least 3 partners from Erasmus+ Programme Countries, and in this case at least 2 from Arqus Alliance, to be considered eligible. Although learning activities involving extra partners outside Arqus in addition to the 3 minimum Arqus partners can participate, priority will be given to full Arqus BIPs.

One of the partners will cover the role of coordinator. The coordinator will host the in-presence activities for 5 (min) to 30 (max) days and provide at least 3 ECTS to all participants. The home institution of each participant will be responsible for the recognition of the credits in their career.

The virtual component is compulsory, but there are no constraints in timing or length.

The BIP should involve at least 15 mobile participants from Programme Country Universities. Participants can be either students (all cycles) or staff.

Contents for both the physical and the virtual component should be co-designed by the partners and can be either interdisciplinary or very specific.

### 3. Financing

This initiative is funded through Erasmus+ KA131 funds allocated by each university for Arqus BIPs.

The coordinator will receive an Organizational Support (OS) according to the number of mobile participants (400 EUR/participant) up to 8000 euros. Rules in the allocation of the OS might change according to National rules (e.g. In Italy programmes can only receive either 6000 or 8000 euros). Participants can receive more information by contacting the contact person at their institution (see chapter 9). The OS is a lump sum and can be spent for organizational costs and not to cover mobilities. Each university provides funds to approve a certain number of coordinating BIPs at their institution, according to the local budget.

For the first edition of this call, the following OS are available from 2023 Erasmus+ fundings:

Institution	Number of mobile participants	Budget
Padova	15	6000*
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Lyon	15	6000
Lyon	15	6000
Graz	15	6400*

*\*maximum budget available*

The selection committee may suggest a change of coordinator according to the availability of the budget.

Arqus universities will also provide KA131 funds to cover the mobilities of participants and co-organizing teachers, but can be modified in numbers by the selection committee depending on the funding available for mobility scholarship at each institution. Scholarships for participants will be granted and awarded through a joint call for participants to be published in January.

All programmes can be implemented from March onwards and in any case not before the end of the selection process of participants. Activities must be concluded by 31st July 2025.

Funds and scholarships management will depend on the internal regulations of each institution.

#### 4. Application deadlines and procedures

Academics can apply for BIPs by submitting their applications via the [dedicated form](#) .

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The application form has to be filled in by one representative on behalf of all the institutions participating in the call. It will be possible to look for additional Arqus partner through the specific [padlet](#).

Through the application, applicants will be required to provide their contact details ( of all the responsible people at each partner institution) and information about their study field, as well as to present the overall project, its genesis, aims, learning outcome and impact, along with a provisional programme for the implementation.<sup>1</sup>

#### 5. Selection criteria

The selection will be conducted taking into account the following criteria:

1. Applications related to the main Arqus II themes (**European Identity heritage, digital transformation and artificial intelligence; climate change and environmental sustainability**) are prioritized. Applications based on other topics will also be considered;
2. Learning outcomes;
3. Implementation strategies;
4. Innovativeness of the contents and/or methods
5. Sustainability of the action (follow-up and further development of the project).
6. Expected impact on the participants and the institution

First editions will be prioritized.

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<sup>1</sup> Participants may be contacted to add more information or invited to adjust the programme to BIP processes and requirements

The selection committee will balance the quality of the proposals with the availability of funds. The selection committee may decide to prioritize proposals involving the highest number of Arqus partners.

An eligibility check of applications will be made by Arqus reference staff in each partner university prior to the selection.

A reserve list will be made out of the eligible applications not approved for funding. In case of cancellation of a programme the next programme in the ranking list from the same coordinating university will be awarded the funds or in the absence of it, funds could be offered to a programme including the funding university as a partner, suggesting a change in the coordinator.

## **6. Selection committee**

The selection committee will be composed as follows:

- Erasmus coordinators or academic experts in the Erasmus programme, mobility or the study fields relevant to the Arqus main themes;

Each university should nominate at least one member.

The Selection Committee will nominate one of its members as coordinator before starting the selection process.

The eligibility check will be run by the WG09 members.

Grant notification will be provided to applicants by 31st January 2025 and duly launched on the Arqus website accordingly. Selected applicants will be required to inform the Selection Committee of the acceptance of the grant. The deadline for the acceptance will be specified in the grant notification.

## **7. Obligations of the selected applicants**

The coordinator institution will be required to release Attendance certificates and Transcript of records for all the participants.

All selected programmes will be required to fill in a report at the end of the activities.

In case a BIP could not be realized within the time and rules provided, all parts should be informed.

Any change to the organization of the BIP should be communicated to the Mobility Officers at each partner university and to the WG09 coordinators.

## 8. Implementation and added values

The selected BIPs will be labeled as Arqus programmes.

Participants (both local and mobile) will be selected through a joint specific Arqus Call for all the selected BIPs and consequently be awarded the mobility grant, if applicable. At the end of the Programme, all participants (both mobile and local) will also receive an Arqus certificate of participation.

Mobility officers at each university will provide instructions on the overall implementation rules, financial management and mobility recognition once the programmes are selected and in accordance with the regulations at each institution.

## 9. Contact Information

In case of any questions related to BIP activities, please, refer to the contact person of each University:

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