

Arqus Joint Programme Staff Trainings

Invitation

One of the goals of the Arqus European University Alliance is to develop joint programmes at all levels based on the results of the previous project period and on bottom-up proposals from partner universities. To support interested academic and administrative staff in this endeavour, a team within Arqus Working Group 6 has designed a series of training courses at different levels and on different topics relevant for the design and implementation of joint programmes.

The trainings are designed as modules that can be attended separately or consecutively. The first three modules, delivered between late 2024 and early 2025, were designed as basic modules and had as their target audience academic and administrative staff on departmental and central levels that are interested in the design and the development of joint programmes but have no extensive experience in implementing them.

The upcoming trainings have been structured as advanced modules aimed at supporting the development and implementation of individual programmes, and they are also available to all interested participants.

The team of the Arqus European Alliance is therefore pleased to invite all interested individuals to the following Arqus Joint Programme Trainings.

The training courses will be conducted online, and access links along with additional information will be provided to all registered participants by email.

Advanced Module 3: Integrating Plurilingual and Intercultural Elements into JPs

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 3pm (CET)

Students in joint programmes can be more successful both in their studies and daily life as well as in their future career if they have the necessary language proficiency. And to achieve this they need support: specifically, support with the language(s) of instruction and the local language. This training module will therefore focus on how the activities organised by Working Group 11 Plurilingual and Intercultural Hub can be integrated into joint programmes in order to ensure that the students have access to language and cultural programmes that will allow them to practice and improve their language skills.

Trainers: Alba Delgado and Kerstin Gackle (Leipzig University), Yulia Kharchenko (Maynooth University)

Please register here by June 6, 2025: [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Advanced Module 4: Marketing Joint Programmes and Recruiting International Students

Monday, June 23, 2025, 11am (CET)

Participants will be introduced to the main concepts of marketing and to the main criteria of promoting joint programmes to an international audience. A general overview of recruitment tools and their applicability will be followed by a focus on real life with the case study of the JD in International Cybersecurity and Cyberintelligence.

Trainers: Marina Fernández Pena-Molá (University of Granada - Arqus Communications Team), Mattia Gusella and Camilla Andreani (University of Padua - Global Engagement Office)

Please register here by June 16, 2025: [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Advanced Module 5: Internal Approval Procedures, Accreditation and the European Approach

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 10am (CET)

Participants will explore the different mechanisms for approving joint programmes and examine potential accreditation pathways. The training provides an overview of the approval processes for study programmes, empowering participants to effectively navigate institutional requirements. Additionally, the module includes a brief overview of the European Approach accreditation. By the end of the training, participants will be equipped with tools necessary to streamline programme approvals.

Trainers: Ulrike Krawagna (University of Graz), Tabea Mager (Leipzig University)

Please register here by June 18, 2025: [REGISTRATION FORM](#)



The following training sessions will take place in the fall 2025:

Advanced Module 6: Financial planning

Participants will learn about the key aspects of financial planning for joint programmes. This includes developing a comprehensive budget plan that considers income sources like programme fees as well as potential costs such as accreditation, staff, events, and more. Different scenarios for setting and managing programme fees across partner institutions will be explored. Participants will also understand how to structure a financial agreement covering fee policies, cost estimation, and allowing flexibility for future adjustments.

Trainers: Samira Bonucci (University of Padua - International Projects Unit), Artur Schmitt (University of Granada), Tabea Mager (Leipzig University)

Advanced Module 7: “Degree Design”

Participants will explore the key concepts and processes related to joint diplomas and joint diploma supplements for students in joint programs. The module will cover the minimum requirements, common elements, and flexibility allowed when designing these credentials across the diverse regulatory contexts of Arqus partner countries. Discussions will focus on harmonising joint diploma practices, recognising challenges and opportunities stemming from different national and institutional regulations.

Trainer: Samira Bonucci (University of Padua - International Projects Unit)

Advanced Module 8: Erasmus Mundus initiatives

Participants will be introduced to the Erasmus Mundus Design Measure and Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters. Requirements and key documents necessary for applying will be illustrated and insights about how to effectively plan and structure an Erasmus Mundus project will be shared.

Trainer: Samira Bonucci (University of Padua - International Projects Unit) and Prof. Mara Thiene (University of Padua - Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry)

Advanced Module 9: An introduction to Virtual Exchange

Participants will be introduced to the concept of virtual exchange focusing on their rationale and motivation to set them up within the context of joint programmes. Participants will discover the many forms VE can take (bilateral vs multilateral; co-designed vs ready-made; etc.) and think about which model(s) better suit their context. Some examples will be discussed.

Trainer: Samira Bonucci (University of Padua - International Projects Unit) and Prof. Marco Cappellini (Lyon1 - Institut National Supérieur du Professorat et de l'Éducation)

Planned for September 2025



Advanced Module 10: Student Administration of Joint Programmes

The training module focuses on aspects of student administration in jointly organised study programmes. It covers application, selection, and admission procedures, along with corresponding communication processes. Additionally, it addresses the topics like orientation, residence permit and health insurance requirements for students, organization of mobility paths, and the process of transferring credits and grades between institutions. Furthermore, the module delves into the issuing of academic degrees and diploma documents and best practice examples will be presented.

Planned for October 2025

Advanced Module 11: Inclusion

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