



ARQUS BIPS

Joint call for projects

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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 short, intensive programmes that use innovative ways of learning and teaching, including the use of online cooperation. These programmes for students and staff must comprise a short-term physical mobility abroad combined with a compulsory virtual component facilitating a collaborative online learning exchange and teamwork. The programmes have to be developed and implemented by at least 3 higher education institutions (HEIs) coming from at least 3 EU Member States and third countries associated to the programme and in this case at least 2 from the Arqus Alliance. BIP have been designed and are funded by the Erasmus+ programme.

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 versions.

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 the Arqus Alliance**, to be considered eligible. Although learning activities involving extra partners outside Arqus in addition to the 2 minimum Arqus partners can participate, priority will be given to BIPs involving at least 3 Arqus partners.

One of the partners will cover the role of coordinator. One of the partners, not necessarily the coordinator, will host the in-presence activities for 5 (min) to 30 (max) days and provide at least 3 ECTS to all participants¹. The home institution of each participant will be responsible for the recognition of the credits in their career, study programme/course.

¹ In case the University of Padova will be the coordinator a letter of support from the Department "segreteria didattica" will be required to guarantee the inclusion of the programme in the academic offer. Please note that UMinho, UNIPD, and Leipzig University can only hold the roles of both coordinator and host the face-to-face component of the BIP.

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

The BIP should involve a minimum of mobile participants (10 to 20 depending on the hosting partners - details below) from Programme Country Universities. Participants can be either students (all cycles) or staff. Each partner is responsible for ensuring the minimum number of participants in each project in order to maintain the eligibility of the programme. The application must include the number of participants each partner is able to send to the face-to-face BIP component and the duration of their participation, following confirmation of Erasmus+ grant availability by the International Relations Office.

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 (300 EUR or 400 EUR/participant) up to 8000 euros. The allocation of the OS might change according to national or institutional rules (e.g. In Italy, programmes can only receive either 6000 or 8000 euros, in Leipzig, programmes receive 4.500 or 6.000 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 fourth edition of this call, the following OS are available for a minimum of 14 BIPs.

If additional funds become available, more BIPs will be funded.

Institution	Number of BIPS available	Number of mobile participants per BIP	Budget per BIP
Granada	1	20	8000
Leipzig	2	15/20	4.500/6.000
Lyon	3	10	4000
Maynooth	1	20	8000
Minho	3	10	4000
Padua	3	15	6000
Wroclaw	1	15	6000

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

Lecturers from partners with no budget available can anyway join projects hosted/coordinated by another Arqus university.

Arqus universities will also provide KA131 funds to cover the mobility of participants and co-organizing lecturers. The distribution of participants can be rearranged by the selection committee depending on the scholarships available at each institution.

Scholarships will be primarily granted to the participants selected through internal procedures. Unallocated scholarships of Arqus partners will in case be awarded through a dedicated joint call for participants. Arrangements with external partners should be handled by each project consortium instead.

All programmes may be implemented during the 2026/2027 academic year, from September 2026 onwards, depending on the institution's procedures, and must be concluded by 31 July 2027, unless otherwise specified.

Funds and scholarships management will depend on the internal regulations of each institution. For more information, you can contact the person responsible at your institution (see chapter 9).

4. Application deadlines and procedures

Academics can apply for BIPs by submitting their applications via the [dedicated form](#)².

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The application form has to be filled in by one representative (the coordinator) on behalf of all the institutions participating in the call. It will be possible to look for additional Arqus partners 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), the contact details of their administrative and technical supports (from the faculty or International office) in case of being the coordinator/host 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.³

5. Selection criteria

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

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

The selection committee will select projects taking into account both the quality of the proposals and the availability of funds.

² In case of project proposals coordinated by Granada or by Leipzig, please contact your International Relations Office before applying.

³ Participants may be contacted to add more information or invited to adjust the programme to BIP processes and requirements.

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

Each university should nominate at least one member.

Grant notification will be provided to applicants by 22 June 2026 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 host institution will be required to release Attendance Certificates and Transcript of Records or equivalent documents 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 parties have to be duly 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.

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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For general inquiries and in case of appeal (within 15 days from the publication of the results): mobility-hub@arqus-alliance.eu