# ARQUS TWINNINGS 2.0

## Joint call for projects

**Deadline: 31 May 2026**

# Summary

# Arqus II joint call for Twinning 2.0 activities

## 1. Call objectives

Arqus Twinning 2.0 aims to strengthen subject-related collaboration of staff and students and create possibilities to carry out joint learning and teaching activities through piloting **short-term** mobility schemes.

Twinnings 2.0 are based on the mobility of two groups from two different Arqus universities, **reciprocally** visiting each other's partner institution to carry out a common programme and share mutual learning experiences.

## 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 respond to the societal challenges and to advance towards deeper European integration.

The Twinning 2.0 initiative is foreseen to contribute to the achievement of the Alliance's objectives. Detailed information about the Alliance's mission is provided on the dedicated webpage.

Twinning activities may vary in their mode and type. They have to consist of activities with learning objectives and may include group trips, participation in international contests, joint workshops, summer schools, group projects, conferences, etc. Twinning activities might be implemented through regular (physical) mobility or blended teaching/learning.

Twinning 2.0 activities in Arqus II are carried out in **reciprocity** between the partners involved in two phases, meaning that each university will send its group to visit the counterpart to carry out the programme foreseen in the application. Therefore the application has to be submitted jointly by 2 members of universities of the Alliance.

Furthermore, Twinning 2.0 promotes the Alliance's main themes: European Identity heritage; digital transformation and artificial intelligence; climate change and environmental sustainability.

The additional virtual component is not mandatory but highly recommended.

## 3. Funding of Twinning activities

The Alliance has agreed on the general financial terms on which the minimum contribution for travel and subsistence costs is calculated. However, financial conditions may vary depending on the availability of funding at each partner institution.

The basic grant is awarded for each group consisting of **3 to 5 students** and, depending on the university, it is calculated on unit costs or real costs policy without exceeding the following amounts :

- Travel costs: 450,00 EUR per student.
- Individual support: 79,00 EUR per day per student, covering the whole duration of the visit (3 to 5 days + 2 additional days for travel).

This activity is funded through universities' own funds. Lecturers are responsible for the funding of their travel and living costs, which can be covered through Erasmus+ dedicated funding schemes or other funds that each institution may have allocated to increase the impact of the action[1].

For this third edition, applications will be open to members from:

- The University of Granada[2]
- The University of Lyon1
- The University of Minho[3]
- The University of Padua
- The University of Wroclaw

The Selection Committee aims to approve a maximum of 6 Twinnings 2.0 (12 groups involved), taking into account the availability of funds from the universities. If necessary, the Selection Committee may opt for funding a project only partially.

## 4. Application deadlines and procedures

Academics can apply for Twinning activities by submitting their applications via the dedicated form.

Lecturers can look for an Arqus partner through the specific padlet.

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[1] Lecturers are invited to refer to their home institutions for advice.
[2] UGR will be able to support one group up to 3 participants up to 5 days (travel included)
[3] Virtual component is mandatory and/or programme reserved for PhD students

The application form has to be filled in by one representative on behalf of both the institutions participating in the call.

Through the application, applicants will be required to provide their contact details 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.

Timeline:

- The call is open until **31 May 2026**;
- Start of period eligible for Twinning visits: September 2026[4];
- End of period eligible for Twinning visits: Summer 2027[5].

## 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);
2. Implementation strategies;
3. Sustainability of the action (follow-up and further development of the project);
4. Expected impact on the participants and the institution;
5. 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.

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

The number of eligible applications approved for funding will be subject to the availability of funds. The selection committee may propose adjustments to the selected projects in terms of number of days and/or students participating according to the available funds.

A reserve list will be made out of the eligible applications not approved for funding.

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4 The group from the University of Granada, in agreement with its partner, can carry out its visit starting in January 2027.

5 Groups from the University of Wroclaw will have to implement their visits before 30 March 2027
Groups from the University of Lyon 1 will have to implement their visits before 25 June 2027

## 6. Selection committee

The selection committee will be composed of academic experts in different study fields and/or members from the "Arqus on the moves" working group.

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.


## 7. Obligations of the selected applicants

Successful applicants will be required to inform the Selection Committee of their acceptance of the grant. The deadline for acceptance will be specified in the grant notification. Those who accept the grant are responsible for implementing the programme in accordance with the minimum eligibility requirements.

If scheduled visits need to be postponed or cancelled, the applicants must inform the Selection Committee no later than 1 month prior to the date of departure.

The Selection Committee can reallocate unused funds to any other eligible project proposal not previously selected.

The applicants will be in charge of selecting the students who will take part in the activities following the internal regulations of their institutions and respecting principles of equality and transparency. The name and data of selected students must be communicated to the responsible contact person at each university (see Article 8) before the beginning of the activities (even online). Each institution will be responsible for covering the mobilities of their own outgoing participants in accordance with internal time frames and regulations.

After each visit, applicants are required to report on the final results of their Twinning 2.0, detailing the actual results in comparison with the expected outcomes. The report should be submitted within 1 month after the visit to the concerned contact person (contacts below).

## 8. Contact Information

In case of any questions related to Twinning 2.0 activities, please, refer to the contact person of each University:

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