



ERUA Travelling seminars

Take your students and travel with them to one of the ERUA partner universities!

The ERUA (European Reform University Alliance) is launching its first call for project-based “Travelling seminars”.

European Reform University Alliance

ERUA brings together five young European reform universities that have joined forces to form a transnational university network with common values and goals in research, teaching and institutional development: The Universities of Paris 8 (France), Roskilde (Denmark), Konstanz (Germany), the University of the Aegean (Greece) and the New Bulgarian University (Bulgaria). Our mission is to address the actual world challenges by bringing together students and academics from diverse areas of Europe and from all socio-economic backgrounds to contribute to reshaping a more just, open and inclusive society.

To operate such changes, ERUA promotes experimental approaches to reimagine the role of Higher Education. This call for travelling seminars has the ambition to be one of our most innovative forms of learning.

For more information about ERUA: <https://erua.wpnbu.com/>

What are TRAVELLING SEMINARS?

ERUA's **travelling seminars** are experience-based learning formats that promote mobility and learning-by-doing approaches. This mobility format allows the financing of a mobility for one or more course coordinators accompanied by a group of students as part of a field study abroad.

Within the framework of ERUA, the travelling seminar system is thus intended to finance the mobility of around thirty students per partner university (three groups of ten students) every academic year within the framework of project-based seminars. This format will enable us to involve students in the co-design of an innovative pedagogical approach as well as civic engagement.

Objectives and priorities

ERUA calls for travelling seminars will be launched once a year during a three-year period. Each year, 15 projects will be selected (three per university) and each project will constitute a group of ten students and their course coordinator(s). Thus, our objective is to give an opportunity to 150 students to benefit from this initiative per academic year.

The idea of the travelling seminars is to connect the universities of the alliance and to encourage projects that foster innovative and diverse types of cooperation (co-teaching, visits to other campuses, field studies, etc.), as well as to develop project-based mobilities.

Eligibility criteria

This first call is open for academics from our five universities to design one project-based course in accordance with their ambition, ideas and the flagship pedagogical and research areas of member universities.

The travelling seminars must include short-term mobilities and take place at the location of one of the other partner universities. If not, they should at least include a co-teaching system or any other configuration bringing together students and course coordinators of at least two member universities.

The travelling seminars can cover all topics.

Eligible applicants: **all teaching staff** from one of ERUA's members.

Framework

Content	<i>Open</i>
Disciplines opened	<i>All fields of study</i>
Duration of mobility	<i>From 3 days to 2 weeks (please consider budget available)</i>
Format	<i>On-site or blended</i>
Number of students per group	<i>Approx. 10 students</i>
Languages	<i>English preferable but all languages of the alliance are accepted</i>
Travelling period	<i>Winter semester (travelling should take place until March 31st 2022)</i>
Entry education level (EQF)	<i>Both BA and MA seminars are eligible</i>

Selection criteria

- established contact with the host university
- added educational value for the students
- added value through travelling
- pedagogical experimentation and innovation
- prospect future cooperation
- awareness for the benefits and challenges you expect for your personal, your students', your own university's and the host university's internationalization profile (e.g. use of language(s))

Funding

ERUA will give the ten students participating in one travelling seminar a grant of 600 € each to cover their travelling and accommodation expenses. Course coordinators can be financed through Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility.

Timetable

1)	Launch of the call for projects	April 2 nd 2021
2)	Deadline for submission	Mai 16 th 2021
3)	Information to applicants	Mai 31 st 2021
4)	Implementation of the selected travelling seminars	August 2021 – March 2022

Procedure for the submission of projects

Short conceptual description (max. 2 pages).

All projects must be sent by e-mail before **May 16th 2021** to:
erua@uni-konstanz.de (Subject: Application travelling seminar)

Additional information

If you are a course coordinator and you wish to host a travelling seminar in your university or are still looking for a counterpart at one of our ERUA partner universities, we are pleased to help you:

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