Call for applications: Online Social Entrepreneurship Course

Join the first course of the ERUA Social Entrepreneurship Lab!

ERUA is an alliance of eight European universities funded by the European Union. This alliance is working in teaching- learning processes, research and knowledge to transfer to society. The online **Social Entrepreneurship Course: Creating Solutions for European Challenges** is a unique programme developed collaboratively by all ERUA Universities. This course, hosted under the **ERUA Social Entrepreneurship Lab**, empowers students to address pressing social, environmental, and economic challenges through entrepreneurial thinking and innovation.

Participants will engage in interdisciplinary learning, explore real-world social challenges, and gain practical tools to create impactful solutions.

The course includes:

- **Nine modules** taught by expert academic staff from the ERUA universities.
- A combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities.
- Modules delivered in **English**, with one module offering sessions in all 8 ERUA languages.

The course aims to contribute to solve challenges in the following ERUA thematic areas:

1) migration, exile and refugees;
2) environmental transition;
3) democracy and human rights, inclusion and gender equality;
4) interculturality and multilingualism;
5) arts and edges.

-Who can apply?

This course is open to **students**, but also **academic** and **administrative staff** (not more than 20% of the participants) **from all ERUA universities**. The program is ideal for individuals passionate about social entrepreneurship and eager to contribute to solving societal challenges in areas such as migration, climate change, human rights, and sustainability.

-What will participants gain?

- Knowledge of EU policies, funding opportunities, and frameworks for social entrepreneurship.
- Practical skills to identify and develop social business opportunities.
- A **certificate of completion** to boost your academic and professional profile – upon attending at least 75% of the sessions and positive evaluation of the Social Initiative/Business Plan.
- **ECTS**: depending on each University, a specific number of credits might be recognised.

-Course details

- **Start Date:** March 17, 2025
- **Duration:** 34 hours (32 hours in English + 2 hours in your university local language), approximately 11 weeks
- **Format:** Online (via Moodle platform)
- **Cost:** Free for all ERUA participants

-Application Procedure

1. **Eligibility:** Applicants must be enrolled at or affiliated with one of the ERUA universities.
2. **Required Materials:**
   a. Application form: in English, available at the following link **https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ababa088-98a5-7193-e7a6-2ace2b695a6a**, with ID/student number and university email address
   b. Motivation statement (Required in your online application)
   c. Level of English according to the Common European framework of Reference for Language (options to be shown: C2, C1, B2, B1, etc.)
3. **Submission Deadline:** 28/02/2025 *(publication date: 10/02/2025)*
4. **Selection Criteria:**

Each applicant will be assigned a score (the maximum score is 10).
These are the common ERUA selection criteria:

   a. Motivation for social entrepreneurship, also including a potential idea for a social initiative/business and the relationship with a least one of the ERUA thematic areas: 70%
   b. English language skills: 30%
   c. Gender parity (40%-60%) will be respected.

Selection Process – Selection Committee

University-Level Selection: A 3-member committee at each ERUA university will evaluate applications and shortlist candidates. There will be 80 participants max., ideally, 10 participants per university.

ERUA-Level Finalisation: Unfilled spots will be redistributed among universities, following the same scoring system (0-10). An 8-member ERUA selection committee (one representative per university) will review and approve the final list of participants. Accepted participants will be informed and confirmation will be required.

Final Evaluation – Evaluation Committee

At the end of the course, participants are asked to submit a Social Initiative/Business Plan.
Each ERUA university will appoint one person responsible for the account of attendance and the evaluation of social initiative/business plans of the local participants, forming an 8-member ERUA evaluation committee based on common evaluation criteria and using the same template.

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