



Research seed mobility programme on Sustainable Cities and Communities

CALL FOR RESEARCHERS

European Campus of City-Universities and Virtual Institute “Sustainable Cities and Communities”

The European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U) is a multi-cultural and multilingual Alliance consisting of seven long-standing, education- and research-led, locally and globally engaged universities from four diverse regions of the European Union: The University of Coimbra, the University of Iasi, the University of Jena, the University of Pavia, the University of Poitiers, the University of Salamanca and the University of Turku.

The EC2U Virtual Institute “Sustainable Cities and Communities” (VI SCC) is one of the Alliance’s Virtual Institutes and combines education, research and innovation for advanced studies on sustainable cities and communities. Within the three-year framework of this project a pilot project profile of the VI SCC will be developed and fully implemented.

Objectives of the research seed mobility programme

The main objective of the VI SCC research seed mobility programme is to actively promote in-depth research collaboration among researchers and research groups of the seven EC2U universities, such as:

- Research visits regarding the topics of the VI SCC.
- Initiation of joint research within the VI SCC: joint research projects, publications, presentations at conferences.

Eligibility and funding

Eligibility

Researchers working on the following topics are encouraged to apply for research seed mobilities:

- Sustainable reuse of buildings
- Energy efficiency of buildings
- Energy efficiency at urban scales
- Indoor environmental quality
- Sustainable urban governance (law - politics)
- Circular economy in tourism
- Waste management
- Heat waves in cities
- Geospatial modeling
- Earth surface processes
- Green infrastructure
- Outdoor/indoor thermal comfort in urban residential areas
- Urban environment and health

Researchers

- must hold an academic position or be enrolled as PhD student or Master thesis student at one of the seven EC2U universities;
- must be able to undertake research activities for the duration of the mobility project;
- must be able to publish research results and present them at conferences/workshops;
- must have a working knowledge of English; documents, grant applications and assessment reports will be submitted in English.

Funding

A typical mobility will last 5 days. The mobility grant will cover the following costs related to the research visits: travel costs for a maximum amount of 400 EUR and individual support costs for a maximum amount of 130 EUR per day. Mobilities must take place between February 2023 and the 15th of June 2023.

Obligations

- Grantees commit to become members of the VI SCC.
- Grantees must write a short assessment report within one month after the grant end date
- If these mobilities lead to the publishing of papers, researchers should acknowledge the EC2U support by adding the following sentence to their papers: “This work has been partially supported by the EC2U Alliance and its Erasmus + Grant n° 101004065-EC2U”.

Evaluation

The candidates will be assessed based on the answers given in the application form.

The applications will be first evaluated by each EC2U university and after by the VI SCC Board.

Priority will be given to research seed mobilities resulting in European applications.

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Submission of proposals and deadlines

Proposals can be continuously submitted to your local VI SCC representative **until 15th of April 2023**.

- If you are from the University of Jena, [click here to submit a proposal](#)
- If you are from the University of Iasi, [click here to submit a proposal](#)
- If you are from the University of Coimbra, [click here to submit a proposal](#)
- If you are from the University of Pavia, [click here to submit a proposal](#)
- If you are from the University of Poitiers, [click here to submit a proposal](#)
- If you are from the University of Salamanca, please contact directly rastrollo@usal.es
- If you are from the University of Turku, [click here to submit a proposal](#)



Contact

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