

ENLIGHT Seed-funding call 2024 (Second edition)

University of the Basque Country

Introduction

[ENLIGHT](#) is an alliance funded by the European Commission (EC) under the “European University” initiative (Erasmus+ and H2020 programmes).

The EC has put the “European University” initiative at the centre of its strategy for universities, by aiming at **deeper international cooperation** within Europe and beyond, by supporting universities in **becoming more outward looking and competitive** on the global scene, and in contributing to the **strengthening of higher education systems** in partner countries. The strategy also recognizes excellence and inclusion as a distinctive feature of European higher education, exemplary for our European way of life.

Objectives of the call

Achieving inclusion and excellence requires synergies between the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area as well as appropriate funding for universities at local, regional, national and European levels.

In order to **support joint activities in the area of research, innovation and education** within the alliance, the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) aims at funding collaborative projects to **encourage the emergence or consolidation of cooperation** between partners.

The maximum budget allocated for this call is 36,000€. In the event that the applicants awarded this seed-funding are also beneficiaries of any of the other ENLIGHT calls 2024 (ETN or Incubator Grants), they will be obliged to renounce this announcement and allocate any cost incurred after the start of the central ENLIGHT call within the latter.

Before filling in this form, all applicants should have carefully read the following award criteria:

Projects must include at least two other [partners from the alliance](#)¹.

Beneficiaries of previous ENLIGHT-UPV/EHU seedfunding announcements will not be eligible for this call.

Applications must contain at least one of the following dimensions:

¹ Cf. annex I

- **Development of mobility schemes** (such as staff exchange schemes, short-term mobility, summer/winter schools, etc.).
- **Development of innovative learning formats** (such as course design, blended teaching and learning activities, joint programmes, etc.) and/or teaching and learning practices.
- **Development of a future collaboration in research and innovation** (preparation of a Joint submission of an R&I proposal).

Applicants must communicate about the funding on all appropriate media.

One month after funding eligibility, applicants must:

- Provide a final report describing the results of the action and future projects related thereto.
- Provide a cost statement covering the entirety of their project-related expenses.

NB: projects dealing with at least one of the [6 ENLIGHT flagship domains](#)² and/or promoting green and/or inclusive mobility will be given priority.

Operating rules

Actions supported

1. Networking activities (research and/or education).
2. Implementation or consolidation of projects:
 - Support for setting up shared research projects, developing co-supervision of theses, preparation of joint applications to international calls for proposals, workshop organization, summer school organization, etc.)
 - Support for shared educational initiatives such as development of a joint educational offer on a specific topic, institutional partnership for long-term student mobility, design of virtual exchange, online collaborative learning, preparation of joint applications to international calls for proposals, organization of joint seminars, etc.

Type of support and budget available

This call will cover travel and organization costs for UPV/EHU staff; partners from other ENLIGHT institutions will fund their costs through different calls.

² 1. Health and well-being; 2. Digital revolution and impact of digitalization; 3. Climate change; 4. Energy and circular economy; 5. Equity; 6. Culture & Creativity

Based on the nature and the needs of the submitted project, the support proposed within the frame of this programme may take the following forms:

Mobility

- Public transportation.
- Accommodation and catering: in compliance with UPV/EHU *per diem* rates.
- Outbound travel and accommodation for staff and students (M and PhD level) participating in strategic/work.
- Attendance to meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars and internships linked to the programme development.

NB: With a view to avoid double funding schemes, this call will fund mobilities or expense surplus not eligible through regular academic mobility (E+ programme or others)

Meetings and events

- Costs relating to the planning and organization of work meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars at the UPV/EHU (catering, translation, etc.).
- Communication (website, dissemination, etc.).

NB: The overall requested budget cannot exceed 6,000 € per proposal and **must be spent before June, 30th 2025.**

Evaluation Committee

The committee will be made up of one person from the Vice-Rectorate for Research, one person from the Vice-Rectorate for Undergraduate Studies and Educational Innovation and one person from Euskampus Fundazioa.

Projects will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal. (50 points)
- Soundness of the proposal. (25 points)
- Interdisciplinary nature of the working group and number of partners. (25 points)

The Evaluation Committee is sovereign to decide the acceptance of a project under this programme and freely allocates resources to selected projects.

Submission of applications

1. Fill in the application form
2. Register your application form ([online](#) or [physically](#))
3. Upload it into the [online form](#) available at the [ENLIGHT UPV/EHU website](#).
4. Application deadline: 30 June, 2024.

Timeline

The Evaluation Committee will examine them according to the following schedule:

- 15th May to 30 June 2024: applications.
- July 2024: eligibility check and selection procedure
- September 2024: funds available
- Expense deadline: 30th June 2025



ANNEX I

ENLIGHT partners & contacts

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