

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Member of the Participatory Body of the European University ERUA

Introduction

The "European Reform University Alliance" (ERUA), funded by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus+ European Universities Initiative, was launched on November 1st, 2020.

The project partners are the University of Paris 8 (France), which is the coordinator of the alliance, the University of Konstanz (Germany), the University of the Aegean (Greece), the University of Roskilde (Denmark) and the New Bulgarian University (Bulgaria).

As an alliance made of reform universities, our mission is to address the global challenges by bringing together students, academics and administrative staff from all areas of Europe and from all socio-economic backgrounds, to contribute towards reshaping a more just, open and inclusive society.

Description

ERUA is issuing a call for expression of interest to become a member of the ERUA Participatory Body (PB), which is dedicated **to complement the other bodies** of the ERUA governance and advisory structure, such as: the University Council, the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board.

The Participatory Body positions itself as an intermediary between the governing bodies of the Alliance and the university community and its members will be involved in preparing, improving and ensuring the sustainability of ERUA's initiatives.

The idea is to create not only a framework to uphold the general interest of the ERUA community, but also a space for interaction through freedom of expression and debate, in order to break down barriers between student, teachers and faculty staff members.

Missions and tasks of the Participatory Body

- 1) The objectives of the PB are:
 - Implement a combination of bottom-up and top-down approach to promote a more dynamic and collaborative method of engaging the community;
 - Guarantee, the quality and relevance of the ERUA actions and their impact in the short, medium and long terms basis, along with the ERUA Advisory Board;
 - Make the alliance sustainable by providing better visibility at local, national and European levels, through student networking and through improved mobility for all (teachers, students and staff);

- 2) The main task of the PB members will be to assess the overall progress of the project, by:
- Examining and evaluating the activities of the project, their interest and their relevance;
 - Exchanging ideas and experiences;
 - Anticipating and alerting on possible risks, obstacles or adapting to future needs;
 - Formulating recommendations and reform proposals to the ERUA decision-making bodies;
 - Proposing participative activities, events and trainings;
 - Representing ERUA within their universities and local communities and serve as ERUA co-creators by actively participating in the activities of the different working groups and task forces of the alliance.

Composition and term of office of the Participatory Body

- 1) The Participatory Body will be composed of 5 people from each of the 5 institutions chosen among the more actively involved university community members and associated partners (1 academic, 1 administrative, 3 students).
- 2) Each representative will be appointed for a period going until the end of the pilot project (i.e. until October 31st, 2023).
- 3) The exercise of a mandate as a member of the Participatory Body is voluntary and unpaid. The costs of mobility within the framework of the participation in the statutory meetings of PB in one of the partner countries will be financed by ERUA.
- 4) The Participatory Body will meet three times a year, including once physically (if possible), during the annual ERUA summit.

Application and selection criteria:

As part of the establishment of that body, ERUA invites all members of its teaching, administrative and student community, wishing to become involved in this strategic body to submit their application **no later than the 31st of March 2022**.

Interested candidates are invited to submit the **following documents**:

- An up-to-date curriculum vitae;
- A cover letter not exceeding 1000 words, expressing their interest in participating in the PB, and especially highlighting their relevant experiences (missions and/or activities) with ERUA

Each partner university will be responsible for selecting its representatives within the Participatory Body. The latter should have been actively involved in the ERUA initiatives and should be chosen by considering diversity of social and academic backgrounds as well as gender-equity.

All candidates will be informed of the selection results.

All documents should be submitted as email attachments, with the object "Candidacy to the ERUA Participatory Body", and sent together to:

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UKON: erua@uni-konstanz.de

UAEGEAN: erua-eui@aegean.gr

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Looking forward to collaborating with you we thank you in advance for your interest!