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# FORTHM Alliance Fifth Call for Projects: Collective short-term mobility projects 2024-2025

The goal of the FORTHM alliance is to create an inclusive European Higher Education network, a “European University” promoting student and staff mobility and facilitating the emergence of new forms of cooperation. This involves overcoming current barriers to mobility, promoting exchanges and coordinated teaching between partners assisted by strengthened language teaching and also employing linguistic mediation technology solutions, as part of a seamless virtual campus.

Every year **collective short-term mobility activities** are proposed to students of different study cycles (Bachelor, Master, PhD students), giving them a chance to take part in a group activity of approximately 25 students, coming from all of the FORTHM partner universities, who will meet physically on site in one university city.

This fifth call for projects is covering actions from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

The **deadline for submission** of the applications is **13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

## 1. Context and definition

With the second funding period of the FORTHM project, FORTHM collective short-term mobilities can either be funded by FORTHM or by Erasmus+ Blended short-term funding (KA 131) from each FORTHM partner university.

The activities will be organised in all partner universities based on proposals made in response to this call for projects.

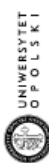
Organisers can decide if they want to organise their programme according to the FORTHM funding or to the Erasmus+ Blended short-term funding, or both, on the online form. A total of **12 programmes will be funded by FORTHM funding and 10 programmes by Erasmus+ funding**.

Criteria	FORTHM funding	Erasmus+ Blended short-term funding (KA 131)
Duration of the mobility	The maximum stay is 5 days (including travel days).	The minimum stay is 5 days, and the maximum stay is 30 days, depending on the content and learning objectives of the collective short-term mobility.
Virtual component	Not mandatory, except a virtual information session before the start of the mobility	Yes, stays must be compulsorily combined with a virtual component. There are no specifications regarding

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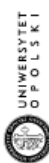
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		the minimum duration and scope of the virtual component.
Award of ECTS	Not mandatory	Mandatory. A minimum of 3 ECTS must be awarded to the participating students. Therefore, a Learning Agreement has to be signed by the students and the organisers in order to receive the funding. <sup>1</sup>
Organisational costs	Organisers or host universities will receive 500 EUR and details should be given on how the amount is planned to be used (coffee breaks, visits...) and on how any additional organisation costs generated by the planned activity will be covered by the organisers.	No additional organisational costs.
Mobility funding	Depending on location of the mobility, students receive between 50-70 EUR per day as individual support and 300 EUR (average) for travel expenses.	Students receive a funding depending on the duration of the mobility. <b>Day 5-14:</b> 79 EUR/day Example: For a mobility of 14 days, a student receives 1.106 EUR <b>Day 15-30:</b> 56 EUR/day Example: For a mobility of 20 days, a student receives 1.120 EUR
Topic of the mobility	Subject-specific and interdisciplinary	Only subject-specific
Who can apply?	Teaching staff/academics of a FORTHEM university, student associations	Teaching staff/academics of a FORTHEM university

<sup>1</sup> For a simpler recognition of the experience at the sending institutions organisers are recommended, already in the project definition and proposal application phase, to get in touch with FUs professors of the disciplinary sector(s) of the proposed activities to share the educational/training offer and agree on the subsequent ECTS recognition.



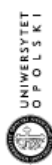
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Certification/Reports after the mobility	Organisers issue a certificate of attendance to the participants. Organisers will be required to submit an attendance list and a 2-page report to the local FORTHM office within 2 months of the end of the activity, giving feedback and suggestions for future activities.	Organisers issue the Certificate of attendance and a Transcript of records to every student. Organisers will be required to submit an attendance list after the mobility.
Benefit of the funding	Shorter mobility (up to 5 days) on an interdisciplinary or subject specific topic without ECTS recognition	Longer mobility (up to 30 days) on a subject specific topic with an ECTS recognition for students.



### Practical Information

- Selected projects will be advertised through the FORTHM alliance network and a centralised call for student applications will be launched in **autumn 2023** for activities which will be **organised in between March 2024 and August 2024**.
- The total number of student participants expected should generally be **around 30 (including up to 24 participants from 8 partner universities)**
- The local FORTHM Office will provide assistance in managing student applications and selection process.
- A new call for student applications will be launched in **spring 2024** for the activities **planned between September 2024 and February 2025**.

## 2. Application procedure and selection criteria

### Applications

Applicants wishing to organise a short-term collective mobility should fill out the [application form](#), giving details of the activity planned, the type of funding they wish to apply for (FORTHM or Erasmus+ Blended short-term funding), the structures involved and anticipated funding, as well as any requirements to be met by future student applicants. It is also possible to send the application to the local [FORTHM Office](#) by email including all the information [from the online form](#).

Application form is open until **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2023**.



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### Selection criteria

Examples of our previous short-term activities can be found [here](#).

Applications will be reviewed by the representatives from all alliance universities. The following criteria will be applied in establishing the final selection of 22 projects to be funded:

- Quality and innovation of the proposed programme (feasibility, contents, structure, planned organisation)
- Coherency with overall [objectives of the FORTHM Alliance](#)
- Provisions by organisers to cover organisational costs other than student mobility
- Representativity of all universities of the alliance in the final selection
- Diversity and inclusion of various student profiles and interests within all the selected projects (variety of projects)
- Fields of study not represented in previous editions will be given priority

Applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process **by the 9th of October 2023**.



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