



UPDATES WELCOME DEVICES AND INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

Campus France Forum General Assembly - January 16, 2025

The DDIE was invited to participate in the General Assembly of the Forum Campus France. This event is a unique opportunity for the 370 members of Campus France to come together and collaborate on the challenges of French higher education and international mobility.

In addition to reviewing the outcomes of its 2024 commissions and outlining the prospects for 2025, this General Assembly allowed us to attend panel discussions led by experts. The discussions covered a variety of topics, providing insights into the international promotion strategies of other institutions and exploring ways to enhance the attractiveness of French higher education and research. These panels provided an ideal environment to deepen our knowledge and identify concrete actions to improve our practices.

The Forum also highlighted numerous initiatives aimed at promoting the quality of hospitality and French academic excellence. The agenda included highly promising upcoming events such as webinars, symposiums, and staff weeks.

In conclusion, participating in the Forum Campus France as an institutional representative is a valuable experience. It is an opportunity to strengthen professional networks, share innovative ideas, and actively contribute to the promotion of French higher education internationally. This forum serves as an essential enabler for dialogue and cooperation.



Welcome Party 2025 : An evening of exchange and conviviality



The Pôle Mobilité et Accueil invited its students to a must attend event : the Welcome Party. It took place on Friday, January 31, 2025, at the Saint Jean d'Angely campus. This event celebrated the arrival of international students for the second semester and brought together everyone interested in international mobility. The program included:

- Information booths
- Activities and quizzes
- Music
- Dinner buffet

Welcome Parties play a vital role in student life, especially for newcomers. These events are much more than just a celebration: they provide a space for meeting, sharing, and integration.

For international students, often far from their home countries, these moments offer a chance to discover their new environment, ask their first practical questions, and, most importantly, feel welcomed and supported. They are also an excellent opportunity to build connections with other students, whether local or from different parts of the world.

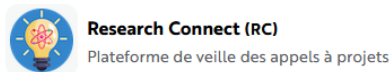
These events also celebrate the cultural diversity that enriches campus life. They allow all participants to exchange ideas, experiences, and traditions while creating a festive and friendly atmosphere. By bringing together international and local students, the Welcome Party aims to foster a sense of belonging and facilitate their integration. Next meeting for students: the event **Our Erasmus+ have Talent** on Thursday March 13.

UPDATES REGIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Use the **RESEARCH CONNECT** plateforme to search for Calls for projects open and forthcoming : the new monitoring and research funding database !

Log on to the [Welcome | ResearchConnect](#) site, or go to the [UniCA web page - RESEARCH & INNOVATION - Services for researchers](#) -> **CALL FOR PROJECTS**, and create your profile using your 'prenom.nom@univ-cotedazur.fr'. Refer to the [User guide](#) (in French).

Research Connect can also be launched via the intranet - My Tools



The content of the site is updated regularly to keep you informed of the latest changes and trends in financing. Check out the latest news in this [Bulletin](#).



**PROJECT ASSISTANCE
REQUEST FORM**

For projects to be carried out by UniCA, CNRS and OCA

Launch of training courses in financing, setting up and managing research and education projects at UniCA: May 12 – 16, 2025

Registrations are open for the 3 Training courses dedicated to research and education projects. Category: Pedagogy - Research - Innovation. Target audience(s): All audiences. Registration closes: April 29, 2025

- [Specific funding for Research and Education in higher education institutions](#) : May 12

Objectives:

At the end of the training, participants:

- Know the funding for Research and Education;
- Know where to find information;
- Know how to use the Research Connect tool to find calls for projects related to the themes that interest them

Agenda: 1/ National funding for Research and Education 2/ European funding for Research and Education 3/ The Research Connect tool

- [Preparation and drafting of funding application files for research and education projects \(European/national\)](#) : May 13 and May 15

Objectives:

At the end of the training, participants:

- Know the different stages of setting up a project, particularly through the methodology of the logical framework approach;
- Know the different types of funding application files;
- Are able to write the different parts of a file;
- Know the different platforms for entering funding requests;
- Know how to set up a budget according to the type of project concerned

Agenda: 1/ Setting up an ANR funding application file 2/ Setting up a funding application file within the framework of a European project 3/ The essential elements to know in terms of budget and financial monitoring

Prerequisites: Having followed the training: *Specific funding for Research and Education of higher education institutions*

- [Administrative and financial management of projects](#) : May 16

Objectives :

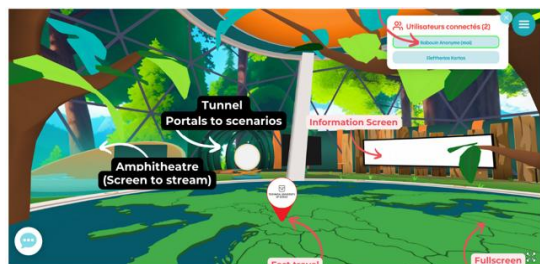
At the end of the training, participants:

- Master the rules of administrative and financial management of projects; - Know the essential services and contacts within the institution; - Know the procedures to follow at each stage of the life of a project;

Agenda: 1/ The stages of a project's life: environment and procedure 2/ Financial monitoring: essential rules 3/ Administrative monitoring: rights and obligations of the project leader

Prerequisites: Having followed the training courses: *Specific funding for Research and Education in higher education establishments* and *Preparation and drafting of funding application files for research and education projects*

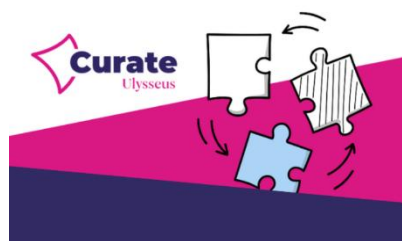
Ready, Immerse and Go! Erasmus + project - Ongoing works



The "Ready, Immerse and Go!" Erasmus+ project, coordinated by Université Côte d'Azur, which is working on the creation of an online platform of virtual scenarios that recreate particularly difficult situations for students who decide to go abroad for international mobility, is in the process of building virtual scenarios.

The partners in this project are still working on the creation of the different levels that will make up the virtual platform for students. The development of these scenarios is a highly complex exercise, trying to combine the technical possibilities offered by the Sphere platform and the pedagogical needs that the partner universities of the project wish to cover. The degree of interaction between the participants, the realistic elements such as the 3D images used and other elements of sound or gamification are some of the concepts that the technicians involved are currently discussing. This practical exercise also aims to prepare them to continue working on the development of virtual reality as a pedagogical tool once the project is completed.

Call for applications to participate in the Erasmus + CURATE project



The CURATE Incubator project, funded by the Erasmus + programme, is an initiative of the European University Ulysseus, of which Université Côte d'Azur is a member. It is an online training programme focusing on entrepreneurship and artificial intelligence, including coaching sessions and exercises supervised by companies. A total of 15 students from Université Côte d'Azur will benefit from this programme.

The training programme, which will run from February to autumn 2025, will include elements such as business models and market analysis, entrepreneurial skills to stand out from the crowd, motivational challenges and group dynamics with intercultural teams.

The selected students, who must be enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's degree programme at Université Côte d'Azur, must have a good command of English and a solid academic record, will also have the opportunity to attend the two-day face-to-face bootcamps in Münster (Germany) and Kosice (Slovakia) free of charge (travel and accommodation included).

Applications should be sent [via this link](#) by 7 February

A strategic partnership between EIT Culture & Creativity and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology for a sustainable transformation of Europe's cultural and creative sectors and industries



The European Union has endorsed the creation of an EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology) dedicated to structuring the cultural and creative sectors and industries (CCSI). This partnership, signed for seven years to begin with, aims to fund education, innovation and business creation initiatives to promote sustainable growth in Europe's cultural and creative sectors. The MIN4CI Foundation, composed of Université Côte d'Azur, Aix-Marseille Université, Avignon Université and the Région Sud, is a founding member of the EIT Culture & Creativity, and as such intends to seize this opportunity to contribute to the European outreach of the ecosystem of the Région Sud

by relaying the actions of the EIT Culture & Creativity throughout its territory.

[More information](#)

Erasmus+ Digit Africa project consortium meeting in Nice

An administrative meeting of the Digit Africa project took place on January 16th and 17th, 2025, bringing together the entire project consortium at Université Côte d'Azur to take stock of the project's administrative and financial situation, with one year to go.

Among the most important points discussed were the next digital summit activities to be developed by each of the project's Guinean, Kenyan, Madagascan and Tunisian universities to establish a local digital culture accessible to all. The training courses developed for African academic staff by the European universities involved in the project (Université Côte d'Azur and Universidad de las Islas Baleares) and the visits to European digital centers organized since the start of the project have enabled African HEIs to acquire the skills they need to become the driving force behind digitization in their countries.

UPDATES ULYSSEUS

Strategic Collaboration to Drive Innovation and Research at Ulysseus European University



From January 15 to 16, 2025, the Innovation Hubs Managers and the members of the Projects' Office of Ulysseus European University gathered in Brussels for an intensive two-day meeting. With a packed agenda that included workshops, strategic discussions, and presentations, the focus was clear: fostering collaboration and aligning goals to enhance the impact of our research and innovation ecosystem.

Key topics such as integrating Innovation Hubs into university activities, developing sustainable business models, and strengthening team capacity for future challenges were at the heart of the discussions. These joint efforts not only strengthen internal synergies but also position Ulysseus and its partners as leaders in shaping the future of European research and innovation.

Call for expression of interest - Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships

Ulysseus European University encourages its alliance researchers to apply for the **Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships** (MSCA-PF; funded by the European Commission, under the Horizon Europe Programme) by providing its comprehensive support in preparing and submitting their applications. Find all details on the [Ulysseus Call page](#).

***You are a young researcher** meeting the **MSCA-PF eligibility criteria**, and you wish to apply for an MSCA-PF

***You are a confirmed researcher** interested in **hosting and supervising an MSCA fellow** from one of the Ulysseus partners' institutions.

Please **fill-in and submit the online application** form by the **17th March 2025**.

[Start Now](#)

Timeline for the Application Process :

- 17th March 2025: Deadline for submitting your expression of interest to apply for MSCA PF within Ulysseus.
- 18st April 2025: Notification of selected MSCA-PF fellows
- April – May 2025: Virtual Exchange and Matching phase with Host supervisors
- May 2025: Begin Scientific drafting of the proposal
- 12th / 16th May 2025: Two-day Master Class (in Nice, France)
- May – August 2024: Ongoing drafting of MSCA-PF proposals
- 10th September 2025: Deadline for submission of proposals to the European Commission
- February/March 2026: Outcomes announced



Empowering Innovation in Health and Well-being: Ulysseus Selects Its New Start-ups

On January 14, 2025, the Ulysseus Innovation Hub on Ageing & Well-being, hosted by Université Côte d'Azur, held its highly anticipated selection committee for start-ups specializing in health, ageing, and well-being. The selected start-ups will now join a vibrant and dynamic ecosystem, gaining access to a range of exclusive benefits designed to accelerate their growth and impact:

- **Strategic Support:** Tailored guidance to navigate the evolving markets of health and ageing.
- **Collaborative Opportunities:** Partnerships with top-tier national and European stakeholders, including investors, local authorities, industries, laboratories, and health experts.
- **International Mobility:** Unique opportunities to expand and connect across our eight European partner countries.

These start-ups are set to contribute to cutting-edge solutions in their fields, fostering innovation and collaboration within Ulysseus European University



Watch the “European Grants, Funding, and Collaborative Projects” webinar

Did you miss the opportunity to join the webinar for researchers on European grants and collaborative projects designed by the Ulysseus team? Don't worry—the recording is now available! Whether you're an experienced researcher or new to the field, this webinar is packed with valuable insights to help you:

Explore Collaborative Opportunities

- Learn how to network and join interdisciplinary research groups across Europe.
- Discover ways to collaborate with the 8 European partners of the Ulysseus Alliance to address shared challenges.

Access Funding

- Understand how to secure seed funding to kickstart your research and innovation initiatives.

Leverage Expert Resources

- Find out how to join a dynamic online database to connect with active experts in your field.
- Gain tips on networking, knowledge sharing, and maximizing European project opportunities.

This is your chance to catch up on everything you missed and take advantage of the resources shared during the session.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the recording today and unlock new opportunities for your research!

