

Exciting Opportunity for Educators: Ulysseus European University Seed Fund Call for Teachers!

The Ulysseus University Alliance invites teaching staff to collaborate in Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)!

Call for Proposals 2025

Take this opportunity to:

- collaborate internationally with another Ulysseus European University teacher
- be a pioneer and pilot an innovative online educational activity
- provide your students with a truly international and enriching virtual experience without having to leave the classroom



Figure 1 COIL Framework
(Source: Ulysseus COIL
Webinar)

Applications for the Ulysseus Seed Fund are now open to all disciplines! We invite you to submit your proposals for **Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)** designed for Ulysseus students.

The application is open until 31 January, 2025 (23:59 CET).



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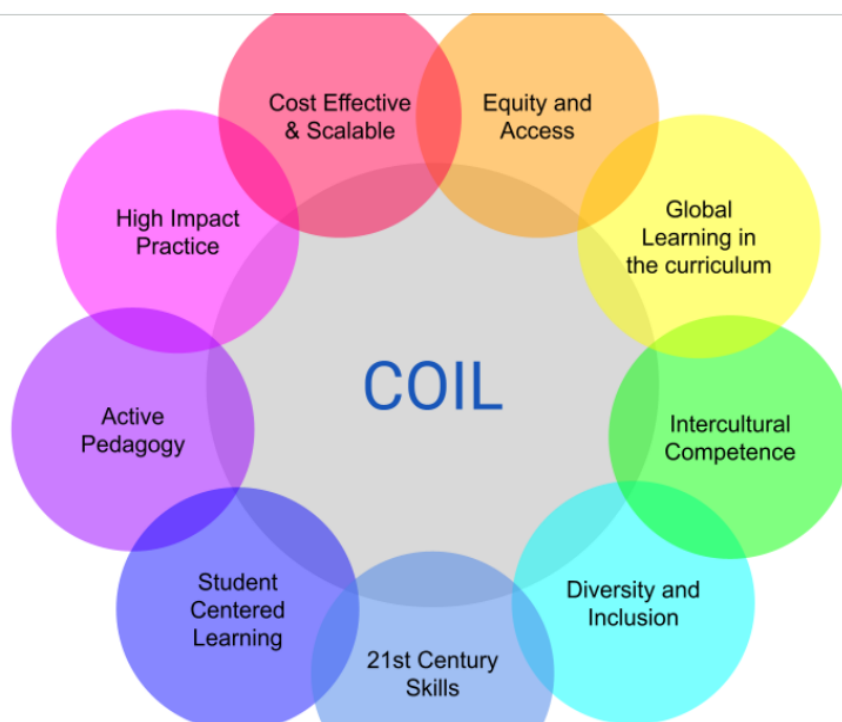


Seed Fund Objectives

The Ulysseus seed fund for teachers is envisioned to provide **financial support** to innovative, co-creative and collaborative ideas in teaching and learning across the [Ulysseus European University](#).

This seed fund financially supports academics in co-creating a [COIL](#) (**Collaborative Online International Learning**) by enabling teachers to meet in person for joint design and planning of the course. The COILs awarded with this seed funding grant must be implemented **by 31 March 2026**.

The seed funding may also be used to develop new Ulysseus Virtual Joint Courses, involving at least two teachers from two different Ulysseus universities. For more detailed information, please contact your [Local Mobility Officer](#).



*Figure 2 COIL alignment with institutional strategies
(Source: Ulysseus COIL Webinar)*

Ulysseus European University

Alliance Members

The [Ulysseus European University](#) alliance comprises eight diverse universities from four European regions:

1. University of Seville - Spain
2. University Côte d'Azur - France
3. University of Genova - Italy
4. Technical University of Košice – Slowake
5. MCI | The Entrepreneurial School® - Austria
6. Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences - Finland
7. University of Münster - Germany
8. University of Montenegro - Montenegro

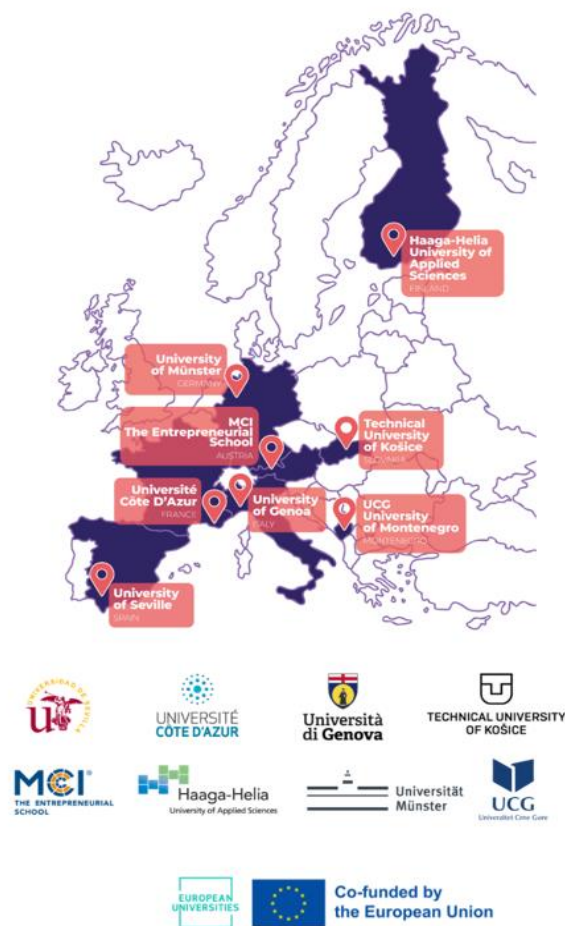


Figure 3 Map Ulysseus European University

Introduction to COIL

COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) is an innovative teaching methodology that connects academic courses from different Ulysseus higher education institutions virtually. This approach fosters cross-cultural collaboration **by bringing students and teachers together in a virtual space to learn, discuss, and collaborate as part of their regular classes.**

Designed exclusively for students, COIL provides a transnational educational experience by integrating classrooms across countries. Each course should be part of the curriculum and involve at least two teachers from participating institutions.

For you as the educator, COIL offers the chance to enhance cross-cultural collaboration while providing students with valuable opportunities to improve their global awareness, intercultural communication, and digital skills, transforming their learning into a transnational experience.

Basic elements of Ulysseus Collaborative Online International Learning are:

- Collaboration between teachers from **two (or more) Ulysseus partner universities in any discipline**: Teachers collaborate with colleagues at the partner university within their own, thematically similar course and bring their students together online in a virtual space. Also, interdisciplinary settings are welcome.
- **Virtual Learning activities**, where **students jointly work** on a task, case or project in internationally mixed teams as part of their studies at their local institution. The COIL should be an integral part of the curriculum/part of an existing class.
- Effective COIL collaborations take place over **several weeks (modules) or ideally throughout the entire course/semester** to foster meaningful and qualitative intercultural online collaboration among students.
- Students are **graded** and receive **credits** for the course at their own home university.

Learn more about COIL:

- Gain valuable insights and practical guidance by watching the recorded training session, "*Breaking Borders: A Journey into Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)*." The recording and supporting presentation are available on the [Ulysseus webpage](#).
- Find more information about COILs, explained by the European Association for International Education (EAIE), through [this link](#).

Partner Collaboration

Before applying for this seed funding call¹, it is necessary for teachers to have already reached an agreement with their respective colleague/s from Ulysseus partner universities regarding the COIL.

If you are interested in collaboration but unsure of whom to partner with, consider exploring the following **match-making options**:

1. [Ulysseus Experts Database](#): Log in with your university credentials and create an expert profile to make it easy for others to discover you. Use the search engine to find valuable contacts that align with your topic.
2. [Ulysseus Curriculums Search engine](#): Find potential partners through the search engine.
3. [Ulysseus Local Mobility Officer](#) (see Table 2): Reach out to your local Mobility Officer for assistance with matchmaking opportunities.
4. [Ulysseus LinkedIn page](#): Expand your network by connecting on LinkedIn.

¹ The seed funding may also be used to develop new Ulysseus Virtual Joint Courses, involving at least two teachers from two different Ulysseus universities. For more detailed information, please contact your [Local Mobility Officer](#).

Ulysseus Local Mobility

Officers

Each university has a dedicated Local Ulysseus Mobility Officer available to support you. We encourage you to reach out to your Mobility Officer at your home university. They are eager to assist you and are here to help you navigate your mobility opportunities!

Table 1 Contact Details of Local Mobility Officers

Members Ulysseus European University	Contact Details	Local Mobility Officer
University of Seville	mobilityulysseus@us.es	Carmen Hinojosa
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University of Münster	mobilityulysseus@uni-muenster.de	Dennis Binder
University of Montenegro	ulysseusmobility@ucg.ac.me	Ana Zdravkov

Funding and Financial

Procedures

This seed funding supports academics in co-creating a COIL course, enabling teachers to meet in person for joint design and planning.

- The seed fund may cover per COIL application: travel, accommodation, daily allowance, other eligible costs (max. 2500 €).
- The funds will be paid out to the applicant(s) (= travelling teacher) by his/her/their Ulysseus home university.
- The funds cannot be paid out as a salary or teaching load.
- Expenditures will be reimbursed on real cost incurred

based on supporting documents (i.e. invoices, travel tickets).

- Travel costs incurred must be compliant with the local university's travel policy and regulations and economically justifiable.
- Proof of delivery:
after the activities incurred, a short report of the expenditures, meetings/activities and attendance sheets (in case of travel) signed by the participants.
- Should the outcome (COIL) not be delivered as agreed, the eight Ulysseus higher education institutions reserve the right to demand repayment of the expenditures incurred or disbursed by the applicant.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

Seed funding projects must involve at least two lecturers from two different Ulysseus partner universities.

Selection criteria:

- Expected added value for teaching and learning in Ulysseus (benefitting students/staff)
- Relevance of academic expertise on the topic
- Clearly formulated budget and goals
- Realistic work plan with clear deliverables (COIL or Joint Virtual Course)
- Letter of support from partner university

Grant Information and Timeline

Table 2 Grant Details

Eligible applicants	Teachers and Lecturers of the 8 Ulysseus partner universities
Expected Output	COILs (Collaborative Online International Learning)
Language of application & instruction	English (as lingua franca)
Seed fund of accepted proposal in this call (travelling costs, accommodation, daily allowance, other eligible costs)	Max. 2500€ per COIL collaboration for travelling to the partner university for in-person planning and development of the course with the other teacher(s).
Deadline for proposals:	31 January 2025 (23:59 CET)
Announcement of results:	March 2025
Funding period for this call:	COILs must be implemented <u>by 31 March, 2026</u> , with all expenses claimed by this deadline.
Link to Application Form	See table 3 on next page: Applicants need to apply with their own home university

Application Procedure

- Applications should be submitted by **the travelling partner only**.
- You already know with which partner/teacher you want to co-create a COIL and have received **confirmation** from your Head of Department/ Supervisor and the partner university.

The selection process consists of two phases:

1. Applications will be evaluated internally within each partner university to create a preliminary selection.
2. The Ulysseus Joint Education Committee, with representatives from all eight Ulysseus partner universities, will then make the final selection from these candidates.

Application Submission Requirements

- **Course abstract** including course description and work plan (max. 500 words):
- The **budget** allocation
- **Letter of support** issued by the host university from the Head of Department (*see example in annex*).

Application process & Timeline

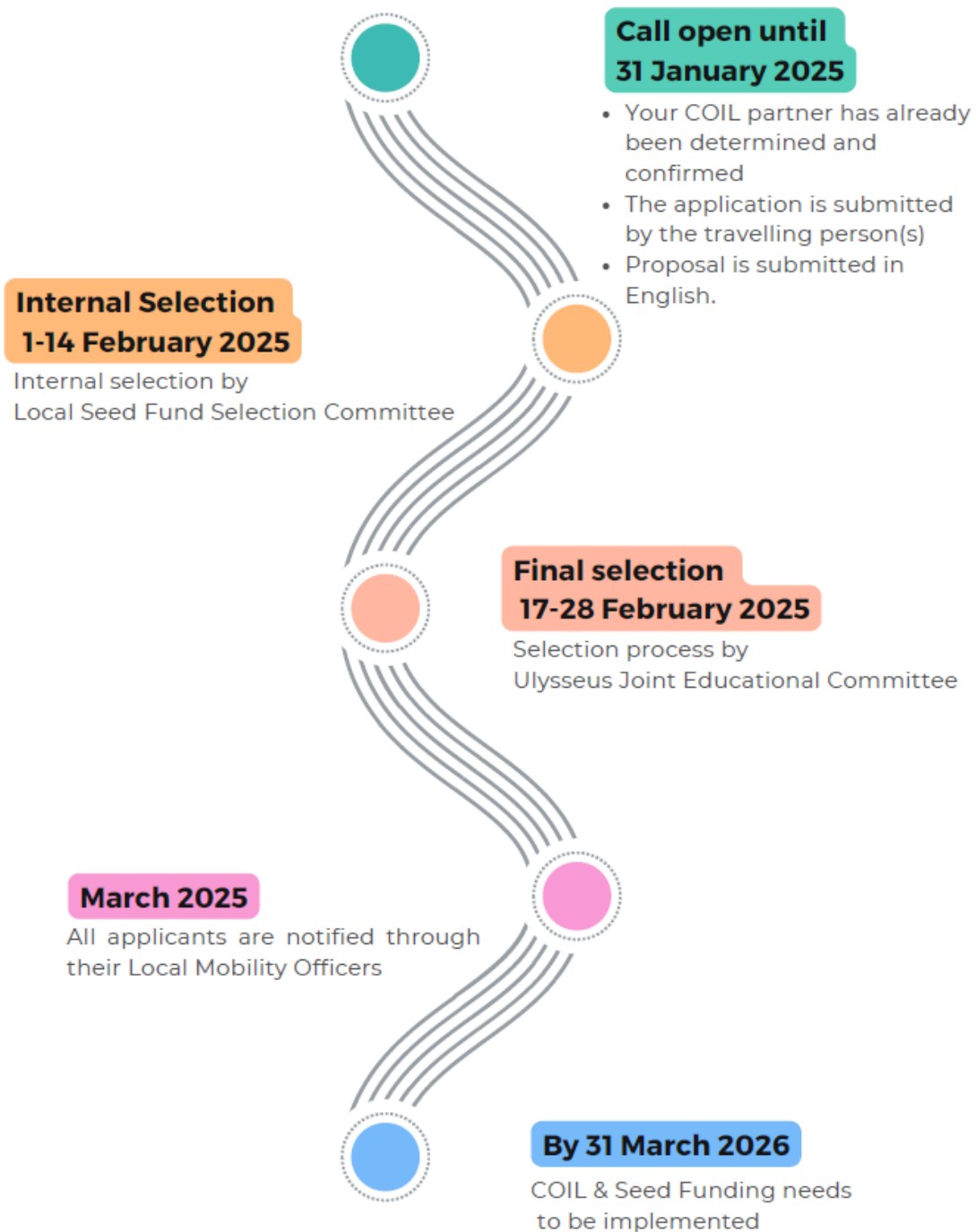


Figure 4 Application Process & Timeline

Annex

**Example Letter of support from partner university,
department head:**



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Letter of Intent and Support

We hereby declare our interest in collaborating with **[Teacher's Name(s)]**
from **[Partner University]** as part of the Seed Fund Call initiative for a
COIL.

Topic:

Date: **[Start date and/or semester period]**

Sincerely,

[signature].

Full name

Position (department head)

Department/Faculty

Name of university