

GUIDELINES

Student Challenges



Campus and Student Life

About EUPeace

EUPeace is the European University for Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies.

Our mission is to provide tomorrow's citizens with the skills, knowledge, and experience to cultivate Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies. We explicitly address all sciences and fields, from the humanities and social sciences to the natural and life sciences as well as engineering, and are inspired by the rebuilt bridge of Mostar – the symbol in our logo – as a testament to how dialogue can overcome conflict.

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Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen		Justus Liebig University Giessen
Université de Limoges		University of Limoges
Università della Calabria		University of Calabria
Universidad Pontificia Comillas		Comillas Pontifical University
Západočeská univerzita v Plzni		University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Sveučilište u Mostaru		University of Mostar
Çukurova Üniversitesi		Çukurova University
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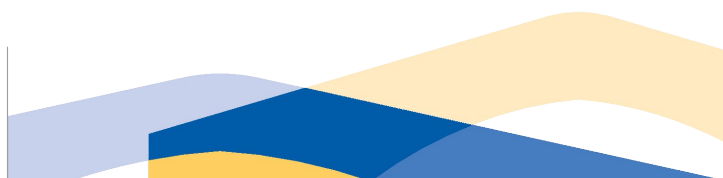
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ABOUT EUPEACE – CAMPUS AND STUDENT LIFE

The aim of the work within the area of campus and student life is to establish our Inclusive European Campus. This campus is the main lever to deeply internationalise the institutions, so that the default background against which all staff and students carry out their activities will be an international scenario. This implies a strong commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, and conceiving our campus, in both its virtual and physical forms, as a means of empowering everyone, regardless of culture, race, gender and ethnicity, to develop to their full potential as future agents for change. Our Inclusive European Campus is a cross-sectional and long-term task towards developing and implementing sustainable Alliance structures.

The objectives are

- To build a joint inclusive European inter-university EUPeace campus
- To establish inclusion and equality as core shared values to enable excellent conditions for learning, teaching, research, and innovation
- To turn the campus into a model inclusive space for students, faculty, and staff.



Student Challenges Call for Proposals

What are the Student Challenges?

The EUPeace Alliance invites student associations or clubs from our nine universities to propose and organise shared and impactful Student Challenges involving a minimum of two EUPeace member universities. The Student Challenges aim to encourage the creation of projects by students for students.

The generic structure of a challenge is expected to unfold as follows:

1. Identification of any issue, situation or condition on campus that is detrimental to the principles of “peace”, “justice”, and “inclusive societies” with any type of manifestation. The identification itself is part of the challenge.
2. Getting students on campus engaged in devising possible solutions to the issue. It might not be an ultimate solution or a unique one. Inclusivity involves the acceptance of different perspectives on the same issue.
3. Discussion, as broad as possible, among the student community to arrive at operational guidelines and/or specific actions, if any specific action can solve or mitigate the issue.
4. Dissemination of the full array of solutions.
5. Reporting about participation and the results.

The Student Challenges are designed to foster cohesion and inclusion of the campus community.

How does it work?

One application session is organised each academic year based on one or two strategic thematic focuses. This call 2026-2027, will focus on Culture of Belonging and student participation and governance in European Universities:

1. Inclusive Universities: Building a Culture of Belonging for All Students

How can European universities create a genuine culture of belonging in which every student, regardless of their background or personal circumstances, including social, cultural, linguistic or educational background and disability, feels welcomed, supported and empowered to succeed?

2. Democracy on Campus: Strengthening Student Participation and Shared Governance in European Universities

How can universities strengthen meaningful student participation and ensure that students are recognised as genuine partners in shaping higher education?

A Commission including student representatives will be in charge of the selection. The selected Student Challenges results will be published on the EUPeace website.

The selected projects receiving funding are required to submit an interim report before September 2027.

Please refer to the rules for procedures in attachment for more details.



Type of the Student Challenge

The format of the initiative is open (survey, report, mobility, conference, tool drafting, policy paper, specifications to promote specific purchases, local event, film production, podcast creation, etc.).

How to apply?

You need to fill out the proposal form and budget form and email the complete information to eupeace@sum.ba before 13th of November 2026. However, before submitting your application, please make sure to contact your Student Challenges local coordinator at your own university. You can find their contact details below:

- Marburg University (Germany): Sandy Halliday, eupeace@uni-marburg.de; sandy.halliday@uni-marburg.de
- Justus Liebig University Giessen (Germany): Kimberly-Annalena Munjal, kimberly-annalena.munjal@uni-giessen.de
- University of Limoges (France): Marie Dignement, marie.dignement@unilim.fr
- University of Calabria (Italy): Michele Galluccio, michele.galluccio@unical.it
- Comillas Pontifical University (Spain): Andrés Villar, avillare@comillas.edu
- University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (Czechia): Lenka Pekárková, lenkakan@rek.zcu.cz
- University of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina): Marijan Tustonja, marijan.tustonja@sum.ba
- Çukurova University (Türkiye): Canan Kuzgun, ckuzgun@cu.edu.tr
- University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) : Mirza Buljubašić, mirzabuljubasic@fkn.unsa.ba

Important dates

Application opening	1 October 2026
Application deadline	13 November 2026
Expected results date	15 December 2026
Earliest event start	January 2027
Last possible event date	31 August 2027
Deadline final report submission	September 2027

Proposal Requirements

To ensure a cohesive, well-planned, and impactful event, we request that applicants provide the following information in their proposal.

1. Information about Project Leader

The project leader is the main contact person at the partnership level.

The partnership must include a minimum of two student associations from two different EUPeace member universities. The participation of more than two student associations is welcome and may have a positive influence on the evaluation.

2. Project Title

Provide a tentative or working title reflecting the essence of the proposed Student Challenge. At this stage, transparency is more important than catchy titles. If you have a winning title, though, you are more than welcome to use it, followed by a more descriptive title, if needed.

3. Calendar of the Project

Outline the key dates: start and end date of the project, preparation stages, event dates, and any follow-up activities, if any. Please note that projects are invited to start from January 2027 and must be administratively closed by the 31st of August 2027, including the submission of the final report to the local coordinator. By the end of September 2027, the report must be submitted to coordinator of the 2026-2027 call (University of Mostar).

4. Project Description

Describe the event in 250-500 words, covering the main objectives, activities, and target audience. Please include the type of Student Challenge (e.g. survey, report, mobility, conference, tool drafting, policy paper, specifications to promote specific purchases, local event, film production, podcast creation, etc.). If you need more space to describe your Student Challenge, report significant details as attachments to the application form. Proposed challenges should have an online component to enhance accessibility for remote participants across the Alliance.

5. Relevance to Alliance Goals

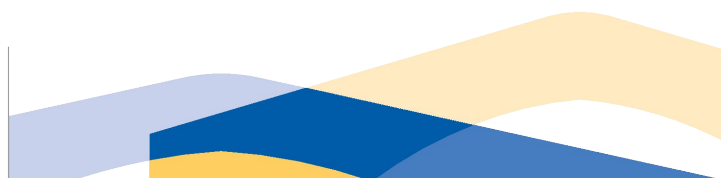
Explain how the challenge will contribute to advancing our Alliance's core themes of peace, justice, and inclusive societies. Highlight any unique perspectives, issues, or topics that will be addressed.

6. How does your project fit in the thematic focuses of the year?

- Explain how the challenge will contribute to at least one of the themes:

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7. Contribution to the 2nd Campus Festival 2027

All funded Student Challenges will have the opportunity to contribute to the 2nd EUPeace Campus Festival in Spring 2027 at the University of Calabria. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider, as part of their project planning, how their initiative could contribute to and be presented at the Festival. In particular, representatives are encouraged to plan for:

- an activity or output that could be presented or implemented at the Festival;
- ways in which their participation could increase the project's visibility and dissemination; and
- opportunities to encourage interaction and collaboration among EUPeace students.

The Festival provides an opportunity for students to showcase their initiatives and contribute to strengthening community, collaboration, and student engagement across the EUPeace Alliance. Planning for and demonstrating a meaningful contribution to the Festival is encouraged and may have a positive influence on the evaluation of the proposal.

8. Impact Goals and Monitoring

Provide an overview of the anticipated impact on the participating students, the campus community, and the wider public. What lasting effects or initiatives do you hope will result from this project?

9. Collaboration Between the Partnership

Explain what is the role of each association.

10. Promotion, Evaluation and Feedback Plan

Describe your approach to attracting attendees and how you will assess the challenge.

11. Tentative Budget

Provide an itemised preliminary budget, including costs related to travel, accommodation, activities and other logistical needs. Ensure clarity and transparency in the financial outline. Consider the main expense categories in the budget form attached.

12. Funding Request from the Alliance

Specify the amount of funding requested from the EUPeace Alliance. We remind you that the EUPeace contribution is 8.000,00€ maximum per project. The breakdown of the project budget is decided freely within the partnership and needs to be clearly explained and justified.

13. Supporting Documents (optional)

Attach any additional materials (e.g., more detailed organisation of the challenge, letters of intent,

preliminary designs, previous event summaries) that support your proposal.

14. Budget approval by the competent administrative representative for Student and Campus Life activities

Provide contact details of the EUPeace administrative representative who has validated your budget.

