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CLIVEX – ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ERASMUS+VIRTUAL EXCHANGE "CliVEx - Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion"

A.A. 2023/2024

Application Submission Deadline: Monday 12th February 2024, at 1 pm (Italian time)

WEB PAGES

Applying for CliVEx: <u>https://forms.gle/BHXvvD8kxySVu5AHA</u> The Programme "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion" at UNIPD: <u>https://www.unipd.it/clivex</u>

The Erasmus+ Project CliVEx website: <u>https://clivex.eu/</u> Virtual Exchange at UNIPD: <u>https://www.unipd.it/en/virtual-exchange-students</u>

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Preface

The University of Padua, within the Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Virtual Exchange project "CliVEx - Climate Virtual ExChange: Enhancing climate awareness in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean Area" (101111937 – CliVEx – ERASMUS-EDU-2022-VIRT-EXCH), opens a call for 30 places for virtual exchange from 4th March to 10th May 2024.

Among the project activities, the implementation of the virtual exchange "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion" is foreseen. The programme is designed and delivered in collaboration with UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union (Italy), An-Najah National University (Palestine), Lebanese International University (Lebanon), Sharing Perspectives Foundation (The Netherlands), and Association Soliya (Tunisia).

Art.1 – General information

1.1. Purpose

Erasmus+ is the programme from the European Union for education, training, youth and sport, in effect between 2021 and 2027.¹

The present Call regulates some activities implemented in the framework of the Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Virtual Exchange project "CliVEx - Climate Virtual ExChange: Enhancing climate awareness in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean Area", which allows university students enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies to participate in a virtual exchange programme.

1.2. Eligible activities

Places are allocated for the virtual exchange² programme "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion". The programme aims to foster the development of transversal skills, such as: intercultural communication and awareness, team-working, digital and linguistic competences, civic engagement, awareness on the topics of sustainability and climate change, in order to promote professional and personal growth and students' entry into the labour market. The programme is scheduled over 10 weeks, when students will work on intercultural and multidisciplinary teams on a "climate action" project.

For the virtual exchange, students will gain 3 ECTS³ credits from the University of Padua as other activities⁴, once the course unit "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion" has been added to the student's booklet. The possibility to have those credits added as a curricular activity is not granted, whereas the possibility to have those credits added as an extra-curricular activity is always possible. Students are invited to enquire in advance about any restrictions and rules for their specific Degree Programme and, in case of doubt, to contact the President of their Degree Programme or their delegate for confirmation.

1.3. Duration

The duration of the virtual exchange is 10 weeks, from 4th March to 10th May 2024.

¹ The Erasmus+ Programme was established by Decision no. 2021/817 by Parliament and the EU Council, the Regulation was published in the Official Journal of the EU on 20/05/2021.

² Further information on Virtual Exchange are available at: https://www.unipd.it/virtual-exchange

³ The addition of the activity "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion" to the course catalogue of the Master's degree programme in European and Global Studies for the a.y. 2023/24 depends on the approval of the Council of the Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies.

1.4. Students with disabilities and learning difficulties

Students with disabilities and learning difficulties (DSA) who intend to participate in the Erasmus+ virtual exchange can highlight this during the application submission process. Their situation will then be taken care by the Projects and Mobility Office together with the Student Service Office, if they are selected to participate in the CliVEx Programme. The selection criteria are the same for all students.

Art.2 - Admission Pre-Requisites and Application Procedure

2.1 Admission Pre-Requisites

Students are admitted to participate in the program if, upon applying and for the entire duration of the program, they are in the following conditions:

- Being registered at the University of Padua in a degree course (ex DM 509/99 or 270/2004), bachelor's course, master's course, single-cycle master's course;
- 2. Not being registered in the first year of a Bachelor's degree programme (firstcycle degree) for the a.y. 2023/24;
- 3. Not being 30 year-old or older5;
- 4. Not being registered in single course units;
- 5. Not being incoming exchange students at the University of Padua;
- Students must prove their proficiency in English through a certificate attesting a minimum B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or they must be enrolled in a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Single-cycle degree programme delivered in English or have successfully completed it.

Art.3 - Contributions and financial benefits

There are no fees to participate in the programme, as the virtual exchange is held fully online.

⁵ The age criterion is a mandatory requirement of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Action, as per the Programme Guide (<u>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-1/virtual-exchanges</u>)

Art. 4 – Application procedure

Students that want to apply for the virtual exchange "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion" must submit their application exclusively via the dedicated Google Form (<u>https://forms.gle/BHXvvD8kxySVu5AHA</u>) NO LATER THAN 1.00 PM (Italian time) ON 12th FEBRUARY 2024.

With the application one must attach, in PDF format, the following documents:

- 1. copy of the language certificate or another document attesting the applicant's language level;
- only for students registered in the first year of a Master's degree programme: copy of the Bachelor Transcript of Records or Diploma Supplement;
- 3. motivation letter written in English (maximum 2000 characters, spaces included);
- 4. any additional qualifications which may be relevant to the analysis by the Committee (e.g. curriculum vitae, other certificates, etc).

Art. 5 – Selection criteria

Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their merit coefficient⁶, their motivation letter and additional qualifications.

In case of candidates with equal assessment, priority will be given to the student who has not already benefited from funding for international mobility, in line with the aims of the project. In case of further equal scores, priority will be given to the student enrolled in a Master's degree programme and, should the equal scores still subsist, to the one enrolled in a less represented degree course in the ranking list. Younger ages will be used as additional criterion in case of further equal scores. Should the number of applications received be higher than 100, the Committee reserves the right to run a pre-selection considering the merit coefficient only. Then, only the first 100 applications will be assessed against the other criteria.

Art. 6 – List of successful students

6.1 Lists of successful students and accepting the place

A dedicated Committee will analyse the applications and select students.

Should the Committee deem it necessary, a face-to-face or online interview may be

⁶ The merit coefficient is calculated as follows: the percentage change of the average of ECTS credits students gain by 10th August compared to the average of ECTS credits for their degree programme (V% Exams) plus the percentage change of the weighted average of grades of students' examinations compared to the one set for their degree programme; the total is divided by 2.

arranged: if this is the case, candidates will be notified of the time and place of the interview. Failing to attend the interview will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection.

Once the Committee has finalised its task, the list of successful candidates will be published from 19th February on the webpage: <u>https://www.unipd.it/clivex</u>. Successful candidates will also be informed via email.

Successful candidates must declare that they are accepting their place confirming via email to <u>virtual.exchange@unipd.it</u> before the date that will be communicated. In the event that the place is not accepted within the outlined dates, the students will automatically be considered 'renouncing'.

6.2 Reserve places

Places that are not accepted by successful candidates will be assigned to those next in line on the list. Due information will be given via email. In the event that the place is not accepted within the deadlines given, the student will be considered 'renouncing' and the place will be assigned to the next student in line on the list or remain unassigned.

Art. 7 – Procedures for successful students

The detailed procedures for successful students will be communicated via email to the selected candidates after the conclusion of the selection process.

Art. 8 – Recognition of activities

Only for selected students, CliVEx (i.e. "Climate Justice: From Inequality to Inclusion") can be added as a 3 credit-bearing activity. The inclusion in the study plan is not gruaranteed and requires approval by the President and the Student Office of the student's degree course. Details will be communicated via email to the selected candidates.

Art. 9 - Contacts e information

For all communications addressed to candidates and winners, only the institutional email address will be used, i.e. <u>name.surname@studenti.unipd.it</u>. This call is managed and coordinated by the Projects and Mobility Office, Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35131 Padova, mail: <u>virtual.exchange@unipd.it</u>, tel.: +39 049 827 6139

Art 10 – Processing of personal data

The University of Padua processes the personal data of the interested parties in compliance

with the principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency and minimization, for the protection of privacy and all the rights of the interested parties, according to the provisions of the European Regulation on the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 2016/679, so-called GDPR), by the Code regarding the protection of personal data (legislative decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments) and by the consequent implementing measures adopted by the European authorities and by the Guarantor for the protection of personal data (www.garanteprivacy.it).

Art. 11 – Final Provisions

The person in charge of the Administrative Procedure is Ms. Alessandra Gallerano, Head of the Projects & Mobility Office.

Candidates can exercise their right of access to the records of the competition proceedings as provided for by current law. The request must be sent to the Projects and Mobility Office, University of Padua, Via Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35121 Padua, by filling in the appropriate form to be requested to the Office itself.

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The Rector Daniela Mapelli digitally signed in accordance with legislative decree 82/2005

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