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**Industry Community Project – ICPU  
a.y. 2025/26**

Info day 24th March 2026



## Agenda

- Welcome from joint degree and international ranking Delegate Prof.ssa Mara Thiene
- What is ICPU
- Specific information of ICPU
- Q&A time



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## ICPU Partnership

- The ICPU partnership is a collaborative project organized by three internationally renowned Universities:
  - the University of Padua (Italy)
  - the University of Sydney (Australia)
  - the University of Lausanne (Switzerland);
- Edition 2026 will be hosted by the University of Lausanne;
- The project class will be made up of a mix of 75 students from the three universities (25 from each university);
- External partners (industries, community, organizations, other stakeholders) will also be involved throughout the project



## The ICPU history @ UNIPD

2025 - @ Sydney. **“Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”**

2024 - @ Padova, **“Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”**

2023 - @ Sydney. **“Food & Health in a Circular and Sustainable Economy”**

2022 – fully online course. Project topic **“Food & Health in a circular and sustainable economy”**

2021 – fully online course. Project topic **“Food & Health in a circular and sustainable economy - Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”**

2020 – @ Sydney. Project topic **“Food for Thought- Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”**

2020 – the course was suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic.

2019 – @ Sydney. Project topic **“The future of milk”**

2019 – @ Padova. Project topic **“Food and Health”**



## ICPU in a nutshell

1. the topic of this ICPU 2026 edition in Lausanne is **Sustainable Urban Food Systems**
2. The project includes a 6 CFU ad-hoc teaching course
3. Students will be asked to respond to an operational question and/or case study
4. The activity will be led by academics and industry leaders with high-level expertise
5. Students will be divided into interdisciplinary groups of 5-10 members



## GOALS:

1. To promote the development of soft skills (e.g. teamwork, problem-solving approach, etc.)
2. To foster the connection with companies and the business world
3. To develop the ability to relate and collaborate between students from different fields of study and backgrounds



# ICPU 2026

## Sustainable Urban Food Systems

WHEN: **29th June - 26th July, 2026**

1st week (29-4 July)

Remote work (online)

2nd + 3rd weeks (6-17 July)

Face-to-face in Lausanne,  
Switzerland

4th week: (20-26 July)

Remote work (online)

DEADLINE: **30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 1pm** (CEST)



## ICPU Learning Outcomes

**At the end of the programme, students will be able to:**

- LO1. Demonstrate critical awareness of, and apply, disciplinary knowledge, skills, and personal attributes to address complex real-world problems
- LO2. Assess and integrate diverse stakeholder perspectives to generate innovative insights into complex problems
- LO3. Purposefully select and apply complex problem-solving approaches and methods
- LO4. Communicate novel ideas effectively and persuasively in professional settings using relevant media
- LO5. Demonstrate professionalism (proficiency, adaptivity, and proactivity) in collaborative project work



## ICPU Financial support

**Erasmus+ grant of €948 for physical mobility + €211 for travel = Total €1,159.**

The scholarship amount will be paid during the physical mobility in Lausanne for 100% of the amount (€1,159) as soon as the participant has provided the following documents:

- Attendance certificate stamped and signed by the host institution
- tickets / boarding passes

After the mobility, some administrative procedures will be required at the end: Final Attendance certificate + Erasmus survey + final Transcript of records

-> only in case of actual participation and achievement of the expected educational results.

-> to take out a travel insurance policy providing for reimbursement in the event of cancellation it is strongly recommended



## ICPU Accomodation

- The price is 52 CHF (  $\approx$  57€) per night, per person includes breakfast, the city tax and pass to use public transports in the Lausanne area for free for the whole duration of the stay.
- The reservation is from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 18 July, 14 nights. This means 728 CHF (  $\approx$  795€) per person for the whole stay, breakfast and public transportation included.
- The rooms are quadruple (rooms with 4 beds each)



## Who CAN apply

ICPU is open to students of the University of Padua regardless their degree course: bachelor and master.



## Who CANNOT apply

- Students from a partner university currently on exchange the University of Padua
- Double / joint degree students
- First year bachelor students
- PhDs are not eligible



## Application documents

1. Language certificate (C1 / B2 to be confirmed, according to the Lausanne regulation)
2. Transcript of records/Diploma supplement
3. Motivational video (max 1 min)
4. Further useful documents



## ICPU Language requirements

English proficiency at a B2 level or higher (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Please check the eligible certificates on the Programme sheet:  
<https://www.unipd.it/global-intensives>

Language certificates must be taken within the past 2 years and be valid for the entire duration of the programme. All the above-mentioned conditions must be met at application date.

University Language Centre (CLA) is accredited for IELTS certifications.



## IELTS @ CLA

If you take the [IELTS test at CLA](#), you can apply by submitting the IELTS session reservation confirmation instead of the language certificate. IELTS results will be sent by CLA directly to the Projects & Mobility Office and will be used for selection purposes.

Extra date 9th April. Application is already open  
<https://cla.unipd.it/en/ielts-international-english-language-certification/>



## After the selection

- The rankings for the individual programmes will be published on <https://www.unipd.it/global-intensives>  
Selected students will be informed by email.
- Selected students must accept the exchange place by following the instructions they will receive in their institutional email inbox
- Check your “@student.unipd.it” email address regularly as it will be the only communication channel !



## ICPU How to apply

Application link

<https://forms.gle/bgvzaBqJpjA1fFpu9>

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## ICPU previous participants

- Lisa, student of Local Development
- Davide, student of Biotechnologies for Food Science



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**Thank you for your  
participation**

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