CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR No.24 PLACES FOR THE VIRTUAL MOBILITY PROJECT
‘NICE’ A.Y. 2019/20

The University of Padua, within the Erasmus+ Programme Key Action 2, Strategic Partnerships, ‘NICE - Network for Intercultural Competence to facilitate Entrepreneurship’ (2017-1-UK01-KA203-036524), announces a call for No.24 places for virtual mobility from 17th February 2020 to 31st May 2020.

Art. 1
Content of the project

This project offers an educational experience coordinated by the University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom) and in collaboration with the University of Padua (Italy), University College Dublin (Ireland) University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), Lund University (Sweden), University of Salamanca (Spain), University of Goettingen (Germany), Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania). The educational experience includes two different but parallel activities:

1. **virtual mobility**, which is the compulsory activity for all selected candidates. Virtual mobility is broken down into 7 educational modules which aim at providing intercultural and entrepreneurial skills to solve an operative task (Global Challenge) through individual and group activities. Students will be divided into heterogeneous groups with 6 members each: every group will consist of students from different educational backgrounds and from different partner universities. This is to encourage the interdisciplinary and multicultural aspect of the project. For virtual mobility, students will gain 6 ECTS credits¹ from the University of Padua as free-choice activities (free ECTS credits) for general course, once the course unit ‘Intercultural Competence to Facilitate Entrepreneurship’ has been added to the student’s study plan;

2. **Student-Led Individually Created Course (SLICC)**, which is an individual experience the students arrange for themselves aimed at the self-assessment of their own learning outcomes. This is an activity of the selected candidate’s choosing and it is considered in addition to the virtual mobility. Completing this activity will give students 10 ECTS credits from the University of Edinburgh. The University of Padua will validate those ECTS credits as a free-choice activity, in accordance with the procedures approved by the University for student mobility programmes and after the approval of the director of the programme the student is enrolled in. To gain ECTS credits students must submit a final reflective report on their experience (Self-critical ‘Final Reflective Report’), a portfolio as a conclusion of the learning process (E-portfolio of Evidence) and a self-assessment report on the outcomes.

¹ The addition of the General Course ‘Intercultural Competence to facilitate Entrepreneurship’ to the educational programmes and courses of the Master’s degree programme in European and Global Studies for the a.y. 2019/20 depends on the approval of the Council of the Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies (due to be held in November 2019)
achieved at the end of the educational and training experience (Formative Self-Assessment). These documents must be submitted through the online platform related to the project.

The aim of the project is to encourage the development of cross-skills like entrepreneurial and intercultural competence skills, interpersonal skills and ability to cooperate, teamworking skills, problem-solving skills in order to promote professional growth and students’ entry into the labour market. Information on Global Challenges, on the educational and training experience and on the project is available at: https://www.nice-eu.org/global-challenges.

Art. 2
Admission requirements

To be admitted to the programme, when applying and by the deadline of this call, 16th December 2019, students must meet the following criteria:

a) be regularly enrolled in a Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree or Single-cycle degree programme of the University of Padua for the a.y. 2019/20;
b) be enrolled at the University of Padua when applying and for the entire period of activities, Summer School included for those students who express their interest in it when submitting their application;
c) students must not be enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor’s degree programme (first-cycle degree) for the a.y. 2019/20;
d) students must not have submitted the request to graduate for the first graduation session;
e) 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
How to submit your application

To participate in this selection procedure, candidates must fill out the online application form and provide the following annexes:

a) copy of a valid ID card;
b) for non-EU citizens: copy of a valid residence permit;
c) copy of the language certificate or another document attesting the applicant’s language level;
d) document downloaded from Uniweb certifying the number of examinations the student passed, the number of ECTS credits and the weighted average grades, or a self-certification of the Bachelor’s degree with examinations (for students enrolled in the first year of a Master’s degree programme);
e) presentation/motivation letter written in English (up to 2000 characters, with spaces);
f) any additional qualifications which may be relevant to the analysis by the Committee.
When applying students may also express their interest in a Summer School which will take place at the University of Salamanca from 12th to 17th July 2020; there are 10 places available for students of the University of Padua. During the virtual mobility period the 10 candidates will be selected through an interview aimed at verifying the student's motivation, by a Committee set up within the University candidates belong to.

The application and its annexes must be uploaded on Moodle platform [https://elearning.unipd.it/ufficiserviziapplicazioni/course/view.php?id=216](https://elearning.unipd.it/ufficiserviziapplicazioni/course/view.php?id=216) by 16th December 2020 at 1.00 pm.

**Art. 4**

**Selection procedure and publication of the ranking list**

A Committee appointed by the Rector will analyse the applications and will select students. Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their merit coefficient\(^2\), their motivation letter and additional qualifications.

In case of candidates with equal assessment, precedence 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, precedence will be given to the student enrolled in a Master's degree programme and, should the equal scores still subsist, to the student who has gained the higher number of ECTS credits.

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

Should the number of applications received be higher than 100, the Committee reserves the right to run a pre-selection considering the merit coefficient.

Once the Committee has finalised its task, the ranking list of successful candidates will be published only at: [https://www.unipd.it/accordi-bilaterali-studenti](https://www.unipd.it/accordi-bilaterali-studenti) from 14th January 2020.

Following successful candidates' withdrawal, replacement positions will be awarded to other eligible candidates in accordance with the final ranking list.

**Art. 5**

**Economic conditions**

There are no fees to participate in the virtual mobility project.

For each participant in the Summer School, accommodation for 6 nights will be provided by the University of Salamanca at partner residences with no additional fees. The University of Padua

\(^2\) 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.

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provides reimbursements up to euros 471.00 per student for travel and meals expenses. Participants will receive the reimbursement upon submitting suitable documents (certificate of attendance, boarding cards, invoices, receipts, etc.). Any additional expenses are to be borne by participants.

Art. 6
Person in charge of the procedure and information

The person in charge of the administrative procedure is Dottoressa Elena Autizi, Head of the International Office.
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