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The development of new educational offers in line with EUniWell's Thematic Arenas is one of the key objectives of the Alliance. For this purpose, EUniWell is calling for expressions of interest to internationalise existing course modules through Collaborative Online International Learning: COIL.

COIL is a teaching method that connects two or more classes, based in different countries, so that their students work together for a defined period through online tools. **It is not a brand-new course** and does not necessarily require to change existing study plans; it is a way of enriching a course already taught by embedding an international, collaborative component delivered online.

A COIL is designed and delivered jointly by educators from at least two partner institutions, who co-define learning outcomes, plan joint activities and, together, guide their students through a shared task, project or investigation. Most often, COIL projects last over three to eight weeks, combining synchronous sessions (live video meetings) and asynchronous work (shared documents, forums, recorded material).

Benefits

From a professional perspective, organising a COIL is a way for educators to contribute towards internationalisation at their home institution while practicing co-creation, peer-to-peer learning and multidisciplinary cooperation. The benefits for students include active participation in inclusive, structured and meaningful virtual projects with international scope. In line with European priorities set out in the [Union of Skills](#) and the Eurograduate Survey¹, students will also develop key skills in problem-solving, communication and digital competences. Requiring no travel budget, COIL is open to all EUniWell students, including those unable to join traditional mobility programmes.

COIL requires in depth cooperation and will thus contribute to a sense of community and common purpose within EUniWell and strengthen existing partnerships, paving the way to more complex joint educational offers such as [Intercampus seminars](#), Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) or joint degrees.

¹ European Commission: Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Mühleck, K., Jühlke, R., Köppen, L., Peter, F. et al., *Careers, competences and values of European higher education graduates in 2022 – Executive summary of the EUROGRADUATE 2022 survey*, Publications Office of the European Union, 2025, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/5568356>

Eligibility

Courses at all levels, from Bachelor to PhD, can implement a COIL component and all EUniWell member institutions are welcome to participate.

To be recognised under this call, a COIL project must:

- Involve at least two lecturers from different EUniWell universities and countries
- Be embedded within existing credit-bearing courses or programmes
- Include structured collaborative learning activities (see concrete examples in the [COIL handbook](#) – Voices from the field section) between students from partner institutions over a defined period
- Include jointly designed learning outcomes

EUniWell fully supports this initiative by providing a range of resources and opportunities, including an introductory training session, matchmaking support (see *Partner Search* below), a dedicated [COIL handbook](#), access to EUniWell IT infrastructure, and a sustainable network of European partners. While no dedicated EUniWell funding is available for this call, educators interested in exploring potential funding opportunities are invited to contact their [EUniWell institutional coordinator](#) for further information.

Content

Proposals may be submitted from any academic discipline with a preference for EUniWell thematic areas, including:

- Health and Well-being
- Teacher Education and Well-being
- Environment and Well-being
- Social Equality and Well-being
- Culture and Multilingualism and Well-being

Interdisciplinary collaborations are particularly encouraged.

Partner Search

If you need assistance in finding suitable partners for a proposal idea, you are invited to register for the EUniWell Matchmaking process. Please fill out this [linked form](#) with the relevant details, before January 10th 2027. (EUniWell teams will put you in touch with the best possible match). Once the matchmaking is done, all pairs will be invited to a 90-minute training session.

Timeline

DATES	EVENT
End of October 2026	Call opening – Matchmaking opening
November 16 at 12:30 (CET) December 16 at 12:30 (CET)	Info session (s) (no registration required)
January 10th 2027	Deadline to complete matchmaking form
January 2027	Matchmaking process
February 2027	Kick Off and training (90 minutes) Launch of the first projects
from Spring 2027 onwards	Activities – (On demand EUniWell assistance)
Summer 2027	Second round of matchmaking, if relevant
from Fall 2027 onwards	Feedback session-reporting

Contact

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your [local EUniWell Center for Learning coordinator \(WP7\)](#).

You can also check the dedicated [FAQs](#) and [COIL handbook](#).