11th EUniWell Seed Funding Call for Proposals

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **How can I search potential partners for my project or join a partnership?**

   If you need assistance in finding suitable partners for a Seed Funding Call proposal idea, or if you wish to join a team that is formulating a proposal, you are invited to publish your project idea or your profile via the EUniWell Research Data Sharing Platform. You can do so by adding your announcement via this form – you will be informed once your announcement is publicly visible on the website. Until then, you are welcome to browse and directly contact other announcements.

   If you are looking for a partner from a specific Institution, please either contact the local EUniWell office team or send a message to contactform@euniwell.eu. Your request should include sufficient information about your proposal idea and the specific interest or expertise you are seeking in your partners to facilitate the matchmaking process.

   In addition, you are encouraged to reach out directly to researchers, educators, staff members, and students from across the Alliance to find the right project team members.

2. **In the Terms of Reference it is mentioned that, in exceptional cases, research-focussed projects can apply for a grant of up to €50.000. Which projects does this apply to?**

   To encourage research-oriented proposals with a clear scope and ambition for competitive, external funding, such as Horizon Europe, the EUniWell Rectors' Assembly decided to increase funding for selected projects.

   This applies to projects with a clear research focus which would not be viable with a funding of €25.000. In the application it must be clearly stated why the increased funding is needed for the project goals and what it will be used for – especially expensive research equipment usage, materials or similar could be considered.

   During the selection process the requested budget will be reviewed and possibly a reduced grant will be offered for selected projects.

3. **In the Terms of Reference, it is specified that the involvement of KNU's staff in the projects should be supported by the other EUniWell universities. What does it mean and how should we proceed?**

   The selected Seed Funding projects are financed by the universities' own resources. Each EUniWell university allocates the granted funds to their teachers, researchers, administrative staff, and students involved in the projects, according to the budget distribution submitted in the financial form.

Since the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (KNU) is currently not in the position to contribute financially to the Seed Funding Programme, the EUniWell Board has decided to express and demonstrate its solidarity by supporting financially the participation of members of KNU through the other alliance partners' funds.

Consequently, the amounts related to KNU staff involvement in the projects must appear clearly in the dedicated budget line (KNU participation) in the financial form that will be submitted.

Only travel and subsistence costs for KNU staff and students are eligible. For practical reasons, it is recommended that only one participating university covers the costs related to KNU participation in the project. This university, not necessarily the coordinating institution, would organise and cover the travel arrangements for the KNU staff involved in the project.

4. Can we have external universities or partners outside the minimum of the 4 EUniWell universities?

Yes, it is possible to add an external university or other partners to the project as an Associated Partner if you have at least 4 EUniWell universities actively involved. However, this external university cannot receive funding from the call but will have to cover its costs using its own resources. The proposal should explain the added value to the project of the external partner.

5. Is it possible to apply with less than four EUniWell partner Universities?

No, as the EUniWell Seed Funding Programme was created to enhance collaboration between the partner Universities it is essential to have at least four partner Universities from the EUniWell Alliance. Proposals with less than four partner Universities cannot be accepted.

6. Which projects fall into the category "Student and/or staff well-being"?

Any project or initiative led by students or involving students, or led by/involving staff members, aiming at improving the well-being of students and/or staff, inside or outside the university. For instance, this could be projects aiming to develop concrete measures for improving student campus life, conditions for studying or working at university, or projects aiming to develop measures to improve student mental health, the work culture in competitive research, research, and ethical issues, etc.

7. Will my project be selected if it does not refer to any of the mentioned Thematic Arenas?

During the selection phase, the priority will be clearly given to projects addressing EUniWell's core commitments to advance well-being in Health, Education, People and Institutions, Environment, Social and Gender equality and/or Social and Cultural Diversity and Inclusion. Additionally, direct thematic affiliation with one of EUniWell's Thematic Arenas will be evaluated as an asset.

8. Can a candidate be involved in several projects?

Yes, candidates can be involved in several projects, either as coordinator or as partner, provided they have sufficient time to commit to both/all of them in case they are all selected.

9. What is the role of the coordinator?

The coordinator applies on behalf of the project partner consortium, oversees the budget, the coordination of activities, the communication on the EUniWell website, and the mid-term and final reporting of the project, including financial reporting.

10. Do projects have to last a full 12 months? Is there a minimum duration for projects?

No, projects can have their own timeline. They can last up to 12 months between 1 May 2027 and 30 April 2028. The duration of the projects should be adapted to the individual goals and tasks.

11. My project was not selected in a previous call - can I apply for this call?

If you applied to a previous call and your proposal was not successful you are welcome to reapply to this Call. In case you received any feedback about your application we highly recommend to take the feedback into consideration when working on your proposal. Further questions can be directed to contactform@euniwell.eu

12. My project was selected in a previous call - can I apply with another project idea?

If you already successfully submitted an application to the EUniWell Seed Funding Call or the EUniWell Research Incubator this does not disqualify you from applying again. You are welcome to apply with another project idea. Usually, the EUniWell Seed Funding Programme does not grant extensions for projects. If you want to continue your previous project we advise you to seek out other funding options. Formerly funded projects need significant innovative proposals to be considered for funding.