

EUniWell Research Incubator: Call for workshop ideas

The European University for Well-Being (EUniWell) promotes collaboration between its member universities¹ and a broad base of associate partner organisations from across Europe. Since its establishment in 2020, EUniWell partners have achieved a range of outcomes, including online open lectures; alumni mentoring; winter and summer schools; virtual internships and a festival of well-being. (Further details of these and many other EUniWell activities are available from the EUniWell [website](#)).

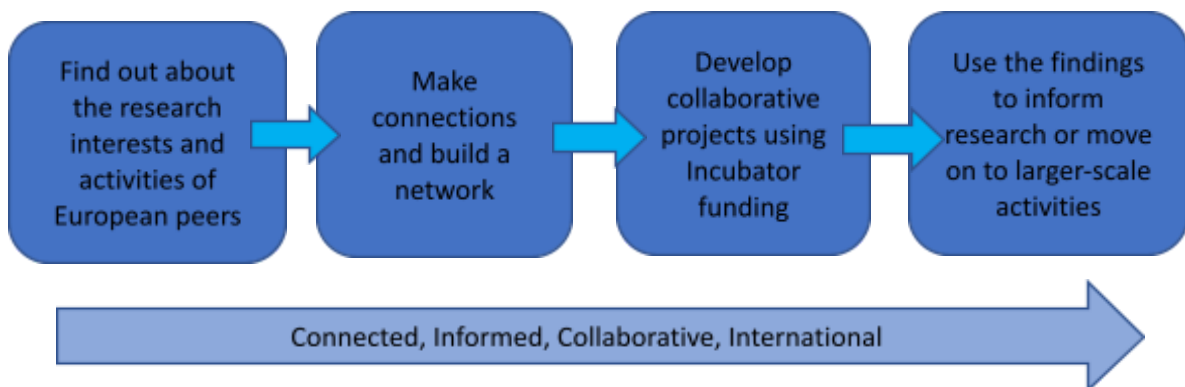
We are now pleased to introduce our new initiative to promote collaboration in well-being research: the EUniWell Well-being Research Incubator.

The Well-being Research Incubator

The Incubator will give researchers access to an established, well-connected European alliance of universities and partners from the public, private and third sectors. Through collaborative workshops, it will offer them opportunities to: learn about research activity taking place across Europe; make connections and build a network of peers; identify common interests, synergies and potential for collaboration.

A follow-on funding scheme will be available to support collaborative research project ideas resulting from successful workshops. Small-scale projects funded through the Incubator will provide a chance to test out and scope ideas for larger-scale funding bids in the future.

EUniWell Well-being Research Incubator: Benefits for researchers



We believe that collaboration supported through the Incubator will help to improve the quality and reach of research across our institutions. Researchers and their work will be better informed by parallel developments in other countries, and they will have access to a targeted international audience with which to share their work.

¹ University of Birmingham, University of Cologne, University of Florence, Leiden University, University of Murcia, University of Nantes, Semmelweis University and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Call for workshops

Researchers from EUniWell member universities are invited to submit an idea to the Incubator for an online collaborative workshop. The format of the workshop is to be decided by the applicant. For example, it could be an informal networking session for people working in the same field, or a structured meeting of an established partnership wishing to bid for Incubator funding. Each workshop needs to bring together researchers from at least three partner institutions from the EUniWell alliance, and must relate to one of the four EuniWell research themes, described below.

If required, the Incubator team will provide support to make the workshop happen. The team can provide help to find partners or participants for the workshop, and to decide on the best format and platform to use.

Eligibility criteria

These workshops are intended to be an opportunity to make connections and explore opportunities for future collaboration. We'd love for as many researchers from across our alliance to get involved as possible. However there are some eligibility criteria, as outlined below.

- The workshop must bring together researchers and / or research staff (e.g. technicians) from **at least three member universities** from across the EUniWell Alliance.
- The workshop must support **collaboration in research** (rather than teaching or other aspects of higher education provision).
- The theme or topic of the workshop must fall under one of the **four EUniWell research themes**:
 - Well-being and health,
 - Individual and social well-being,
 - Environment, urbanity and well-being,
 - Teacher education.

These are linked to UN Sustainable Development Goals. See our [website](#) for further information.

- Workshop organisers must commit to providing a **brief feedback report** (c. 1 page) on their workshop to the EUniWell team, using a standardised template, or to a follow-up call with the Well-being Incubator team to discuss their experience.
- Workshops must be held **online**. There is no funding available for face-to-face meetings.
- Workshops must take place between **January and February 2023**.

Support available

You can use our online portal to [promote your workshop idea](#) to potential university partners and / or [find out about other ideas for workshops](#) which have been proposed. Instructions on how to use this platform are available [here](#).

If you wish to find out more about EUniWell associate partners and encourage them to get involved in your workshop, please contact the Incubator team: euniwell-incubator@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

Please contact the Well-being Research Incubator team at the University of Birmingham if you have any questions about the call for workshops or require any support: euniwell-incubator@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

The EUniWell team at your own university will also be ready to help you.

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Application and selection process

Please complete this brief online [application form](#) by 23:59 (UTC) on 25 November 2022. We will confirm receipt of your application via e-mail. Successful workshop proposals will be informed by 16 December 2022 at the latest.

Workshop proposals will be reviewed by an academic steering group, including a EUniWell student representative. Proposals will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria listed above.

If a high volume of applications are received which require additional support from the EUniWell team (finding partners, technical support, etc), we will give **priority to workshop proposals that have a clear plan for follow-on activities**, and select on the basis of:

- Focus on research (rather than teaching, learning or other aspects of university life),
- Relevance to EUniWell research themes,
- Anticipated outcomes,
- Innovation (i.e. does not duplicate an existing idea).

It is anticipated that a maximum of 15 workshops will be supported in this first round.

Follow-on Funding

If your workshop leads to an idea for a collaborative project, you'll be able to bid for Well-being Research Incubator funding from February 2023. Funding of up to €10,000 or up to €25,000 will be available for projects of up to twelve months in duration.²

Follow-on funding is **only available to EUniWell researchers who have held a workshop**. However, if you already have an established connection with your partners and an idea of what you'd like to do, you could use the workshop to plan out your application for the follow-on funding

Full details of eligibility criteria for the follow-on funding will be detailed in the Call for Projects. Funding will be available for projects which:

- Are research-related, such as: small-scale comparative research across partner countries, e.g. an online survey; mapping of facilities / approaches across partners to identify synergies and opportunities; setting up a network of researchers; visits to research facilities; collaborative experiments.
- Ideally an idea that can 'grow' (the follow-on funding is there to provide an initial investment).

Call for workshops timetable

Date	Event
w/c 12/09/2022	Call for workshops opens
06/10/2022	Information and networking session (1). Register your interest here
27/10/2022	Information and networking session (2). Register your interest here
25/11/2022 23.59 UCT	Deadline for workshop ideas to be submitted
Early December 2022	Selection of proposals
16/12/2022	Selected workshop leads informed
January 2022 – February 2023	Implementation of selected workshops

² Please note, the University of Murcia, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and other associate partners are not currently eligible for Horizon 2020 funding through this pilot phase of the project. They can however (and are actively encouraged to) be partners in the projects.

Future opportunities

There will be two further calls for workshops in December 2022 and March 2023, and three calls for projects (open only to researchers who have been involved in a workshop) over the course of 2023. Our proposed timetable is outlined below.

Call for workshops opens	Call for workshops closes	Workshops delivered	Call for projects opens	Call for projects closes	Project delivery timeframe
Sept 22	Nov 22	Jan-Feb 23	Feb 23	Apr 23	May 23-May 24 (Up to 12m)
Dec 22	Feb 23	Mar-May 23	May 23	Jul 23	Sept 23-Jun 24 (Up to 9m)
Mar 23	May 23	Jun-Oct 23	Oct 23	Dec 23	Jan 24-Jul 24 (Up to 6m)
Funding for projects up to €10,000 or up to €25,000					

Contact

For any immediate questions, please contact Jo Hawley-Woodall:
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