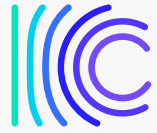




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Webinar on Seed Funding (3rd call)

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⇒ *You are free to use the Teams chat to ask your questions*

⇒ *They will be answered during the Q&A session*



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Introduction (10')

~ *Project Development Support Office (PDSO)*

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What is the Project Development Support Office (PDSO)?

- One of the first transversal offices created for EU-CONEXUS community
- Established in the framework of EU-CONEXUS Plus funding
- Its main overall objectives are:
 - Increase EU-CONEXUS capacity to **win more European funds**, in particular for research
 - Develop **capacity building, exchange of knowledge & expertise** in terms of project development
 - Increase collaboration among the partners / **enhance EU-CONEXUS** community with regards to **SmUCS challenges**





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PDSO Members



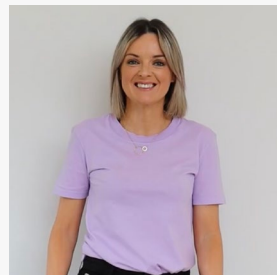
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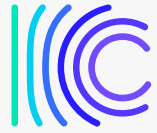


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Project Development Support Office activities

- Organisation and participation in **trainings & information sessions** in order to promote funding opportunities
Ex: Training programmes such as « EU funding: from idea to implementation », presentation of funding opportunities for the JRIs
- Facilitation of collaboration between project development support structures of the alliance through **knowledge & expertise sharing**
Ex: 2-day workshop for Project Officers of the alliance expert in EU funding (July 2024 + one to come in 2025)
- Setting up specific programmes to **boost applications to EU calls**
Ex: MSCA Post-doctoral Fellowship (2024 + to come in 2025) & webinar on MSCA Staff Exchange to come in 2025
- Support for **match-making between researchers**
- Management of the [Seed Funding](#) Call.



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Presentation of the Seed Funding Call (15')

~ Last call open for 2025

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Seed Funding in a nutshell?

Aim of the call: Developing small-scale projects between at least 2 EU-CONEXUS partner universities in the fields of [education](#) or [R&I addressing Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability \(SmUCS\)](#) challenges

Budget available: € 4,400 per project

Types of expenses supported: All, apart from personnel, equipment costs & consumables or services related to research

Calendar: Call open continuously with 2 cut-off dates: **April 25 & August 29**

Number of projects to be supported for the 3rd call: 5 for 1st cut-off date, and 5-6 for second cut-off date

Success rate 1st call: 50% (5 supported / 10 submitted)

Success rate 2nd call: 26% (5 supported / 19 submitted)



Seed Funding Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Eligible beneficiaries are the nine EU-CONEXUS partner universities.
Other organisations can participate but do not receive any funding.
- ✓ A project proposal must be submitted.
- ✓ The project proposal subject must be in the field of Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (SmUCS).
- ✓ At least 2 staff/academics/researcher from 2 different EU-CONEXUS partner universities must be involved in the project (other organisations cannot be part of this core group).
- ✓ The proposed projects can be funded for up to maximum 12 months.

Seed Funding

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals are assessed based on 3 main criteria:

- ✓ **Excellence**: Relevance of the project with regards to the societal challenge of Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability, Education, research or innovation contribution of the proposed project, Appropriateness, completeness and clarity of the methodology.
- ✓ **Impact**: Impact of proposed activities and results, in particular for EU-CONEXUS, Expected outcomes.
- ✓ **Quality & efficiency of implementation**: Work plan, Organization, Budget coherence with regards to project ambition, Deliverables.



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Seed Funding

FUNDING CRITERIA

- ✓ Eligible costs are: conference fees, publication fees, travels. (personnel costs, equipment & consumables or services related to research are not eligible). A detailed budget must be provided.
- ✓ The funding is **maximum € 4 400 (VAT included) per project.**
- ✓ Co-funding is allowed whether it comes from the partners' own funds or from public or private funds.
- ✓ The expenses related to each project are taken in charge directly by EU-CONEXUS.
- ✓ There is funding available for approximately 20 small-scale projects in total distributed within 4 calls (around 5 projects supported per call).

Seed Funding

APPLICATION

- ✓ The project leader has to send the **completed application form** (Annex 1) to the following email address: projects@eu-conexus.eu
- ✓ Deadline for applications is:
 - **April 25 2025 COB**
 - **August 29 2025 COB at the latest.**



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Seed Funding Selection rules

- ✓ A **two-step-evaluation** will take place:
 - In a first step the Project Development Support Office will assess the conformity of the application to this call and its technical eligibility.
 - In a second step, applications will be evaluated by a rotating committee composed of 3 representatives from 3 partner universities.
- + participation of the vice-chairs of Ac. & R. Councils.
 - After 1st cut-off date: LRUniv, SETU, UniZD + vice-chairs for AC & RC
 - After 2nd cut-off date: FredU, LRUniv, UROS + vice-chairs for AC & RC





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Seed Funding Selection rules

- ✓ A ranking of the projects will be provided by the committee & 5-6 proposals will be selected for funding.
- ✓ The projects selected will be presented to the Research or Academic Councils depending on the field covered by the projects.
- ✓ A report will be requested at the end of each project.



Research & Innovation Information System

Through this portal, you will find the researchers, research support staff, research units, infrastructures and services, and ongoing research work in EU-CONEXUS partner institutions.

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European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

EU-CONEXUS is a strategic partnership between 9 universities strategically distributed over European coastal regions developing scientific solutions and innovations for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability.

Building on the expertise of its staff, partners and regional ecosystems, and through a holistic and interdisciplinary approach, EU-CONEXUS is helping meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and provide integrated holistic coastal zone management.

This Research and Innovation Information System aims to facilitate communication between researchers, academics, students and the socio-economic environment in order to identify synergies and opportunities for collaboration.



Video tutorial:
how to use the platform



9 institutions



207 research units

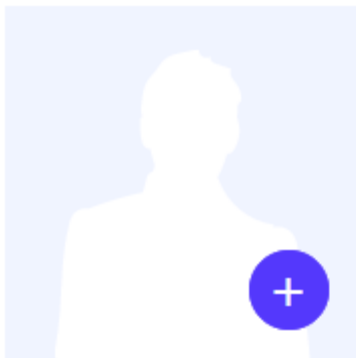


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Life Sciences

Neurosciences and Neural Disorders

Neuroimaging



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EU-CONEXUS R&I Information System

The RIIS is a website listing the research staff, units, infrastructures and services across EU-CONEXUS. It aims to foster research networking and facilitate resource access within the EU-CONEXUS Alliance.

Benefits:

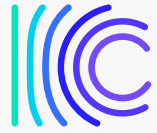
❓ Collaboration opportunities: the RIIS serves as a platform for researchers to explore potential collaborations and connect with peers across the EU-CONEXUS alliance.

❓ Simplified resource discovery: the RIIS will also help you locate research facilities, equipment and services in EU-CONEXUS partner institutions.

Complete your Profile now to help EU-CONEXUS peers find you!

For more information, please refer to the [RIIS website](#).





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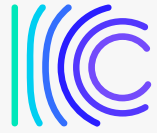
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Feedback from an evaluator (10')

Assoc. Prof. Eng. Mihnea Sandu, PhD.

Vice-Dean of Faculty of Building Services Engineering, Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest

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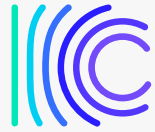


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Feedback from a successful applicant (10')

Assoc. Prof. Prof. Dr. Sc. Silvia Bekavac
Associate Professor
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Questions & Answers

Moderator: Lino Gruber (PDSO)

Time to ask all your questions to:

~ *Project Development Support Office*

~ *Mr. Mihnea Sandu (UTCB)*

~ *Dr. Sylvia Bekavac (UniZD)*

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Resources

[EU-CONEXUS WEBSITE](#)

Direct Link: [SEED FUNDING](#)

PDSO contact: projects@eu-conexus.eu





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