

Call for applications: Online Social Entrepreneurship Course

Join the first course of the **ERUA Social Entrepreneurship Lab!**

ERUA is an alliance of eight European universities funded by the European Union. This alliance is working in teaching- learning processes, research and knowledge to transfer to society. The online **Social Entrepreneurship Course: Creating Solutions for European Challenges** is a unique programme developed collaboratively by all ERUA Universities. This course, hosted under the **ERUA Social Entrepreneurship Lab**, empowers students to address pressing social, environmental, and economic challenges through entrepreneurial thinking and innovation.

Participants will engage in interdisciplinary learning, explore real-world social challenges, and gain practical tools to create impactful solutions.

The course includes:

- **Nine modules** taught by expert academic staff from the ERUA universities.
- A combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities.
- Modules delivered in **English**, with one module offering sessions in all 8 ERUA languages.

The course aims to contribute to solve challenges in the following ERUA thematic areas:

- 1) migration, exile and refugees;
- 2) environmental transition;
- 3) democracy and human rights, inclusion and gender equality;
- 4) interculturality and multilingualism;
- 5) arts and edges.

-Who can apply?

This course is open to **students**, but also **academic** and **administrative staff** (not more than 20% of the participants) **from all ERUA universities**. The program is ideal for individuals passionate about social entrepreneurship and eager to contribute to solving societal challenges in areas such as migration, climate change, human rights, and sustainability.

-What will participants gain?

- Knowledge of EU policies, funding opportunities, and frameworks for social entrepreneurship.
- Practical skills to identify and develop social business opportunities.
- A **certificate of completion** to boost your academic and professional profile – upon attending at least 75% of the sessions and positive evaluation of the Social Initiative/Business Plan.
- **ECTS**: depending on each University, a specific number of credits might be recognised.

-Course details

- **Start Date:** March 17, 2025
- **Duration:** 34 hours (32 hours in English + 2 hours in your university local language), approximately 11 weeks
- **Format:** Online (via Moodle platform)
- **Cost:** Free for all ERUA participants

-Application Procedure

1. **Eligibility:** Applicants must be enrolled at or affiliated with one of the ERUA universities.

2. **Required Materials:**

- a. Application form: in English, available at the following link <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ababa088-98a5-7193-e7a6-2ace2b695a6a>, with ID/student number and university email address
- b. Motivation statement (Required in your online application)
- c. Level of English according to the Common European framework of Reference for Language (options to be shown: C2, C1, B2, B1, etc.)

3. **Submission Deadline:** 28/02/2025 (*publication date: 10/02/2025*)

4. **Selection Criteria:**

Each applicant will be assigned a score (the maximum score is 10).

These are the common ERUA selection criteria:

- a. Motivation for social entrepreneurship, also including a potential idea for a social initiative/business and the relationship with a least one of the ERUA thematic areas: 70%
- b. English language skills: 30%
- c. Gender parity (40%-60%) will be respected.

Selection Process – Selection Committee

University-Level Selection: A 3-member committee at each ERUA university will evaluate applications and shortlist candidates. There will be 80 participants max., ideally, 10 participants per university.

ERUA-Level Finalisation: Unfilled spots will be redistributed among universities, following the same scoring system (0-10). An 8-member ERUA selection committee (one representative per university) will review and approve the final list of participants. Accepted participants will be informed and confirmation will be required.

Final Evaluation – Evaluation Committee

At the end of the course, participants are asked to submit a Social Initiative/Business Plan. Each ERUA university will appoint one person responsible for the account of attendance and the evaluation of social initiative/business plans of the local participants, forming an 8-member ERUA evaluation committee based on common evaluation criteria and using the same template.

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