

FORTHM Alliance Call for Share Funding Projects

CRITERIA AND COMMITMENTS

1. Language requirement

Your application must be drafted in English in order to be accepted by FORTHM. If your application is written in a different language, it will be rejected; however, we will give you a deadline to translate it into English and submit it again.

2. Eligible costs

In order for costs to qualify for receiving the FORTHM grant, they must meet the following criteria:

- they are incurred by you as the beneficiary and during the duration of the project
- they are necessary for the implementation of the project
- they can be identified and verified, being recorded in your accounting records
- they comply with the requirements of applicable tax and social legislation
- they are reasonable, justified and comply with the principle of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency

3. Award criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria	Definition	Maximum points
a. Relevance and motivation	This criterion evaluates the relevance of your project as described by you in the Project Description Form.	20
b. Quality of the content and activities	<p>This criterion evaluates how the project will be implemented in practice and how likely it will reach its objectives as described by you in the Project Description Form. The following items will be evaluated with up to 5 points each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality of the activities and implemented actions ○ Methodology ○ Timetable ○ Appropriateness of the budget 	20

c. Communication and dissemination	<p>This criterion evaluates your approach to communicating your activities and disseminating your results and to sharing knowledge and experiences within the sector and across borders, as described by you in the Project Description Form. The following items will be evaluated with up to 5 points each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication strategy considering the objectives and target groups ○ Dissemination strategy considering the sector and the geographic scope 	10
d. Quality of the project team	<p>This criterion evaluates the composition of your project team as described by you in the Project Description Form. The more FORTHEM universities participate, the higher the evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality of the project team, structure and management, previous experience, etc. (up to 4 points) ○ 3 points for each FORTHEM university participating in a team (minimum 2 universities - maximum 7 universities) 	25
e. Involvement of organisations, entities, student associations and NGOs	<p>This criterion evaluates the direct or indirect involvement of organisations, entities, student associations and NGOs related to the object and development of the project presented, as described by you in the Project Description Form. The following items will be evaluated with up to 5 points each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of organisations involved ○ The presence of the organisations in the places where the project will be developed ○ The transnational presence of the organisations in the universities involved 	15
f. Challenges	<p>This criterion evaluates the following items with 5 points each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risks mainly considered ○ Alternative feasibility options considered by you in the Project Description Form. 	10
g. Demands for support from the universities involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilities ○ Personnel, coaching ○ Project management basics 	Only for notes - no points given

Priority criteria for equally scored proposals

In case of equally scored proposals, these proposals will be ranked in accordance with the following rule:

- First priority will be given to the proposals with the highest score in the award criterion “Relevance”.

- If equally scored proposals still remain, priority will then be given to the proposals having obtained the highest score in the award criterion “Quality of the content and activities”.
- If equally scored proposals still remain, priority will then be given to the proposals having obtained the highest score in the award criterion “Quality of the project team”.
- If equally scored proposals still remain, priority will then be given to the proposals having obtained the highest score in the award criterion “Involvement of NGOs”.
- If equally scored proposals still remain, priority will then be given to the proposals having obtained the highest score in the award criterion “Challenges”.

4. Legal commitments

If a grant is awarded to you by the FORTHEM Alliance, a grant agreement drawn up in euros and detailing the conditions and level of funding will be sent to the project team, as well as the information on the procedure in view of formalising the agreement.

Your project team will sign two copies of the original grant agreement and return them to the FORTHEM Alliance, who will sign them last.

5. Communication and dissemination

To maximise the impact, projects should have a clear and strong strategy for communication and dissemination of their activities and results.

You will be required, as stipulated in the grant agreement to produce a public summary/report in English providing information about your work and the results of your project. The report may be used by the FORTHEM Alliance to provide information on the results of projects.

The FORTHEM Alliance may identify good practices and prepare relevant dissemination materials to be shared within all partner universities and beyond.

You may be required to attend and to participate in events organised by the FORTHEM Alliance to share your experience with other participants.