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## **CIVIS AMBASSADORS CALL @ PLUS**

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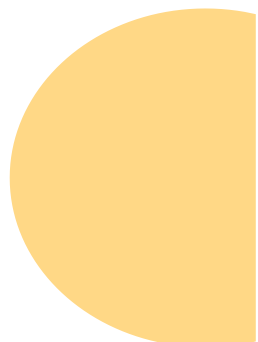
**Selected by the European Commission as one of the first 17 European Universities pilots, it brings together around half a million students and more than 70 000 staff members, including 37 400 academics and researchers.**

In 2022, CIVIS signed a partnership agreement with 6 strategic African partner universities: Université Hassan II de Casablanca (Morocco), University of Sfax (Tunisia), Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Senegal), Makerere University (Uganda), University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique).

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## Get involved in CIVIS – become an Ambassador!

CIVIS aims to create a unique European inter-university campus where students, academics, researchers and staff will move and collaborate as freely as within their institution of origin. It will develop a deep level of European integration, involving joint learning pathways, development of complementary research facilities and diverse degree pathways.

CIVIS will unite efforts and experiences to develop a European University Alliance with strong links to its local social and geographical environment and an orientation towards global challenges and thereby promote Civic Engagement. To be able to achieve this, we consider student involvement vital for our Alliance's goals.

Each university will select **three students** to serve as CIVIS Ambassadors, promoting the CIVIS Alliance's mission and goals within their institutions. Ideally, the Ambassadors will represent all three study cycles and various academic disciplines.

## Why become a CIVIS Ambassador?

Being a CIVIS Ambassador is a unique way to contribute to the CIVIS mission and vision: the creation of a European University Alliance, connected to its social environment and open to the world. Your engagement as a CIVIS Ambassador will undoubtedly be an asset to your personal and professional development through:

- making the most of networking opportunities and being part of the CIVIS Community: a diverse community of 11 European Universities which brings together more than 470 000 students and 68 000 staff members including 35 000 academics and researchers.
- further developing your skills for promoting, advertising and consulting on international exchange opportunities.
- building teamwork skills through collaborating across borders with other ambassadors.
- engaging with peers to promote a life-changing experience.
- getting involved in student-led projects together with representatives of the CIVIS student council.
- funded travel opportunities during student-led projects and/or during Global CIVIS Days.

## What does a CIVIS Ambassador do?

### Examples of duties and responsibilities:

- CIVIS Ambassadors will be responsible for promoting CIVIS within their home universities.
- They will be the first point of contact for their peers, both incoming CIVIS students and students of the home university interested in learning more about the Alliance and opportunities
- Participate and assist in organizing CIVIS related activities at their home university.
- Assist in the organization of CIVIS Student days in their universities.
- Communicate regularly with other CIVIS Ambassadors in the other CIVIS partner universities to share ideas, initiatives and experiences.
- Advocate for and assist in disseminating CIVIS initiatives in their community.
- Be in touch with Alumni regarding CIVIS initiatives and activities, as well as on a need-to basis with the CIVIS team and the International Relations departments regarding the above.
- Cooperate with the CIVIS Student Council.

Selected CIVIS Ambassadors will serve for **one or two academic years**.

## CIVIS Ambassadors: Selection Criteria

### Minimum requirements:

- Mobility experience: Prior experience with long term exchange activity (i.e. Erasmus+) or/and participation in a CIVIS course (short term mobility course like BIPs or Hub, Open Lab, Student led project)
- Applicants need to be enrolled at their home university in a BA, MA, or PhD program to be eligible for selection.

**Please note:** incoming exchange students enrolled at the University through national or international exchange programs **are not eligible** candidates. If in doubt about your enrollment status, please check with your home university's International Office.

- Very good command of English (minimum: level B2)
- Strong communication skills
- Excellent organization skills

### Desirable qualifications:

- Knowledge of another language of the Alliance (French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Romanian, German)
- Civic Engagement experience

**Please note:** Among several candidates, selection will take into account the different levels of study, equal gender representation, academic excellence and the need to represent different academic fields. Civic engagement will also be taken into consideration.

### How to apply?

Students who are interested in becoming CIVIS Ambassador at PLUS should submit:

- a CV in English or German
- a short statement in English or German in which you outline the reasons for wishing to serve as a CIVIS Ambassador (max 200 words)
- a copy of an English language certificate (recommended)

Please note:

- Candidates may also be called in for an interview at a later stage.
- The results will be announced in the beginning of December!

**Application deadline: November 30, 2024**

**Applications should be sent to :** [egzona.krasniqi@plus.ac.at](mailto:egzona.krasniqi@plus.ac.at)