

Call for AI-NURECC PLUS Transnational mobility experience for young master's graduates from the 10 EUSAIR Countries

12 July 2023 - 31 July 2023

Art. 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities Initiative PLUS (AI-NURECC PLUS Initiative) is a preparatory action financed by DG REGIO that will capitalize on the results of the AI-NURECC Initiative, which ended in December 2019.

This new project, that started back in 2021, is coordinated by the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) in partnership with four stakeholders from the area: the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE), the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC), the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce (FORUM AIC), and the Association of Universities of the Adriatic Ionian area (UniAdriion).

The AI-NURECC PLUS partners have joined their efforts to support the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Sea Region (EUSAIR) implementation, ensuring deep and broad territorial coverage while enhancing Regional and Local Authorities' appropriation of the EUSAIR main objectives and opportunities in the EUSAIR cross-pillar topics: "Research and Innovation", "SMEs Development", and "Skills Development". AI-NURECC PLUS therefore supports entrepreneurship, transnational clusters, and digital innovation hubs activities for the EUSAIR.

Special attention is paid to Youth, also through initiatives addressed to sport, integration and social inclusion, tools that are expected to further encourage community sustainable development, cohesion and solidarity in the area. AI-NURECC PLUS also aims at encouraging multi-actor networking and collaboration among representatives of the private and public sectors and civil society to foster coordination among EU, national, regional, and local policies, to develop Circular Economy.

In this context, AI-NURECC PLUS operates in the following fields: Sustainable Tourism, Cultural and Creative Industries, and Circular Economy.

AI-NURECC PLUS activities also contribute to the implementation of the Cultural and Creative Regional Ecosystems (CCRE-S3) thematic area's objectives in the EUSAIR area. CCRE-S3 is an AI-NURECC deliverable and the first thematic area with a specific focus on a Macro-Regional Strategy.

2. The AI-NURECC PLUS project provides funding to activate high-level transnational mobility experiences that will be carried out at institutions located in the Adriatic-Ionian area, covering all EUSAIR countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia. **The transnational mobility experiences will focus on the same topics covered by the project, namely: Creative and Cultural Industries, Circular Economy, Sustainable Tourism and other topics strongly interrelated with the EUSAIR macro-regional strategy.**

The objective is to implement the awareness of young people to be part of the EUSAIR, to discover the state of the art and future scenarios. The purposes are manifold: strengthening international cooperation between countries of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region, promoting structured mobility and boosting skills of the young people.

Approximately 27 **transnational mobility experiences** for a maximum period of three months will be made available at Universities (UniAdriion members), Chambers of Commerce (FORUM AIC members), Cities and Regions (FAIC and AIE members) in the EUSAIR countries. Moreover, also the DG REGIO of the European Commission and CPMR Members' delegations (from the EUSAIR area) made places available to host young master's graduates, depending on the choice of the candidate and the availability of the host institution. Each selected candidate will receive a lump-sum for the mobility period. In addition, candidates will be covered by comprehensive insurance. No cost will be charged to institutions which, in addition to participating free of charge, will have the opportunity to interact with young people and to test skills during the mobility period for possible future opportunities.

The partner in charge to manage the mobility will be UniAdriion and the other partners of the AI-NURECC PLUS project will be actively involved during the all duration of the activities.

Art. 2 – COUNTRIES IN WHICH TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY EXPERIENCES

Participants will be able to carry out the transnational mobility experience in one of the institutions referred to in Article 3, in one of the following EUSAIR countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia and Slovenia. Moreover, there is the possibility of having mobility in Belgium (Brussels). To guarantee the geographical balance and candidatures expressed from potential hosting institutions, the available position for countries is the following:

- n.2 for Albania
- n.3 for Bosnia and Herzegovina
- n.2 for Croatia
- n.3 for Greece
- n.3 for Italy

- n.2 for Montenegro
- n.2 for North Macedonia
- n.3 for Serbia
- n.1 for San Marino
- n.2 for Slovenia
- n.4 for Belgium

This subdivision was made considering the territorial extension of each individual country involved in EUSAIR to give more opportunities to the countries involved in the EU enlargement process and to have a significant experience also in Brussels, in the heart of Europe.

Art. 3 – INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH THE MOBILITY WILL BE CARRIED OUT

The list of institutions is provided as attachment "L" to this announcement and they had been selected among:

- Universities (UniAdriion members);
- Chambers of Commerce (FORUM AIC members);
- Cities (FAIC members);
- Regions and Cities (AIE members);
- Regions (CPMR members);
- DG REGIO quarters;

Art. 4 - RECIPIENTS

The recipients are young master's graduates under the age of 35 and they must have nationality and residence in one of the EUSAIR countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia and Slovenia).

UniAdriion undertakes to provide support to students with special needs who intend to participate in this call.

Art. 5 – DURATION OF THE TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY EXPERIENCE

The duration of the mobility at the host institution is from 04 September until 24 November 2023 and cannot be prolonged after the 24 November 2023.

Art. 6 – PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The action AI-NURECC PLUS has received funding from the European Union



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The participation requirements are as follows:

1. The candidate must be a young graduate under 35 years.
2. Candidates must have nationality and residence in one of the EUSAIR countries, as listed in art. 2 of this announcement.
3. Master graduates
4. Candidates will have to choose 2 possible institutions from the **"Hosting Organizations - L"**, (in order of preference) in 2 different countries other than their own nationality and place of residence.

Art. 7 – MOBILITY LUMP SUM

A Lump Sum is provided for the mobilities for a maximum period of 3 months and will be paid monthly to the graduates (see art.8). The contribution amount is different according to the destination country, because of different costs at different sites, as indicated in the table below:

Countries in which to carry out the mobility	Monthly amounts
Albania	€ 550.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	€ 550.00
Croatia	€ 650.00
Greece	€ 650.00
Italy	€ 650.00
Montenegro	€ 550.00
North Macedonia	€ 550.00
San Marino	€ 650.00
Serbia	€ 550.00
Slovenia	€ 650.00
Belgium	€ 1,000.00

The selected participants will be able to benefit from a lump sum which does not intend to cover the entire cost of the stay, but compensate, at least in part, the expenses incurred in the host country. The aim is to offer an economic contribution to the participants during the mobility period. The participants will be covered by insurance for civil liability, medical expenses, reimbursement of costs for crisis situations, trip cancellation and flight delay. The Mobility Lump Sum will be paid in Euros.

Art. 8 – PAYMENT OF THE MOBILITY LUMP SUM

The disbursement of the lump sum mobility can ONLY take place by crediting a bank/postal current account or a prepaid card with the participant's IBAN code. Each participant must be the holder or co-holder of the account where he/she will receive the lump sum credit and is required to verify the correctness of the bank details in the signed **"Mobility Agreement - Module D"**.

The payment of the amount - calculated proportionally on the basis of the mobility period established in the **"Mobility training project - Module C"** and the **"Mobility Agreement - Module D"**, will be made in three tranches:

- The first tranche, equal to 30% of the total amount of the due contribution, will be credited after the intermediary partners have received the **"Arrival Form - Module E"** duly completed and signed by the host institution;
- The second tranche, equal to 30% of the total amount of the contribution due, will be credited upon completing one third of the mobility;
- The last tranche, equal to 40%, will be credited upon return from the mobility experience, upon presentation of the **"Mobility Completion Statement - Module G"** duly drawn up by the host organization and the **"Evaluation Questionnaire - Module H"** filled in by the participants.
- In the case of mobility interruption before the deadline, the amount due will be recalculated on the actual days spent abroad. If the balance is positive, the intermediary partner will disburse the remaining part of the scholarship in credit to the participant. If the balance is negative, the participant will be asked to repay the amount owed.
- In the case the duration of the mobility is shorter than three months, the payments will be carried out in two tranches of 50% after receiving the requested documents (1. Arrival form 50%; 2. Mobility completion Statement , Evaluation Questionnaire 50%).

Art. 9 – HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Starting from 12 July 2023 until 31 July 2023, application requests must be sent by e-mail to the following address: info@uniadriion.net

Participants wishing to apply must follow the following procedure:

- a. Download the **"Registration Form- Module A"** in the attachments section and send it duly filled and signed in, in PDF format. Candidates will have to choose 2 possible institutions from the **"Hosting Organizations - L"**, (in order of preference) in 2 different countries other than their own nationality and place of residence.
- b. Please send an email with:
 - **"Registration Form- Module A" duly filled and signed in, in PDF Format;**

- **Curriculum Vitae;**
- **a short Motivational letter (max 1 page);**
- A copy of an **identification document (passport or ID CARD)** to the email address info@uniadriion.net

c. The email must contain the following subject: *"AI-NURECC PLUS MOBILITY_Name Surname"*

UniAdrion will check the eligibility of the application sent according to the terms of this announcement (art. 6 and 9). Within 7 days from the date of receipt of the registration, UniAdrion will communicate the eligibility to participate in the program, provide the information for contacting the host organizations and all the other documents needed for the further steps (Modules: B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I).

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: 12 July 2023 - 31 July 2023

START and END OF the TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY EXPERIENCE: 04 September 2023 until 24 November 2023

Art. 10 – SELECTION

The application will be considered in order of time of arrival.

A waiting list of eligible candidates will be formed and candidates will be contacted in case the financial resources allocated for each country are not exhausted (as indicated in the abovementioned list of positions available).

In fact, if by 31 July 2023 no applications have been received from candidates from all universities, the remaining scholarships will be assigned to the candidates on the basis of the "Waiting List" (based on arrival).

Art. 11 – FULFILMENTS

1. PRE DEPARTURE - GET ACCEPTANCE FROM THE HOST INSTITUTION

The selected candidate has to contact the host institutions and send the request for formalizing the Mobility through the **"Acceptance Letter- Module B"** that need to be duly completed and signed by the participant, the legal representative/ or delegated person and tutor of the host institution to the email address info@uniadriion.net, object *"Acceptance letter_Name Surname candidate_name of hosting institution_Country of hosting institution"*.

The candidate has two weeks to receive the **“Acceptance Letter- Module B”** from one of the host institutions indicated in the Registration Form, following the order of preference, after which the application will expire.

Please note that UniAdrion is not liable in the event of failure to carry out the mobility and/or reduction in the availability of reception by the host institutions .

Any changes of destination, after acceptance by the host institution, will be permitted only in serious cases of objective impossibility (to be assessed).

2. PRE DEPARTURE - DRAFTING OF THE MOBILITY TRAINING PROJECT

Together with the host institution, the candidate will draft the **“Mobility training project - Module C”**, which must specify the mobility period, the monthly activities, the objectives and the expected results. The document must also include the tutor of the host organization that will follow the participant during the mobility period.

The document must be sent to the email address info@uniadrion.net object **“Mobility training project_Name Surname_host institution name_host institution country”** . The document must be validated by UniAdrion and signed by the candidate, the host institution and UniAdrion.

Once the “Mobility training project” has been approved and signed, UniAdrion will send the **“Mobility agreement- Module D”** to the candidate, who will have to view it and fill it in with their bank details. The document must be signed by UniAdrion and by the candidate and send it to info@uniadrion.net with the object **“Mobility Agreement_Name Surname_host institution name_host institution country”**

3. PRE-DEPARTURE - MOBILITY TRAINING

The candidates selected before departure will be trained through video lessons on:

- What are the Adriatic Ionian Initiative and the EUSAIR (European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region), on the sense of belonging and international cooperation that distinguishes this area;
- Who are the main Stakeholders of the area: CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions), AIC Forum (Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce Forum), UniAdrion (Association of Adriatic and Ionian Universities), FAIC (Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities) and the Adriatic and Ionian Euroregion.

Duration of the training is about 6 hours in total (e-learning).

Following these lessons, suitable candidates will be subjected to a learning test of the skills acquired and subsequently also issued a certificate of attendance.

4. ONGOING MOBILITY - ARRIVAL AT THE HOST ORGANIZATION AND START OF THE MOBILITY

- On the day the mobility experience starts, the participant must have the "**Arrival Form- Module E**" filled in by the host organization and send it to info@uniadrion.net object "*Arrival Form_ Name Surname candidate_Host organization_host country*"
- The participant and the host institution must duly complete and sign the monthly "**Monthly Attendance Register - Module F**" which indicates the working hours and a summary report of the related activities carried out according to the provisions of the transnational mobility experience. The document must be sent by the participant at info@uniadrion.net object "*Monthly attendance register_month_ Name Surname candidate_Host organization_Country of host organization*"

5. AT THE END OF MOBILITY - CONCLUSION OF THE MOBILITY

- At the end of the mobility period, the host institution will have to fill in the "**Mobility Completion Statement- Module G**" which will be sent by the participant to info@uniadrion.net object "*Mobility Completion Statement_ Name Surname candidate_Hosting institution_host institution country*"
- In order to receive the last tranche of payment, the participant must answer the questions in the "**Evaluation questionnaire -Module H**" and inform UniAdrion once completed.

The transnational mobility experience requires mobility for the person involved, no hybrid solution is possible.

Art. 12 – OTHER OBLIGATIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE

The candidate must independently inform himself about any rules governing entry into the host country, by promptly contacting the relevant diplomatic missions (Embassies and Consulates). General information on visas and residence permits for short and long stays can also be found at https://immigration-portal.ec.europa.eu/index_en

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Art. 13 – INSURANCE COVERAGE

Each participant will be covered by the project by a comprehensive insurance:

- civil liability;
- medical expenses;
- reimbursement of costs for crisis situations;
- trip cancellation;

- flight delay.

Art. 13 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The personal data provided by the candidates will be used only for the purposes inherent in carrying out the selection and treated in compliance with the provisions of the Italian Legislative Decree 30.6.2003 n. 196, as modified by the Italian Legislative Decree n. 101 of 10.8.2018, and by the European Regulation 679/2016 on the protection of personal data. The provision of such data is mandatory for the purpose of participating in the selection.

CONTACTS

To receive further information or requests for clarification, contact the UniAdrion Secretariat at the following addresses:

email: info@uniadrion.net

telephone: +390712203028: from Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 13:30

Skype contact: <https://join.skype.com/invite/MiP8C9qhs7P4> from Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 13:30

ATTACHMENTS

- **Module A: Registration Form**
- **Module B: Acceptance letter**
- **Module C: Mobility training project**
- **Module D: Mobility agreement**
- **Module E : Arrival Form**
- **Module F: Monthly Attendance Register**
- **Module G: Mobility Completion Statement**
- **Module H: Evaluation questionnaire for participants**
- **Module I: Evaluation questionnaire for hosting institutions**
- **L: Hosting institutions database**