



EPiCUR
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EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR AN INNOVATIVE CAMPUS UNIFYING REGIONS

EPICUR internship programmes in research, at private enterprises and civil society organisations

PhD Research Internships

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European Universities initiative



#EuropeanUniversities

Building the universities of the future

➤ **284** higher education institutions
in **41** alliances

➤ **31** European Countries

➤ Up to EUR **5 MILLION** from Erasmus+
Up to EUR **2 MILLION** from Horizon 2020 | per alliance





The EPICUR Alliance

EPICUR

8 pioneers

Adam-Mickiewicz University of Poznań
(Poland)

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

University of Natural Resources and Life
Sciences (Austria)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany)

University of Haute-Alsace (France)

University of Freiburg (Germany)

University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

University of Strasbourg (France)



307,000

STUDENTS

40,000

**STAFF, INCLUDING
21,000 ACADEMIC
STAFF/
RESEARCHERS**

118

FACULTIES

156

**RESEARCH
GROUPS**

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Key objectives of EPICUR Education

Expand the teaching offer in the field of Liberal Arts and Science

- A 'European Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science'

Strengthen inter-regional networks, forming new links between academia and society

- A 'research-based learning approach'



Consolidate and connect study programmes in the field of European Languages

- A 'European model language policy'

Create a blended inter-university campus

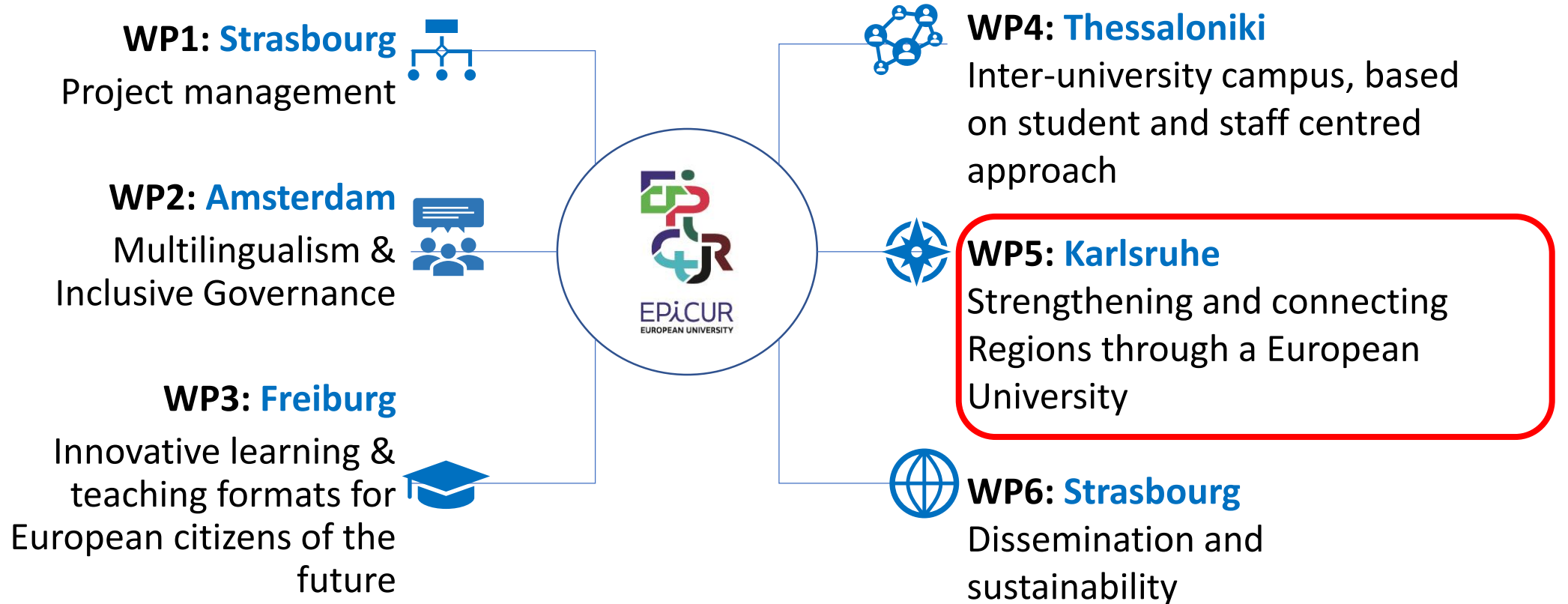
- EPICUR Inter-university campus (EIUC)





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EPICUR Education Work Packages (WP)





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Three formats of EPiCUR internships (WP 5.3)

Internships in Research

- PhD candidates

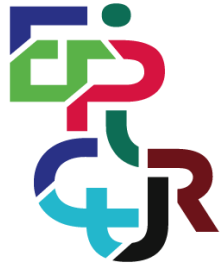
Internships at Private Enterprises

- Bachelor students
- Master's students

Internships at Civil Society Organisations

- Bachelor students
- Master's Students





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Objectives of the programme

- Preparing PhD candidates for an academic career in times of increasing globalisation and digitalisation
- Giving PhD candidates the opportunity to:
 - continue their studies and research
 - work with world-leading experts in their field or other disciplines
 - gain access to other research infrastructures
 - establish networks in the partner universities' regions which can be useful for their future careers
- Enabling the PhD candidates to broaden their horizons, improve their language proficiency and enhance their intercultural competence before beginning their academic careers

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What are we looking for?

- We would like the PhD candidates to be involved in **current research projects** at your institute.
- The topics of the research projects during the pilot run should be related to **sustainability, climate change and the environment**.
- Your institute should ideally take an **interdisciplinary** approach and be open to offering research internships to PhD candidates from other disciplines.
- Your institute **is willing to** discuss and define the specific research focus and content in close collaboration with the PhD candidates.
- Your institute has experience **mentoring foreign PhD candidates**. Each participant should be assigned a mentor who will hold regular meetings with him/her for the duration of the internship (min. 2 months).

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Interdisciplinary and/or transdisciplinary research



Research areas: sustainability, climate change and the environment

Research Institutes
(both internal university research institutes and external institutes from the region)



Integrate research internships into existing research projects



Interest in cultural diversity



What do we offer?



Motivated, top-notch PhD candidates from universities within the EPICUR alliance



Become (even) more visible with your research project on a European level



Access to the different research networks within EPICUR and beyond





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Timeline for implementation

1. Confirm available PhD internship positions by the end of June 2021
2. Application phase: mid-September 2021
3. Selection phase: October 2021
4. Internship phase: February to July 2022

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Thank you!

If you are interested in offering a research internship to PhD candidates, please contact the programme coordinators:

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