

# **Erasmus+ Projects - KA171/International Credit Mobility**

## **PEERS 2023 - Results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call**

Following the application period for the **PEERS 2023** - Erasmus ICM, KA171 project, a total of 248 applications were received:

- 209 applications IN (89 SMS / 67 STA / 53 STT)
- 39 applications OUT (2 SMS / 27 STA / 10 STT)

From the submitted applications, 24 applications were considered not eligible, as not all relevant documents were submitted. This information was sent to all applicants and an opportunity was given for providing evidence of the expenditure of the requested documents.

A total of 189 applications IN were sent for evaluation of the Home and Host institutions.

A total of 35 applications OUT were validated by the Portuguese Home Institutions.

The evaluation criteria used by both Home and Host institutions was the same:

- (i) Academic suitability and the relevance of the application: 0 to 8 points
- (ii) Relevance of the work/study plan: 0 to 6 points
- (iii) CV: 0 to 3 points
- (iv) English or Portuguese language knowledge: 0 to 3 points.

The Selection Committee met via ZOOM, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2024, and did the final selection of the scholarships following established criteria for selection in order to achieve the highest impact of the project, the respect for home institutions/countries' priorities, the evaluation by host institutions, the balance among partners, the creation of new cooperation opportunities and the awareness for eventual cross-cutting issues.

The methodology used to produce the final proposal for selection is indicated as following:

- ✓ Respect for the mobility distribution approved by the European Commission and Portuguese National Agency;
- ✓ Balance among partner institutions regarding the number of mobility flows (*incoming* and *outgoing*);
- ✓ Balance among partners so as to achieve a strong impact of the project (a fair distribution among the sending and receiving partners);
- ✓ Evaluation by the host/home institution;
- ✓ Level of priority defined by the candidates in the application (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> option);
- ✓ Priority defined by the home institution;

- ✓ Whenever candidates presented equivalent quality, priority would be given to the candidates with no previous mobility;
- ✓ Whenever relevant, priority would be given to the candidates with fewer opportunities.

At the end of the process, a total of **119** scholarships/grants were allocated:

- ✓ 66 scholarships/grants INcoming within the project PEERS 2023
- ✓ 35 scholarships/grants OUTgoing within the project PEERS 2023
- ✓ 18 scholarships/grants INcoming within the project PEERS 2022, taking into account the funding available for this project.

All selected candidates, and respective HEI, will receive the information by e-mail.

The selected candidates should accept the scholarship by sending a specific form to [usai@usai.uminho.pt](mailto:usai@usai.uminho.pt).