

Call for student-led projects 2026

Submission phase: 01.12.2025 - 01.02.2026

Project phase: 16.03.2026¹ - 30.11.2026

A student-led project is understood as an initiative created, developed, and implemented by a group of students from the SEA-EU universities, that can be linked to their field of study or their general interests.

The fund for student-led projects provides up to € 4000 per project for innovative ideas, which aim to foster one or more of the following topics:

- Inclusion, diversity and gender equality: the Alliance focuses on achieving a more active participation in the university life of those social groups which are usually underrepresented and removing barriers increasing the students' level of awareness about gender and diversity issues.
- Sustainability and climate equity: SEA-EU is conscious of the damaging effects of climate change and promotes the exchange of ecological practices at the different levels of the university life – from green mobility to green research.
- Multilingualism and plurality: SEA-EU enhances the effective use of English as the main mode of communication within the alliance, while at the same time promoting multilingualism by encouraging respect for and knowledge of the local languages of the alliance. The alliance devotes efforts to strengthening multilingualism, while also ensuring an effective use of English as a means of communication, scholarship, teaching and learning within the Alliance and beyond.
- Digitalisation and digital forms of collaborations: the alliance aims to create new digital ways of collaboration among students in research and teaching, sharing tools and platforms among the universities and fostering digital competencies among students to consequently prepare them for the labour market.
- Social entrepreneurship and positive impact on the community/society: The SEA-EU alliance aims to build bridges with the society and local partners to face global common challenges together. Through innovative approaches, like service-learning, students will develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, management and entrepreneurial skills. Cooperations with non-academic partners like NGOs will be developed. The alliance is strengthening the link to society, also promoting open educational resources, open science and open data to communities and the general public to expand the SEA-EU university model across borders.

¹ Please be aware that, due to internal deadlines, the project phase for projects led by students from the University of Malta will commence on 1 April 2026 and conclude on 30 November 2026 and that the fund will be set at €3,000 per project.

Please note: Only one project may be funded per project leader per call. All projects must be planned to finish by 30.11.2026.

Conditions

- Eligible projects will be led by a minimum of one student (project leader) from any of the nine SEA-EU Partner Universities, and be carried out in collaboration with at least one student of another SEA-EU partner university. Note that maximum funds for projects led by the University of Malta is € 3.000 per project.
- Team members must be enrolled at a SEA-EU university at least until the end of the project phase (project completed).
- The application must state how much money the project requires and include a financial plan and a project plan, that define, as specifically as possible, how milestones are split between cooperating students (use the templates available on our website).
- The application must give a description of a perceived problem/challenge with status quo and the proposed solution.
- The application must specify the team members, and the role of each team member.
- The project leaders commit themselves to share the results of their project with the SEA-EU community (as a written report, a video, infographics, podcasts etc).

Eligible funding, activities, and events

- Costs for the creation and provision of learning materials and new media formats for use in education.
- Travel expenses.
- Costs for materials/equipment, if these are indispensable for the implementation of the project and will be used exclusively for the project.
- Publication fees.

Please note that local rules for procurement/expenditure/travels must be adhered to.

Submission

If you want to apply, please submit:

- a complete and coherent application form
- a financial plan
- a project plan
- a letter of support signed by a lecturer who supports the project at your faculty/university

All documents templates can be downloaded from the SEA-EU [webpage](#).

Evaluation procedure

The international jury consists of lecturers, staff in the field of educational development and university didactics, as well as student representatives across all SEA-EU universities. Each project is evaluated individually and then prioritized. The selection is based solely on the following criteria:

- A complete and coherent application
- A clear concept and project plan that provides valid information about the added value of international cooperation.
- Practicability of the project within the project phase
- Reusability / Long-term added value
- Efficiency and cost-effectiveness

Applications must be submitted via e-mail (apply-seaeu@uv.uni-kiel.de) by 01.02.2026. Please make sure to include all the completed documents in attachment of your mail.

All applicants will get a response within 02.03.2026.