

EU GREEN Researcher Mobility Program

Procedure for selection and programme description

1. Background

Through top level education and research, EU GREEN, the European University for Sustainability, aims at addressing sustainability from the periphery and for the periphery. EU GREEN partners aim to place societal responsibility at the heart of their mission, as a guiding principle that defines the way we teach and the focus of our research.

EU GREEN sets up a yearly researcher mobility program to stimulate research collaboration among our 9 universities. This procedure, implemented by the Work Package Research (WP3), is believed to leverage inter-university collaboration.

It is expected from the research visits to either launch or reinforce research cooperation between EU GREEN institutions on an individual (researchers), intermediate (teams/medium scale projects) or institutional level (research centres/large scale projects, PHD schools etc.).

2. Objectives of the program

The objectives of the *EU GREEN Researchers Mobility Program* are to:

- Support research visits of researchers between EU GREEN partner;
- Foster research collaborations and joint research activities;
- Boost cluster's researchers to apply to EU funding;
- Strengthen research-based learning through the clusters.

Beneficiaries:

The mobility program is devoted to permanent and temporary staff (PhD¹, researchers, technical and administrative staff) for:

- Participation in conferences or seminars (e.g doctoral schools) organised by EU GREEN partners
- Secondment or internship of PhD students
- Laboratory experiments
- Training on protocols, processes
- Joint supervision of PhD Students; Co-tutorship
- Consortia meetings for preparation of international competitive proposals
- Initiatives to strengthen research-based learning.

¹ Only if the mobility cannot be funded through the traditional Erasmus+ program.

Depending on the institution's own policy, this program may include Master's students as beneficiaries for the funding of research internship.

The *EU GREEN Researchers Mobility Program* developed within WP3 must be limited to research visits and research-based learning, no confusion/overlaps with the activities developed within WP2.

The *EU GREEN Research Mobility Program* is open to all academic disciplines and topics, while the EU GREEN overarching theme “Sustainability” shall be promoted within the program. The proposed projects must be related either to [the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) or [the 6 clusters thematics](#).

Basic requirements:

- The mobility project should be linked with at least one of the clusters objectives ([cf. the research strategy part 6](#)):
 1. to get to know each other's works better through fact finding mission
 2. to develop a solid international research network
 3. to transfer results into society
 - Max €2,000 per person per mobility will be taken to cover travel costs and related expenses as accommodation and food during the mobility period. The respective national regulations for business trips must be respected.
 - Eligible applicants are researchers, staff, PhD. (Permanent and temporary staff at each University).
 - Mobilities funded only towards EU GREEN universities and for participation in project activities.
 - The program finances only outgoing mobility.
 - No European double funding: the same expenditure cannot be allocated twice to European funds. For example, the beneficiary cannot benefit from this mobility program and from Horizon Europe or Erasmus+ funds for the same activities.
 - Both the visiting fellow and the host researcher shall be actively implicated in the project's realisation during the visit.
 - The support of the project by a host researcher and host research centre is mandatory.

The regular work meetings organised by the six clusters are not concerned by this program as they received dedicated EU GREEN funding for the implementation and management of the clusters. As EU GREEN fully-fledged bodies and part of the WP3 governance, the six clusters will not have to apply to this researcher's mobility program to organise their working sessions. Their mobility is acquired by right.

To raise awareness of the carbon impact of the activities, researchers should estimate the carbon footprint of the project, e.g., by using the online simulator “[Labos 1point5](#)”. An assessment should be provided with the application form (but will not be evaluated).

3. Fundings

Each university will finance the expenses of their researchers and will dedicate an annual budget for this *EU GREEN Researchers Mobility Program* of 20,000€ allowing the financing of at least 10 mobilities/year (max. 2000€ per mobility).

The internal rules of each university must be considered when calculating the exact budget of each mobility.

4. Evaluation criteria

EU GREEN Researchers Mobility proposals will be assessed internally in each university against the below-mentioned criteria:

Criteria	Max. score
A detailed programme of the activities to be developed during the visit.	5 points
The expected outcomes of the mobility visit and next collaboration steps planned after the visit (i.e. visits regarding application to competitive funding)	6 points
Early career researchers (PhD and Postdoc)	4 points
TOTAL	15 points

The threshold score is set at 8.

Proposals that pass the overall threshold will be considered for funding, within the limits of the available call budget. Other proposals will be rejected.

In case of a tie, the evaluators will give priority to early career researchers.

5. Implementation

The *EU GREEN Researchers Mobility Program* will be implemented in a decentralised manner, by local program referents in each partner university responsible for:

- the promotion of the program among its academic communities,
- the application and selection process,
- the program implementation.

Evaluation procedure:

The application will be assessed locally in each university by the vice-rectorate of research and the local program referent. The WP3 coordination team will be informed regularly on the mobilities funded in each university.

How to apply:

Applicants from EU GREEN partner universities can apply through the form below to the local program referents of their home and host institution in a single email addressed to local referents.

One application must be sent per person and per mobility. For example, if two people would like to undertake 2 mobilities in the frame of the same project, they must submit 2 application forms.

The applicant must include within the application form:

- a detailed description of the activity, to be carried out during the visit.
- the nomination of a host co-responsible for the project during the visit; he/she shall also be the first contact person for the visiting fellow in the host institution for the preparation of the visit and during the stay.
- the countersignature of the director of the host research centre, confirming the research centre’s capacity of offering good research conditions during the visit.

As annexes to the application form:

- the carbon footprint assessment.
- the CV of the applicant.

Expected Calendar:

SESSION 1	
Application open	15 th of September 2023
Application close	15 th of November 2023
Notification to applicants	Before the 30 th of December
First date for mobility to start	1 st of January 2024
Latest date for mobility to end	31 st July 2024
Final report due	One month after the end of the mobility
SESSION 2	
Application open	1 st of March 2024
Application close	1 st of May 2024
Notification to applicants	Before the 15 th of June 2024
First date for mobility to start	1 st of August 2024
Latest date for mobility to end	31 st of December 2024
Final report due	One month after the end of the mobility

Outgoing mobility: selected *EU GREEN Researchers Mobility* projects are financed by the researchers’ home university according to the university’s relevant internal procedure for outgoing research mobility.

Reporting: Each visiting fellow is expected to prepare a short report on their research mobility (online form to fill one month after the mobility). A support template will be sent to them by the program referent of their university.

7. Contacts:

In order to get an overview on the research activity within the EU GREEN partner institutions and establish the contact with individual researchers or research centres of partner institutions, please refer to the following links:

- [University of Parma \(UNIPR\), Italy](#)
- [University of Oradea \(UO\), Romania](#)
- [Otto von Guericke University in \(OVGU\) Magdebourg, Germany](#)
- [University of Gävle \(HiG\), Sweden,](#)
- [University of Evora \(UE\), Portugal](#)
- [University of Extremadura \(UEX\), Spain](#)
- [Atlantic Technological University \(ATU\), Ireland](#)
- [Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences \(UPWR\), Poland.](#)
- [University of Angers \(UA\), France](#)

Local referents of the EU GREEN Research Mobility program, in charge of the application / selection procedure and practical questions about the program, are:

- University of Parma (UNIPR) : Alessandro Bernazzoli, alessandro.bernazzoli@unipr.it
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- University of Evora (UE), Claudia Marques, UE, mcbm@uevora.pt
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- Atlantic Technological University, Frances Lucy, frances.lucy@atu.ie
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- University of Angers: Alix Blouët : eugreenWP3@univ-angers.fr

An online information session will be held on **Friday, September 22nd from 9 am to 10 am** (UTC+2) for both the seed funding and the researcher mobility program. To join us, please click [here](#).

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Application form

Details of Visiting Fellow		
Name, Surname, Title and Current Position	Organisation and Research Centre Names and Address	Email
Date of obtention of your PhD:		
Visit Details		
<u>Estimated duration of the visit:</u>		
<u>Estimated period of the visit:</u>		
Details of Inviting Professor		
Name and Surname	Organisation and Research Centre Names and Address	Email
Acceptance of the proposal by the Director of the Host Research Centre		
Name and Surname	Organisation and Research Centre Names and Address	Email
Signature:	Date:	
Which cluster topic is covered by this mobility:		
Which SDG(s) is/are covered by this mobility:		
Detailed presentation of the mobility project (1500 words max.):		

Purpose and objectives of the visit:	
Added value for EU GREEN alliance:	
Overview of previous collaborations with EU GREEN partners to-date:	
Next steps of collaboration planned after the visit and the expected outcomes of the mobility visit:	
SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES DURING THE VISIT - Please provide details of the planned collaborative events and activities including an indication of the intended audience (400 words).	
VISITING FELLOW BIOGRAPHY - Please provide a written summary of your research and how you will be developing this during your time at the host institution How is this mobility relevant to your research? (Approximately 150 words).	
BUDGET²	
Expenses	Revenue:
Travel:	EU GREEN requested amount:
Accommodation:	Other funding:
Subsistence costs:	
Total	Total :

² The internal rules of each university must be considered when calculating the exact budget of each mobility. For example, the University of Angers applies a dedicated per diem amount per country. This regulation must be respected by all the French participants. Please refer to your local referent for more information.

Name and surname: Signature:	Date:
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To be included to this form:

- CV OF PROPOSED VISITING FELLOW - Please attach separately as a Web-link or Word document or PDF your CV.
- CARBON FOOTPRINT ASSESSMENT - Applicants should use an online simulator in order to estimate the carbon footprint and provide the results as an annex of their proposition.