

## Q&A from the sessions

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- **Can someone be both the PI and the local coordinator for a project? Or do these need to be separate people?** The PI works as the Local project Coordinator in their local research unit (e.g., Unit n. 1). A local project coordinator will also be present in Unit n. 2 of a partner university and Unit n. 3 of a third partner university. Each unit can consist of many members, who are coordinated in their work by the local project coordinator.
- **I am employed at the partner university UW (part-time researcher position - assistant professor) - however my full-time employment is at another Polish university. Can I be a PI of the proposal?** Yes, it is possible at UW.
- **Can temporary researchers submit a project application?** Temporary researchers can submit a project proposal; however, it is very important that the SEED project is covered for its entire duration. This means that if the PI's contract ends before the project or they need to leave the project, a colleague within the same University and with all the requirements should take over the project leadership. We suggest writing an email to your local office to present the situation.
- **According to your experience, what is the "reasonable" size of each team?** It depends on the nature of your project; the minimum size is three people.
- **Is it possible to be part of the team in more than one project application?** YES, there is no limitation regarding the number of project applications.
- **Is it a good idea to mention that the project will be carried out both with the SEED4EU+ partners in the project as well as other European institutions (that won't be funded because not part of the Alliance but still...) - external partners are welcomed and worth mentioning, they will be associated partners in the project without funding**
- **How detailed should the project timeline be? Should it be broken down month by month, or is a more general overview sufficient? How should we interpret the section "Synergies with Previous 4EU Initiatives"? If we have previously co-organised an academic seminar with one of the 4EU+ universities participating in the SEED4EU+ project – but this was not part of a 4EU+ initiative (project) - should we still answer "yes" to this question? – PDF application is available with word counts, the application is quite short – no need to present a very detailed timeline; any previous cooperation is worth mentioning**

- **The program focuses exclusively on teaching involving students or purely scientific research projects are also eligible for funding?** Both research and educational projects are eligible.
- **What do you mean with Sustainability and Relevance in the evaluation criteria?** Evaluation criteria are available at SEED call website
- **Does all the money have to be spent in 2026?** Yes, the whole budget has to be spent in 2026.
- **Are universities required to contribute internal funding in addition to the allocated amount?** No, additional funding is not required.
- **Could you please clarify how the financial management works? Does the full amount go first to the coordinating university, which then distributes funds to the partners according to the agreed budget? Or is each partner directly allocated their share of the funding by the 4EU+?** Each university is responsible for spending its budget; they will get the money from their home university.
- **Could you please clarify whether coordination costs (for PIs and coordinators) and the work of doctoral students can also be included in the budget?** – They are eligible at some 4EU+ universities, please contact your local office to clarify.
- **Can master students be involved?** Yes, they can be involved in activities/mobility. They can not be in the position of project coordinator.

## FAQ

- **How many applications did you receive last year, and how many were funded?** The success rate in the last years was about 35%.
- **Could you help us find the partners?** To look for partners you can fill [this form](#) and visualize your 4EU+ colleagues' proposals in [this file](#). In addition, you can have a look at the contact information of Flagship coordinators who can put you in contact with other researchers matching your project: <https://4euplus.eu/4EU-576.htm>
- **My colleagues and I from other alliance universities are planning to apply for a PhD Summer School funding. Is it possible to fund the participation for PhD candidates from academic institutions outside of 4EU+ alliance, esp. from the Global South?** No, the SEED grant can only support activities from the Alliance' Universities. Professors/researchers from other universities can participate in the SEED project, but their activities/work/costs can not be funded through SEED.

- **In 2026 a PhD summer school is planned (so far without funding). Is this something we could apply for within the SEED as well?** Yes, as long as there is no double funding it might be an option.
- **Is it possible to use this call for cooperation on developing a microcredential course?** Yes. We suggest you consult our website and the 4EU+ [MICI project](#).
- **Does all the money have to be spent in 2026?** Yes, the funding must be used within that year.
- **Are universities required to contribute internal funding in addition to the allocated amount?** No, they are not. The maximum budget allocated to the project is EUR 50,000. This amount must be shared among the partner institutions involved in the project.
- **Could you please clarify how the financial management works? Does the full amount go first to the coordinating university, which then distributes funds to the partners according to the agreed budget? Or is each partner directly allocated their share of the funding by the 4EU+?** Yes, each partner directly allocated their share of the funding. Each Partner university manages the funding distribution according to local rules. You will be informed after the notification of the results