

Invitation for Blended Intensive Programme ‘Research in Practice; boost your Research Proposal’

What is a ‘blended’ International Intensive Programme (BIP)?

A Blended Intensive Programme is an educational programme in which you co-operate with students from different countries across Europe: Ireland (Dublin), Hungary (Budapest), Italy (Naples) and the Netherlands (Utrecht). The programme is funded by the EU through the Erasmus+ programme for higher education in Europe. Teaching staff come from these different universities as well. It is called ‘intensive’ because all of the learning activities take place in a relatively short period of time; some of it online and during the 5 days on the premises of HU in Utrecht (NL). Particularly during the 5 days that you will spend together with all other participants and staff, you can expect a rather intensive experience, which is according to participants in past IIP’s, what makes it a unique and amazing experience. To many students (and staff members too) IIPs are ways to build international professional connections and friendships for life. ‘Blended’ refers to the fact that the programmes must include an online part, in alignment with the 5 days spent ‘on-site’.

Facts & Figures on the BIP in Utrecht in January 2023

Multi-national cross-European learning - delivered by the four European universities and consortium partners in the HCAIM consortium.

- 5 Working days on location (Utrecht, January 30th – February 3rd 2023). Arrival on the 29th, departure on the 4th + online (preparatory) study activities prior to programme in Utrecht;
- Study load of the Intensive Programme + online Learning Activities = 3 ECTS (84 hours);
- Approx. 40 students from 4 countries;
- An Erasmus+ grant is available to cover the costs of the stay (and partly also the travel costs);
- Registration deadline: Friday 25 November 2022

Pre-online learning activities will run from 12 December 2022 until 20 January 2023.

What does the programme look like?

This programme consists of a mix study activities and didactical approaches, including knowledge-sharing by experts from across Europe, meetings with representatives of SME’s and Research Centers, coaching sessions, peer review, and team work in international teams. It also contains social events to get to know each other in an informal atmosphere.

You will get intensive coaching during the week and will receive feedback in various ways, prior to the presentation of your final delivery. On successfully participation in the Intensive Programme, you will receive a certificate.

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What will you learn?

Together with peer students from various countries, you will learn how to solve (real-life) AI challenges, considering both ethical and technical aspects, and how to apply these aspects in your research topic. You will also learn how to work effectively in an international context and in an international team. Another important facet during the programme is that you further develop a professional attitude regarding communication with relevant stakeholders as coaches/advisors, researchers, entrepreneurs, problem owners and peer students. And also strengthen relevant personal and professional skills, such as: analytical attitude, work ethos, planning competence, pro-activeness, and self-awareness.

And the end of the week you will have decided on your definite research topic, and have drafted your first research proposal for it.

What is included in the programme?

- 5 days' programme and study material;
- Bed & Breakfast on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday;
- Lunch and Coffee Breaks on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday;
- Formal 'Diner Pensent' on Monday evening;
- Excursion;
- Bus/tram card for the daily transfers from the hostel to the university at Utrecht Science Park and v.v..

The contribution for the programme is 350 Euros per student (to be paid to your university latest 15 December – you may be asked to pay a deposit before!) – , however you are eligible for an Erasmus+ Grant of 490 Euros to cover these costs, if you complete the programme and also hand in the signed Erasmus+ documents to your home university after completion of the programme. BME students can take the course "Intensive International Programme - Research in Practice" from HU Utrecht, representing a study load of 3 ECTS, and will receive a Transcript of Records after successful completion (as assessed by the programme leaders) of the entire online and intensive on-site programme on the premises of HU Utrecht.

Accommodation

We have booked Bed & Breakfast in the [StayOkay hostel City Center](#) in Utrecht. Bed linen & towels are included. You can all check in on Sunday 29 January (from 14.00 hrs). Check out is the next Saturday (latest 10.00 hrs.). Rooms are shared (4 to 6 people per room); girls apart from boys.

	Monday 30 January	Tuesday 31 January	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 2 February	Friday 3 February
FOCUS THEME	Opening day: Breaking the Ice + meeting the product owners and choosing research topics	Challenge-based assessments (whole day)	Diving deeper into the research topics	Peer reviews on thesis pitches, external excursion	Poster presentations and closing event
MORNING	8.45 Walk-in Welcome Intercultural Warming-up Break-out sessions with product owners per theme – Part I	Assessment	Company speed dates	Peer review/feedback session on pitches	Finalizing and printing posters
	lunch break	lunch break	lunch break	lunch break	lunch break
AFTERNOON	Break-out sessions with product owners per theme – Part II Lecture 'Ethical Aspects in Research Topics' (Prof. M Heder)	Assessment	Workshops/brain storm sessions on projects, students work on first version of 3-minute pitch and poster	Excursion	Poster presentations , (HCAIM students, lecturers, product owners, students and lecturers from ICT programme) Closing Event – Certificates - Farewell Reception 17.00 End of programme
EVENING	Depart for restaurant (Bus) Diner pensant with students and staff		Poster extra time – if needed	Poster extra time – if needed	
NOTES	Dress code: Smart Casual	2 - 3 different challenges in teams of 2/3 students			