

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

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

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 IIP in Utrecht in January 2024

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 29<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024). Arrival on the 28<sup>th</sup>, departure on the 3<sup>rd</sup> + online (preparatory) study activities prior to programme in Utrecht (dates will be confirmed asap);
- 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 17 November 2023
  - Final payment due 15 December

Pre-online learning activities will run from **23 Novem.** 2023 until 20 January 2024.

### What does the programme look like?

This programme consists of a mix of 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 successful 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 & professional skills, such as: analytical attitude, work ethos, planning competence, pro-activeness, and self-awareness.

And at 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 Pensant' on Monday evening;
- Social activity on Wednesday evening organised by Dutch students (drinks/food at own expense);
- Excursion on Thursday;

NOT included this year are the daily transfers from the hostel to the university at Utrecht Science Park and v.v.. This is a deliberate choice since it appears to be 50% cheaper if students buy (with their credit card/bankcard) daily tickets on the bus/tram (rather than HCAIM providing them a pre-bought bus card).

To facilitate this, we managed to set the programme fee lower than previous year, namely 340 Euros per student - [to be paid through this Payment Link](#) (deadline 15 December). But please note: **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<sup>1</sup>.

### 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 28 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 separated from boys.<sup>2</sup>

### Registration

Students can register for the Intensive International Programme through [this link](#):

- Deadline 17 November 2023;
- Payment due 15 December 2023

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<sup>1</sup> BME students can take the Blended-IP as the course "Intensive International Programme - Research in Practice" from HU Utrecht, representing a study load of 3 ECTS, and will likewise 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.

<sup>2</sup> If you would have any special requests regarding accommodation arrangements, please inform us on registration; we will try to arrange for, but cannot guarantee that requests can be catered for



## Provisional Programme

You can find the provisional programme [here](#).

