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## Agenda of the webinar

•	17:00-17:20	Introduction to 4EU+ and Student Mini-Grants (4EU+ Local Office, Student Committee representative)
•	17:20-17:30	Zahra Kahrizi - 2nd 4EU+ Tomorrow's Research and Science Innovation in Students' Start-ups (4EU+ Transition)
•	17:30-17:40	Lukáš Nowak - Optics students cooperation across 4EU+ universities
•	17:40-17:50	4EU+ Local Office answers questions from the registration forms
•	17:50-18:30	Q&A



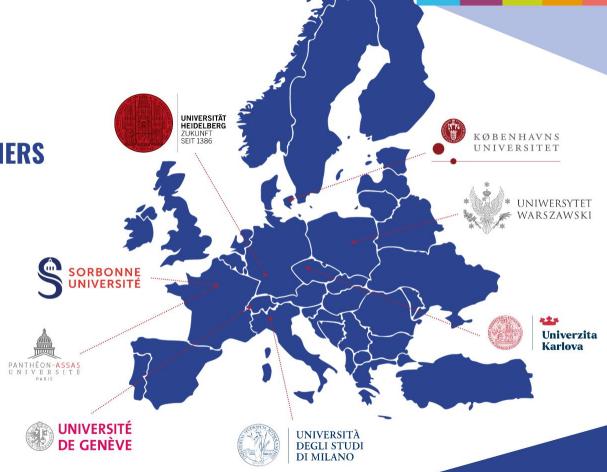
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VISION

to build

ONE comprehensive research-intensive European

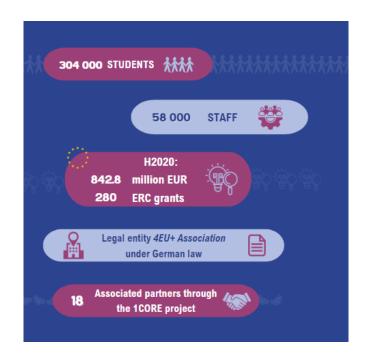
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#### **4EU+ Alliance**

- Strategic partnership (\*2018) of eight universities
- Long-term **process**, not just a project
- Sharing best practices, innovation
- Integration in all areas: education, science, administration
- Connecting students, academic and administrative staff, infrastructure, data...



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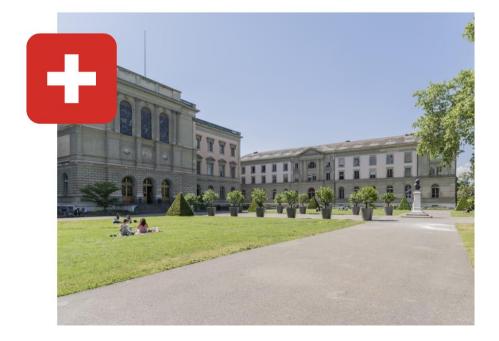
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## **UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA**







## **UNIVERSITY OF MILAN**







## **UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW**





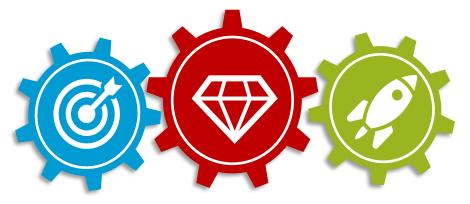




## 4EU+ European University Alliance: vision and mission

#### **4EU+ VISION**

Our vision is to create One Comprehensive Research European University, contributing to the building up of the European Education and Research Areas by 2025 and beyond



#### **4EU+ MISSION**

Our mission is to continuously deepen cooperation in education, research and innovation, and service to society within the Alliance

**4EU+ VALUES** 

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH FREEDOM

DEMOCRATI
SATION OF
EDUCATION

STUDENTS AT THE CENTRE INTERDISCIP LINARY APPROACH RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

CREATIVITY & OPENNESS

INTEGRITY

INTERNATIO NALISATION



Flagship **Programme** 

**Europeanness:** multilingualism, pluralities, citizenship

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## **4EU+ Flagships**







## Mission statement: Transversal skills/competencies



Multilingualism



**Critical thinking** 



**Data literacy** 



**Social engagement** 

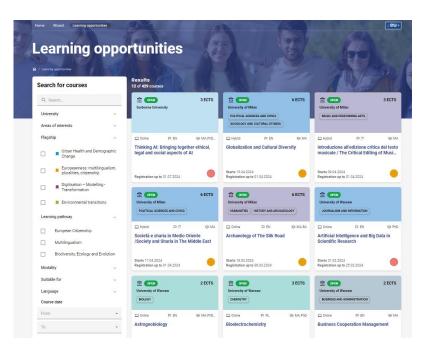


**Entrepreneurship** 



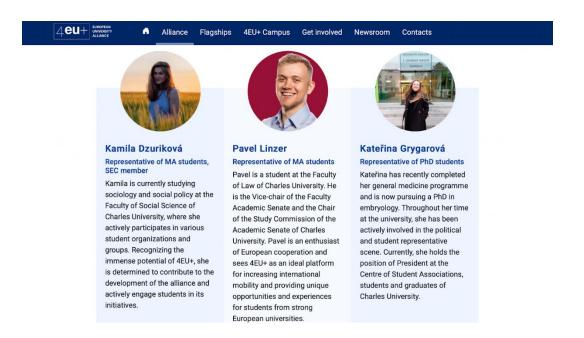


## **4EU+ Student Portal**





### **4EU+ Student Committee**





### **Students in 4EU+**

- Participating in and developing joint activities in Flagships
- On-site and virtual mobility
- Representation at international events, conferences
- Student Committee
- Representatives in Academic Council
- 4EU+ Student Ambassadors
- 4EU+ student community



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## **4EU+ Student Mini-grants**

#### 2024 call

- Key thematic areas: artificial intelligence and sustainability
- Each project must involve at least three
   4EU+ member universities, with a student from Charles University as the applicant
- Supported activities must be in line with the 4EU+ Mission statement
- The maximum funding amount available for a project is CZK
   150,000 (approximately EUR 6,100)
- The deadline for submitting proposals is 29 February 2024





## Do not forget

Project period: April – November 2024

Inform your faculty The letter of acknowledgement can take the form of a confirming email.

List of 4EU+ coordinators at faculties: https://cuni.cz/UK-

https://cuni.cz/UK-11795.html Plan your project activities and related

budget.

Eligible expenses: mobility (travel, accommodation), organization of events, staff costs (needs to be justified), other (materials etc.)

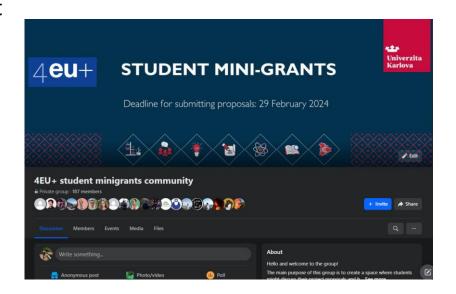
Non-eligible expenses: travel costs of external partners, investments, tangible and intangible assets (such purchase must be preapproved)

Plan the budget



## **How to find partners?**

- Join the Facebook group "4EU+ student minigrants community":
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/40 7731740990493
- Share your draft project idea with the Student Committee representatives, Student Ambassadors and the 4EU+ Local Office asking to disseminate it at other 4EU+ universities
  - 4euplusstudents@cuni.cz
  - 4euplus@cuni.cz

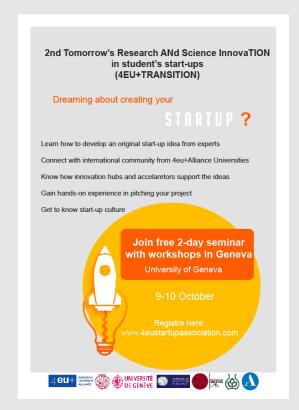




#### Zahra Kahrizi:

2nd 4EU+ Tomorrow's Research and Science Innovation in Students' Start-ups (4EU+ Transition)

#### 4EU+ Tomorrow's Research and Science Innovation in Student startups (4EU+Transition)



#### **4EU+Transition Team**









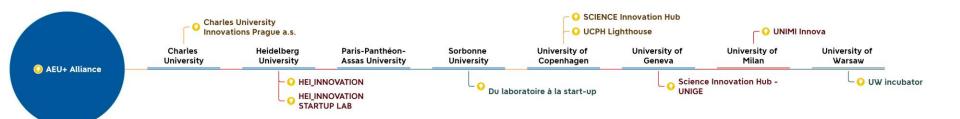


Charles University

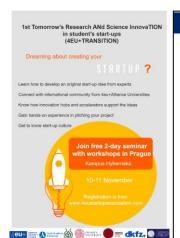








- Inspiring Innovation: 4EU+ Startup Student Community for Idea Exchange
- Cultivating Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Navigating Start-Up Success: Exploration of the accelerators and incubators
- Building a Vibrant 4EU+ Student Entrepreneurial Ecosystem



#### News

4EU+ student start-up community initiated in Prague

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On 10 and 11 November 2022, Prague hosted the 1st 4EU+ Tomorrow's Research and Science Innovation in student start-ups, an event in which students, enterpreneurs and student start-up funders from the 4EU+ universities gathered to exchange ideas, information and experience.

The event was fully organized by a group of students from Charles University, Heidelberg University and the University of Milan and supported by a Charles University 4EU+ student mini-grant. The organizational team managed to bring together inspiring speakers from our universities and initiate a network of like-minded people interested in developing original start-up ideas.

Speakers discussed the opportunities and possibilities that exist in each university for supporting students' ideas and talked about their own experiences in establishing their start-ups. They displayed to the students that no idea is great from the start; ideas improve over time as they interact with potential customers/users and collaborators. Students collaborated as a team, discussed how to connect the problem and the solutions, practised developing their own ideas, and had their presentations evaluated by expert mentors.





Julien Levallois - Managing Director-Innovation Hub-UNIGE





Iris Crassee, founder and senior researcher RefFIT, UNIGE

Maria Shubhra Ovesen-UCHP



GRØN Startup-University of Copenhagen



Laura Fumagalli-Unimi



Jan Veselý-Charles University



Veronika Haissingerová-CPPT



Veronika Primasová Hrubá - CPPT



#### 2nd 4EU+ Tomorrow's Research and Science Innovation in Student start-ups (4EU+Transition)









Zahra Kahrizi



Božena Klodová





Fiona Thonier **Ya-Chu Yang** 

#### **Business Model Canvas Workshop**

Led by experts

Julien Levallois and Johanna Schwarz,









### **Exploration of Fongit Incubator**





Switzerland's premier innovation platform supporting tech ventures in Geneva



#### **Highlights of our project include:**

- **Grant Success:** The successful application for the 4EU+ student mini-grant enabled the organization of the 2nd edition of our event in Geneva.
- **Exploration of Fongit Incubator:** Attendees had the opportunity to explore the Fongit Incubator, Switzerland's premier innovation platform supporting tech ventures in Geneva.
- **Engaging Sessions:** Lively discussions with experienced keynote speakers and collaborative sessions with international peers on business canvases enhanced the interactive and learning aspect of the event.
- **Business Model Canvas Workshop:** Led by experts like Julien Levallois and Johanna Schwarz, the workshop provided a structured approach to developing new ideas.
- **Continued Community Development:** The community established in Prague continued to grow in Geneva, emphasizing the success and sustainability of the initiative.
- **Anticipation for Future Meetings:** We anticipate another meeting in 2024 in Heidelberg, showcasing the commitment of the community to regularly convene, share insights, and foster innovation.

Our achievements have been acknowledged and covered in various publications, including the [provide links]:

- Link for the Video https://shorturl.at/douY3
- News in Geneva University https://shorturl.at/cjotJ
- News:
- https://shorturl.at/IOQW7
- https://4euplus.eu/4EU-743.html

#### **Continued Community Development**

**Future Meetings** 



## 4EU+ Student Startup @4Transition

https://4eustartupassociation.com/









## Lukáš Nowak: Optics students cooperation across 4EU+ universities





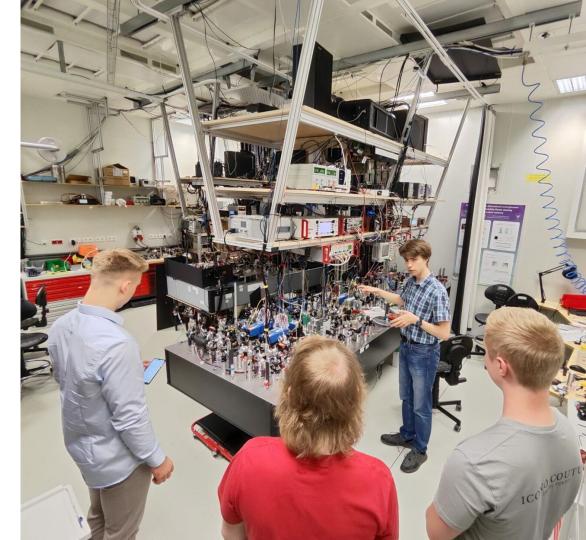
# Optica/SPIE student chapter, student association

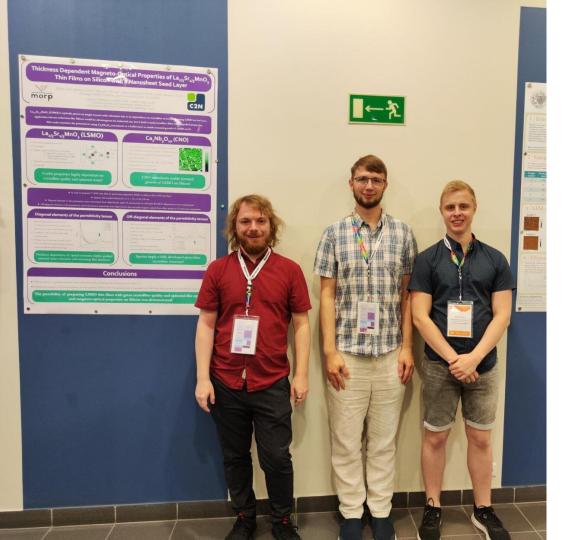
- Our acitvities
- Activities of Polish chapters
  - Student conference OPTO2024

How big was the impact of the project? What were the core values your team reflected? What have you gained through the process? How was the money utilized? What were the most difficult challenges, you had to tackle? Looking at your activities with such a retrospection, what would you have done differently?



- Focus of our project kickstart cooperation for future activities
- Smaller number of participants, but possibly large impact on future activities
- Grow the physics (optics) community
- Covered travel costs and some food allowance
- Connected to a conference in Gdaňsk
- Administration was a challenge





How to apply for a grant? Some recommendations what is necessary to add into the form.

- Similar to any other grant:
  - Have a clear goal
  - State your points clearly
  - Have a good team

How were you able to find colleagues from other 4EU+ universities?

- Already existing cooperation with Warsaw
- Contacted 4EU+ office in Heidelberg



# Thank you for your attention!





#### Answers to your questions from the registration forms



#### **Questions for our former participants**

How big was the impact of the project?

The successful application for the 4EU+ student mini-grant enabled the organization of the 2nd edition of our event in Geneva - 2nd 4EU+ Tomorrow's Research and Science Innovation in Student start-ups (4EU+Transition). The workshop provided a structured approach to developing new ideas. (Zahra)

There was a small amount of participants, however, possibly it had a large impact on our future activities. (Lukáš)

- What have you gained through the process?
   We have succeeded in expanding the physical (optics) community. (Lukáš)
- How was the money utilized?
  It covered travel costs and some food allowance. (Lukáš)



#### **Questions for our former participants**

What were the most difficult challenges, you had to tackle?

Administration was a challenge. (Lukáš)

Looking at your activities with such a retrospection, what would you have done differently?

I would connect to a conference in Gdaňsk. (Lukáš)

 How to apply for a grant? Some recommendations what is necessary to add into the form.

It is similar to any other grant: have a clear goal, state your points clearly and have a good team! (Lukáš)

How were you able to find colleagues from other 4EU+ universities?
 I had already existing cooperation with Warsaw and then contacted 4EU+ office in Heidelberg. (Lukáš)



Can I apply to the mini grant if I'm a PhD student of Charles University but I'm not an employee?

You can apply if you are a PhD student, there are no restrictions on the level of the studies.

Do we need to submit research proposal for it?

The project may focus on educational activities without a research part. However, each student wishing to participate must submit an application containing the annotation, expected results, the objective of the project etc.



Application procedure, workshop durations, nature of collaboration

The application must be submitted electronically using the form available on the European Centre website of the Science and Research Department of the UK Rector's Office by 29 February 2024. The Rector, on the proposal of the 4EU+ Council, will decide on the award of support. Following the Rector's decision, a tripartite agreement will be concluded between the UK, the applicant (hereinafter also referred to as the 'Principal Investigator') and the relevant faculty.

The workshop duration is flexible.

Nature of collaboration: The primary purpose of the student project is a scientific or scientific-educational activity, or an activity leading to the strengthening of the so-called "third role", in a transnational student research team and the promotion of cooperation between 4EU+ students.



## 2023 projects

#### What type of activities were supported in the past?

TRANSLOCAL. Us by/for/as the eyes of foreigners How to be a young journalist of the future who finds their way in the job market?

Collaborative research on a newly appeared glacial lake in the Alps

Optics students cooperation across 4EU+ universities

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Summer School of Practical Ophthalmology Role of Culture in Times of War and Post-war Reconstruction. The Case of Ukraine

Resilience of calcareous plankton to rising pCO2 and temperatures

Practical AI for Academia Workshops

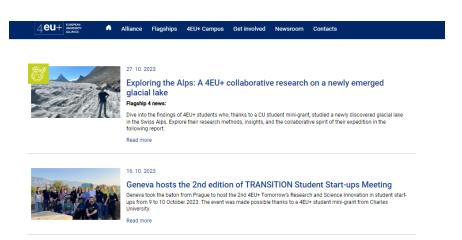
perspective of identity changes on the old continent in the 21st century and their impact in Latin

Samuel Beckett in Central Europe -Stagings and reception beyond censorship Migration within the EU Context seen through a Multi-disciplinary and Plurilinguistic view



#### 2023 projects

You can find reports about some of the projects on the <u>4EU+ website</u>.





25. 9. 2023

Exploring EU migration: a multidisciplinary perspective

Flagship 2 news:

On 11 and 12 September 2023, an international interdisciplinary conference, supported by the Charles University 4EU+

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13. 9. 2023

Summer School of Practical Ophthalmology: A unique learning experience

From 28 to 30 August 2023, the pilot edition of the Summer School of Practical Ophthalmology was held at the Department of Ophthalmology of the Third Faculty of Medicine Charles University and the General University Hospital in Prague.

Read more



• What kind of tangible results are teams expected to produce if they are selected for the student mini-grants?

The primary objective of the student project is a scientific or scientificeducational activity, or an activity leading to the strengthening of the socalled "third role", in a transnational student research team.

The output of the project can be, for example, a conference, workshop, seminar, round table, publication, community event and similar activities.



#### What shall be the reported results of the cooperation?

The reported results of the cooperation are part of the final report, which must include:

- a) Identification of the project (project number, title, name of principal investigator, affiliation),
- b) a list of partners involved,
- c) project contribution, list and evaluation of outputs,
- d) a description of the ongoing project design, including identification of follow-up external support,
- e) a list of names of the participants involved, including their affiliation and whether they are academic/researcher or student.
- f) a summary of the actual use of funds with justification (roster).



#### **Partners**

How can I team up with students from partner universities?

We have a Facebook group where you can contact some of the students from 4EU+ partner universities. You can also contact us, the 4EU+ Local Office, or the 4EU+ Student Ambassadors or Student Committee; we will help you disseminate your project draft idea at the partner universities.

Facebook group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/407731740990493">https://www.facebook.com/groups/407731740990493</a>

Addresses to send your project proposal: <a href="mailto:4euplus@cuni.cz">4euplus@cuni.cz</a>;

4euplusstudents@cuni.cz



#### **Partners**

- How many of the 4EU+ Universities have to be included initially?
- When you apply, you need to have a minimum of 2 partners indicated in the project proposal (CU as the main applicant + another partner from another 4EU+ university). In this case, integration of the third partner must be accomplished during the project phase.
- The other members of the partner universities have to be senior researchers or can be other PhD students?

The other members of the partner universities can be PhD students, but not senior researchers, since it is a student collaboration. However, they can engage in the project.

The project can be a workshop aiming graduates and undergraduates or the final audience is specific?

The final audience is not specific, it can definitely be aimed at both undergraduates and graduates.



#### **Budget**

What is the approximate funding allocation - stipend to the participants, travel costs between the Universities, workshop organization, etc.?

The approximate funding allocation varies from project to project, however the maximum amount that can be applied for is 150 000 CZK.

• Are the grants paid in advance?

That's entirely a faculty matter. Some faculties will give you an advance payment for e.g. travel or some bigger expenses, depending on how you agree.





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Thank you for your attention! 4EU+ team (4euplus@cuni.cz)