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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR No. 15 PLACES IN THE ARQUS  
CHALLENGE-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMME, AY 2021/22  
SPRING SCHOOL ON  
DIVERSITY BEYOND THE LANDSCAPE.  
EXCELLENCIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE  
UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF THE PROSECCO HILLS**

The University of Padua, within the Erasmus + Programme Key Action 2, European Universities, Arqus – *European University Alliance*' (612247-EPP-1-2019-1-ES-EPPKA2-EU-UNIV), launches a call for a maximum of 15 places in the Spring School on 'Diversity beyond the landscape. Excellencies and challenges of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Prosecco Hills' (Padova-Conegliano, March - May 2022).

**Art. 1**

**Content of the Spring Schools, Padova/Conegliano**

1. The Spring School on 'Diversity beyond the landscape. Excellencies and challenges of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Prosecco Hills' (Padova and Conegliano, March – May, 2022) includes four two-day field trips to the UNESCO site of *The Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene*, and online and face-to-face teaching in Padova and Conegliano. The 15 selected students will join 6 colleagues from the University of Padua already selected through a separate call for applications.
2. The Spring School offers an educational experience within the 'Arqus Challenge-based learning programme' coordinated by the University of Bergen (Norway) in collaboration with the University of Padua (Italy), the University of Granada (Spain), the University of Graz (Austria), Leipzig University (Germany), the Université de Lyon (France), and Vilnius University (Lithuania).
3. The Spring School is articulated into four modules, each of them including one half-day of lectures or seminars and a two-day field trip. The modules and the tentative dates of the field trips are the following:
  - a. (March 18-19) Natural diversity. Geological and botanical characteristics of the hills, and landscape ecology
  - b. (April 1-2) Agronomic diversity: biodiversity in agriculture, cultivar, agronomic techniques, history of viticulture;
  - c. (April 22-23) Social diversity: demography, emigration and immigration;
  - d. (May 13-14) Cultural diversity: localisms, dialects, arts, and tourism (and the centennial of the birth of the poet Andrea Zanzotto).
4. Based on their academic backgrounds, students will have to choose and participate in at least two out of the four face-to-face modules (each including lectures and a field trip), and to elaborate cross-media contents to be shared and discussed with School's colleagues and the Arqus partners.

The teaching and research activity of the Spring School aims at producing research and projects to be assessed and appreciated within the Arqus Challenge-based learning programme, including through participation in the Arqus Student-led Forum, which will take place in 2022. Students will cooperate with their colleagues from the Arqus partner universities who will be attending similar learning programmes. Part of the teaching and training materials as well as the cross-media outputs elaborated by the Spring School students will be made available in the Arqus Alliance's platform.

## **Art. 2 Awarded ECTS credits**

- 1 Participation in the Spring Schools may be credited with 6 ECTS.
- 2 Upon completion of the Spring School, students get a mark expressed on a thirty-point scale. The mark is given according to the following criteria:
  - Attendance on a regular basis and active participation in the modules and related activities (20%)
  - Individual participation in online activities (contribution to forum discussions, exchanges with participants in other programmes at the Arqus partner universities, etc.) (20 %)
  - Contribution to the peer review of other groups' projects (10 %)
  - Assessment of the project carried out by the student's own group (50 %).
- 3 The educational tracks and project will be detailed at [www.cirve.unipd.it](http://www.cirve.unipd.it).

## **Art. 3 Admission requirements**

1. Students are admitted to the programme if, at the time of application, they meet all the following criteria:
  - a. they possess a legally recognised university Bachelor or Master degree title;
  - b. they are duly enrolled, for a.y. 2021/2022, in the last two years of a five-year single-cycle degree programme or in a Master degree programme or in the final year of a Bachelor programme;
  - c. they hold a certificate attesting at least a B2 level in English language in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, awarded by a recognised institution; *or* are enrolled in, or have successfully completed, an English-taught Bachelor, Master, or Single-cycle degree programme.

## **Art. 4 Application procedure**

1. To participate in this selection, applicants must fill out the online application form available at this [link https://bit.ly/3KK8ved](https://bit.ly/3KK8ved) and upload the following documents:
  - a. copy of a valid ID card;
  - b. for non-EU citizens: copy of a valid residence permit in an EU member state;
  - c. copy of the language certificate or other document attesting the applicant's proficiency in English as specified in art. 3(c);
  - d. a presentation/motivation letter in English (up to 1500 characters, with spaces);
  - e. an updated CV;
  - f. any additional qualifications that may be relevant to the assessment.
2. The application and its annexes must be uploaded **by 1.00 pm on 20 February 2022**.

## **Art. 5 Selection procedure and publication of the ranking list**

1. The members of the selection committee are listed below:
  - Matteo Marangon (member)
  - Paolo De Stefani (member)
  - Massimiliano Zattin (member)
  - Agata Mannino (minute-taker)
2. The Committee is appointed by the Director of the CIRVE to examine all applications received and select students. Applicants are ranked in accordance with the selection criteria concerning their proficiency in English, their CV and motivation letter, and any additional qualifications provided.
3. Should the Committee deem it necessary, a face-to-face or online interview may be arranged: if this is the case, candidates will be notified of the time and place of the interview. Failure to attend the interview will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection.
4. The selection committee will respect criteria of non discrimination and diversity in the applicants' academic background.
5. Once the Committee has fulfilled its task, the ranking list of selected candidates will be published on the CIRVE website, starting from the 28th of February 2022.
6. Should a selected candidate withdraw, the following eligible candidate on the ranking list shall be awarded the place.

**Art. 6**  
**Economic provisions**

Participation in the Padua-Conegliano Spring School does not entail any fees. The University of Padua will partially cover costs related to field trips. There are no scholarships.

**Art. 7**  
**Person appointed to oversee the procedure and information**

Dr. Agata Mannino supervises the administrative procedure.

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Padua – Conegliano,

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