

Preannouncement: EMERGE Joint Research Call 2026

The European University Alliance EMERGE will launch its first Joint Research Call in 2026. The joint call will provide **seed funding for cooperative research projects between at least two EMERGE partners**, with a particular emphasis on research activities linked to the four EMERGE Thematic Clusters:

1. **Inclusion and solidarity:** Social inclusion and cohesion, Decent work and economic growth, Access to quality education and training, Gender equality and Reducing inequalities
2. **Sustainability and digital transition:** Circular economy, Industry, innovation and infrastructure, Sustainable cities and communities, Responsible production and consumption
3. **Resilience and wellbeing:** Active European citizenship, Good health and wellbeing, Peace, justice and strong institutions
4. **Plurilingualism and multiculturalism:** Language and culturally sensitive education, Educating for intercultural competence, Preserving minority and heritage languages, heritage and capital.

Taking into account the EMERGE focus on **societal engagement**, the open topic call will focus on enhancing **interdisciplinary community-based research**, involving diverse locations, communities or participatory research formats.

The aim is to enhance international cooperation between EMERGE universities through jointly developed projects. Funding is intended as a starting point – successful projects should serve as a foundation for **long-term collaboration**.

The first official **call will be launched in late summer / early autumn 2026**. Funded projects will be supported for up to **12 months**.

Interested EUF scholars with or without existing cooperation in the EMERGE network may contact the EMERGE research coordinator at EUF, Dr. Isabella Tegethoff (isabella.tegethoff@uni-flensburg.de, 0461 805 2970) for further information.



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