Among many actions taking place within the FORTHEM alliance, one of them is short-term student mobility between all 9 alliance universities. Every year, collective short-term mobility activities are proposed to students, giving them a chance to take part in a group activity, coming from all the FORTHEM partner universities, who will meet physically on site in one university city.

We are pleased to announce the launch of the <u>call for proposals for FORTHEM</u> <u>Collective Short-Term Mobility</u>

This seventh call for projects covers actions from 1st March and 30th September 2026. The deadline for submission of the applications is 1st September 2025.

1. Context

The goal of the alliance is to create an inclusive European Higher Education network, a Europeans University" promoting student and staff mobility and facilitating the emergence of new forms of cooperation. This involves overcoming current barriers to mobility, promoting exchanges and coordinated teaching between partners assisted by strengthened language teaching and also employing linguistic mediation technology solutions, as part of a seamless virtual campus.

FORTHEM funded short-term mobilities programmes should be presented by a student association or staff member of a FORTHEM partner university and be validated by their home university. The duration of the activity **should not exceed 5 days on site**. Organisers or hosting universities will receive 500€ and details should be given on how the amount is planned to be used (coffee breaks, visits...) and on how any additional organisation costs generated by the planned activity will be covered by the organisers. When planning the day-by-day programme, the organisers should also take into consideration the traveling days (students will be coming from all parts of Europe). In practical terms, we advise not to start the programme before the afternoon/evening on the first day and finish in the morning of the last day. Alternatively, there can be some optional cultural activities on the first morning and the last afternoon.



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2. Eligibility

Projects should be validated by their home university.

The total number of student participants expected should generally be around 30 (including up to 24 participants from 8 partner universities). The planned activity should take place between the 1st March and 30th September 2026

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- FORTHEM Alliance will help the students with financial support to help them with transport and living costs during the mobility.
- Organisers will receive 500€ for organisational costs but will need to make provisions to cover them. If you want to invite guest lecturers from other FORTHEM universities, they can apply for Erasmus+ STA/STT funding.
- The local FORTHEM Office will provide assistance in managing student applications and the selection process. Mail address: forthem.office@unipa.it
- At the end of the selected activities, certificates will be provided by the local FORTHEM Office and transcripts (for the activities that will award ECTS) will be provided to participants by the organisers.
- Organisers will be required to submit an attendance list and a 2-page report to the local FORTHEM office within 2 months of the end of the activity, giving feedback and suggestions for future activities.

4. Funding and assistance for selected projects

Application

Academic, administrative staff and student associations interested in organising a shortterm collective mobility are invited to complete the application form, providing details on the planned activity, the participating structures, expected funding sources, and any specific requirements that will apply to future student applicants.

Application form is open until **Monday, September 1st 2025**. Examples of past short-term mobility projects are available here. All submitted proposals will be reviewed by representatives from each university.



















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Selection criteria and review process

The final selection will be based on the following criteria: Quality and innovative nature of the proposed programme (including feasibility, content, structure, and organisation)

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- Alignment with the core values of the FORTHEM Alliance
- Provisions made by organisers cover organisational costs beyond student mobility. •
- Balanced representation of FORTHEM universities across selected projects
- Inclusion of diverse student profiles and interests across all selected activities •
- Priority given to academic fields not yet represented in previous editions • Applicants will be informed of the selection results by the end of September 2025. Examples of past short-term mobility projects are available here. All submitted proposals will be reviewed by representatives from each university.



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