



CIVIS LABEL & AWARD REPORT

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Introduction

The CIVIS Label and CIVIS Award aimed at promoting CIVIS principles following and fostering the need to build a sense of CIVIS identity but also the concept of civic engagement.

The CIVIS Label and Award therefore intended to contribute to (and convey) the vision of a “European University as a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and citizen action across Europe and its institutions”.

The original version of the proposal worked bottom up by opening a call for proposals for initiatives spontaneously put forward by the CIVIS community. Following the unsatisfactory results of the Label and Award call for application and the decision by the steering committee of 30 September 2021 to suspend this activity and come back later in the project, WP8 leader contacted the team coordinating WP3 and TF Civic engagement to explore synergies among the Label and Award and the work done so far on Civic engagement



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Methodology

The CE-TF and WP8 proposed a different approach to the Label and Award aimed at targeting directly the Civic engagement activities included by the TF-CE in the Handbook prepared and presented to the SC on 29 July 2021.

The new approach would award the CIVIS Label and the prize attached to the best initiatives (funding for mobility) included in the handbook. The selection was carried out by a selection panel composed of members of WP8 and TF-CE. Previous to the selection, a revision of the initiative has been jointly carried out to identify common and suitable selection criteria starting from a different perspective: in fact, Civic engagement initiatives were local and carried out by one partner university only, therefore one of the selection criteria has been their potential to be replicated and implemented in networking with other universities.

Other selection criteria were as follows:

- They were benchmark against other institutions and universities.
- They had a long and proven track record.
- They had a transformative impact at the social, economic, and environmental levels.
- They were innovative.

These criteria could be connected to the ones included in the Label proposal

- Number of stakeholders/participants involved
- Innovation
- Relevance in terms of research
- Relevance of the proposal, in terms of civic engagement:
 - Social and Environmental responsibility
 - Relationship with civic society, private and public sector
 - Link with regions' strategies
- Fostering mobility in innovative ways
- Affinity with CIVIS Challenges

The prize in terms of funding for mobility of the team involved in the CE initiatives was dedicated exactly to the final goal of "civisizing" them by starting a collaboration with other similar initiatives at partner universities, making it therefore meaningful for the project aims.

The overall budget dedicated to the prize has been increased in order to allocate 1 award per each of the 4 categories identified by the CE Handbook which are: Research, Education, Governance and External Leadership.

The award, for each selected initiative, corresponds to CIVIS grants for financing 10 mobilities (students or staff members from CIVIS member-universities) to be implemented before September 30th 2022. The total budget dedicated to the initiative would be 40.000 € maximum. Later on, during the implementation, an alternative to mobility was identified as incentive for staff working on the project, in order to contribute to minimising the carbon footprint.



The best initiatives obtaining the CIVIS Award will were during the CIVIS Days in Athens by the TF Civic Engagement.

Implementation

In the weeks before the CIVIS Days of May 2022, the 2 TFs met and identified the selection criteria for the award of the label. These were as follows:

Selection criteria	Title of the column
1.- Do you think the initiative is benchmark or of reference against other institutions/ universities within the area proposed (Education/Research/External Leadership/Governance)?	25/100
2.- Do you think the initiative has a proven track record within its field/area?	10/100
3.- Would you consider the initiative as innovative?	10/100
4.- Do you think the initiative can provide a transformative impact? In which levels? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social • Economic • Environmental • More than 1 level 	25/100
5.- Do you think the initiative is transferable in your university? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 university • 2 universities • 3 universities • More than 4 universities 	30/100

Each partner universities proposed their initiatives for the final selection, which resulted in the following shortlist being jointly examined:

CATEGORY: EDUCATION

- Exploring refugee families' identities through the technique of "identity texts" (NKUA)
- Université des Enfants- UDE (ULB Engangée)
- RadioSapienza (SUR)
- Programs with/for schools in Rome and Lazio Region (SUR)
- Creativity School - CUMPĂTU SINAIA (UB)



- Traineeship program on development cooperation (UAM)
- Environmental Law and Policy Centre: Transboundary Environmental Law (SU)

CATEGORY: RESEARCH

- Migration, beyond prejudices/Migration, au-delà des préjugés (ULB)
- Wor(l)ds Lab (UAM)
- The Botanical Garden (SUR)
- GenderMed (AMU)
- Stockholm Centre for the Rights of the Child (SU)

CATEGORY: EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP

- International Volunteer Program (UAM)
- Public Archaeology Approaches & Practices (SUR)
- Feeling Cared in School (NKUA)
- Camp des Milles (AMU)
- UNIHUB (UB)
- Fairtrans (SU)

CATEGORY: GOVERNANCE

- Bolin Centre Climate Arena (SU)
- Decolonize/Décolonisons-nous (ULB)
- SDG & Agenda 2030 (UAM)

The winning initiatives were:

1. **CATEGORY EDUCATION:** Exploring refugee families' identities through the technique of "identity texts" - National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
2. **CATEGORY RESEARCH:** Migration, beyond prejudices/Migration, au-delà des préjugés - Université Libre des Bruxelles
3. **CATEGORY EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP:** International Volunteer Program - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
4. **CATEGORY GOVERNANCE:** Bolin Centre Climate Arena - Stockholm University

Meetings took place for the following teams:

1. **International Volunteering program**, on 22-23/09/2022, UAM, SUR, AMU, TU, NKUA staff participated
2. **Exploring refugee families' identity through the technique of "identity texts"** on 16-17/09/2022, UAM, SUR, BU, TU, NKUA, ULB staff participated

