

## Joint call to strengthen collaboration between Ghent and Lille/Hauts-de-France Region: short-term mobility

This joint call aims to reinforce collaborations between **I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe (members & national partners)** and **Ghent University** by providing funding for **professors, teachers and researchers** who wish to carry out a **short-term mobility** (maximum of 15 days, consecutive or not) at international partner participating in this call. The main goal is to deepen and broaden interactions between institutions in the framework of research and/or academic projects. The mobility must be carried out **between July 2019 and August 2020**. The project leader must submit the application in English by **June 13, 2019** at 10.00 am, GMT+1, by email to: [international@isite-ulne.fr](mailto:international@isite-ulne.fr) (for I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe members & French national partners) or [Gijs.Coucke@ugent.be](mailto:Gijs.Coucke@ugent.be) (for staff from Ghent University).

### Background

Cross-border regions offer their higher education institutions unique opportunities to collaborate with nearby international partners in order to share experiences and jointly build expertise on the challenges facing their common region and the broader world.

In this context, several higher education Institutions in northern France, Belgium and the southern United Kingdom are working on the creation of a Euro-regional cross-border campus in which cooperation will be reinforced for the benefit of their communities.

As part of this project, the 14 members of I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe Foundation located in the Hauts-de-France Region and Ghent University in Belgium are launching a common call designed to further stimulate cooperation among their researchers.

This call is for cross-border mobility projects to be carried out during the academic year 2019-2020. The fund provides grants for joint initiatives that foster short-term mobility, lead by professors, teachers and researchers in the framework of research and/or education programmes. Master students and PhD students can be part of the projects. Projects that include mutual mobility are particularly welcome.

The following types of joint initiatives are encouraged in the framework of the present call: project set-up/application (search for external [national or EU] funding), innovative forms of mobility in the regional context (student exchanges, lab rotations, seminars, etc.), development of joint/double degrees/course modules, and other initiatives that foster interregional collaboration.

On the French side, these actions will be co-financed via the support of the *Conseil Régional Hauts-de-France*.

### Specific objectives

The partners aim to:

- 1- **Encourage the outgoing mobility** of its members **in order to identify synergies in research and education** and **to develop structured cooperation** between the partners.
- 2- Support mobility projects that are intended to lead to the **creation of common projects** linked to research and/or education in order **to promote excellence**.

### Eligibility criteria

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- This call is open to researchers, professors and teachers from:
  - Université de Lille, Centrale Lille, ENSAIT, ENSCL, IMT Lille-Douai, Sciences Po Lille, ESJ, ENSAPL, Arts et Métiers – Lille campus, CNRS, Inserm, Inria, Lille University Hospital (CHU), Institut Pasteur de Lille, Centre Oscar Lambret, Université d'Artois, Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale, Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, la FUPL, SKEMA Business School, IFSTTAR, ONERA, IFREMER and INERIS.
  - Ghent University
- Applicants must plan to carry out a short-term mobility which does not last more than 15 days (consecutive or not) between July 2019 and August 2020;
- For I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe members<sup>1</sup> and national external partners<sup>2</sup>, the short-term mobilities must be carried out at Ghent University;
- For Ghent University, the short-term mobilities must be conducted in one or more of the I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe institutions listed above;
- Though students may participate in a project, they cannot apply directly to the fund. Students may participate as part of a project submitted and led by a professor, researcher or teacher.
- Projects should align with one of the following priorities:
  - development of a project related to academic programmes (e.g. the creation of double degrees, international tracks, common seminars, etc.);
  - development of a research project (e.g. the creation of jointly supervised PhD theses, the creation of an international associate laboratory, etc.).

### Funding

Each project that includes mutual mobility may solicit a maximum of €6,000 total funding (a maximum of € 3,000 can be granted for one-way mobility projects). The funding may not be used for purchases of equipment or consumables, publications, costs for external consultancy and/or translation and interpretation costs. The grants will not cover travel insurance or public transportation, which are the responsibility of the applicants.

At the end of the project, successful applicants will provide a mandatory final report within 10 days.

### Criteria and selection process

A committee of representatives from I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe members and Ghent University will evaluate the applications and will select applications which are expected to strengthen cross-border cooperation. Projects which include perspectives for cooperation beyond the conclusion of the mobility are particularly welcome.

The project leader must send the application form (a common version) in English by email by June 13, 2019 at 10.00 am, GMT +1 to his/her institution:

- For I-SITE Université Lille Nord-Europe members or national partners: [international@isite-ulne.fr](mailto:international@isite-ulne.fr)
- For Ghent University: [Gijs.Coucke@UGent.be](mailto:Gijs.Coucke@UGent.be)

The name of the file should follow this template: *GhentHautsdeFrancemobilityproject\_Project Acronym*.

<sup>1</sup> Université de Lille, Centrale Lille, ENSAIT, ENSCL, IMT Lille-Douai, Sciences Po Lille, ESJ, ENSAPL, Arts et Métiers – Lille campus, CNRS, Inserm, Inria, Lille University Hospital (CHU), Institut Pasteur de Lille.

<sup>2</sup> Centre Oscar Lambret, Université d'Artois, Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale, Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, la FUPL, SKEMA Business School, IFSTTAR, ONERA, IFREMER and INERIS.



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An application that is incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered by the selection committee. No communication will be made with the candidates after the deadline and before the official announcement of the results.

### Timeline

Deadline: 2019/06/13 (10.00 pm, GMT +1)

Announcement of results: End of June

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