

**Call for applicants 2016/17**

**(Open from 29th June to 15thJuly 2016)**

1. **Eligible students**

TEMPUS RETHINKe project mobility are open to **post-graduate students** interested in studying a Double Degree Programme (DDP) on Civil Engineering and a course on entrepreneurship integrated in the programme.

For this call for 3 students have a financial support(one per each institution) that covers their expenses during a three-month training period at the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria during the **2016/2017 academic year**. This period will begin **on 19st September 2016 and will finish on 19st December 2016.**

**Eligibility Conditions**

* To be enrolled at IPLeiria in one of the Masters listed below and included in the Double Degree Agreements signed between the Partner Institution and the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria:
* Master in Civil Engineering – Building Construction/ Master in Civil Engineering. Polotsk State University (Belarus).
* Master in Civil Engineering – Building Construction / Master in Civil Engineering - Industrial and Civil Construction. Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction (Azerbaijan)
* Master in Civil Engineering – Building Construction/ Master in Civil Engineering. Donbas National Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture
* B1 English level. Students will accredit their language level by means of internationally wholly recognized certificates (Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS, TELC, etc.), or other official certificates at the student`s home country.

**2. Selection process**

Each partner university must conduct an internal selection process among the interested students. **Only 3 students** can be selected in this Call **with financial support**. The host university has to evaluate the applicants as well to guarantee a transparent selection process requested by Brussels. Partner institutions must supply enough documentary evidence about the openness and transparency of the process to the RETHINKe project coordinator.

Applicants will have to fulfil all the eligibility conditions and go through this selection process which will consist of three phases:

1. Eligibility’s verification of the candidate
2. Evaluation of the candidate according to the selection criteria (below)
3. Cross-cutting issues: Additional criteria to comply with EC requirements in order to encourage disadvantage groups

Within this process IPleiria will use the following objective **selection criteria**:

* Academic records (GPA) calculated according to:

<http://www.foreigncredits.com/Resources/GPA-Calculator/>

* Level English language (at least B1). Students will accredit their language level by means of internationally wholly recognized certificates (Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS, TELC, etc.), or other official certificates at the student`s home country.

After the analysis of the eligibility and merit of the candidates, cross-cutting issues will be also taken into account, if applicable.

## Cross-cutting issues:

* Gender balance
* Economically disadvantage groups (which belong to the families with total annual income of less than 1200Euros per year)
* Physically disabled participants
* Socially disadvantage groups (such as candidates from minority group)

**3. Acceptance/Enrolment Process**

The final information should be send to the host institution by the International Relations and Mobility Office **before 31/07/2016**, including full name, copy of the passport, contact data (e-mail) and documents certifying the student fulfils the requirements to study a Master Degree. Upon the reception of this information, students fulfilling Master requirements will receive an acceptance letter confirming their acceptance so that they can start visa procedures.

Insurance is to be covered by the student and has to cover a personal accidents insurance.

**4. Financial Conditions**

Each student will receive a grant of 1.500 € (500€ per month) to help him/her cover his/her costs of stay along the mobility period, according to the TEMPUS Guideline.

Payments will be done according to the instalments and conditions established in a financial agreement signed by IPLeiria and the student- by bank transfer until the 8th of each mont,

If the student leaves IPLeiria before the established period or does not carry out the required academic activities in the plan of the study, he/she will have to refund the amount of the grant already paid, both as fees and financial support.

IPLeiria, 29th June 2016

Luisa Gonçalves

IPLeiria TEMPUS RETHINKe Coordinator