

STUDENT COUNCIL | 2nd Call for Applications

for RUN-EU – Regional University Network

March 1st, 2023

DESCRIPTION OF RUN-EU STUDENT COUNCIL

RUN-EU – Regional University Network is a European University, led by the Polytechnic of Leiria, composed of seven higher education institutions from six European countries – Portugal, Ireland, Finland, Hungary, the Netherlands and Austria – to promote and develop joint student-centred and work-based flexible learning activities. The RUN-EU management structure includes four main boards and one of them is the **Student Council (SC)**.

Student Council (SC) | Responsibilities

- Advise the work of the RUN-EU University Management, with an emphasis on student engagement activities, inclusion, and multiculturalism.
- Advise on the implementation and format of the mobility innovative programmes, Short-Advanced Programmes (SAP), and Collaborative European Degrees, among others.
- Work both at institutional/regional level, as well as European level (RUN-EU).

Student Council (SC) | Members and activities

- In each institution, the local Student Council is composed **of 15 students**.
- The Student Council will meet every three months to review and advise on the RUN-EU strategy, achievements, and its impact at the institutional level.
- Members of the seven RUN-EU SCs will meet annually in the RUN-EU Student Week which will be used as a venue to promote multiculturalism and multilingualism, in a unique international, diverse, and inclusive environment. The next Student Week will take place in Leiria at the end of 2023.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Students play an important role in the development of RUN-EU activities so we expect that you will be able to:

- Setting up an active structure for Student Council during all periods of RUN-EU creating meetings, events, and defining responsibilities among members.
- Running focused events to raise awareness about RUN-EU and motivate the academic community to get involved.
- Communicate, mobilise, and promote online and in-person work developed by RUN-EU to all students.

- Support the organisation of project meetings, conferences, workshops, and other events related to the RUN-EU.
- Participate in the RUN-EU activities with a critical spirit to review and advise on the RUN-EU strategy, achievements, and its impact at the institutional level.
- Contribute to the implementation of SAP mobility opportunities and maintain contacts with student representatives from other RUN-EU institutions.
- Contribute with ideas in alignment with the European Universities initiative.

HOW YOUR STUDENT PROFILE LOOKS LIKE

We are looking for students who have:

- Good interpersonal and communication skills, service-oriented, full of initiative to mobilise other students for the RUN-EU Student Council.
- Critical thinking with good organisational and coordination skills, able to plan Student Council activities, schedule meetings, and debates, implement other actions, report, and advise the RUN-EU management.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, who works well in a multicultural and international environment.
- Good domain of English, public speaking, and social media, with the ability to engage with a different audience, especially students.
- Good IT skills and knowledge of collaborative platforms.
- Interest in youth work especially in the higher education sector.
- Interest in European education issues.
- Willingness to travel.

WHAT THE RUN-EU STUDENT COUNCIL OFFERS YOU

Being part of the Student Council gives you:

- Privileged access to funded mobilities to attend activities in other RUN-EU universities.
- The opportunity to be selected for the European Student Assembly that occurs every year in Strasbourg – France, with funded mobility.
- An opportunity to develop your skills and gain experience working in an International Network.
- The recognition on your Diploma Supplement of your competencies, skills, and work done for RUN-EU Student Council.
- The opportunity to meet new people from different nationalities and backgrounds in an intercultural environment.
- The opportunity to raise your voice and get involved in what you think should be the university of the future.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible participants for the **Student Council 2nd call** are the ones who:

- Are national and international students of the Polytechnic of Leiria.
- Have an active enrolment in a TESP, Bachelor or Master programme.
- Have the school fees paid or a payment plan approved.
- Have filled out and submitted the online application form.

APPLICATION

All the applications must be submitted online by using the online form: <https://forms.gle/KvdY5LUeorSgoasV6>

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of candidates will consider the motivation essay in the application form under the following criteria:

- Relevant academic and/or practical experience that can be linked with the theme of the European Universities Initiative.
- Motivation to be part of the RUN-EU Student Council
- Previous experience in the youth field
- English level

DEADLINE

Students must apply by March 20th, 2023.

RESULTS

The jury will evaluate all applications according to the above criteria. Results will be available on March 31st, 2023.

JURI

The jury is composed by:

- João Pedro Faustino dos Santos | Dean of the School of Arts and Design of the Polytechnic of Leiria.
- Rui Fonseca-Pinto | Dean of the School of Health Sciences of the Polytechnic of Leiria.
- Clara Espirito-Santo | RUN-EU Project Manager.
- Sónia Cunha | Internacional Marketing Department.
- One student from each IPL's school identified by the corresponding Student Unions.

DETAILED INFORMATION

- European Universities Initiative (+ Info): https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area/european-universities-initiative_en
- RUN-EU – Regional University Network (+ Info): <https://run-eu.eu/>

President,

Carlos Manuel da Silva Rabadão

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