

Call for Short-term Mobility

EUI Widening Europe Programme

The [EUI Widening Europe Programme](#) initiative, backed by contributions from the European Union and EUI Contracting States, is designed to strengthen internationalisation, competitiveness, and quality in research in targeted Widening countries, and thus foster a more cohesive European Higher Education and Research area.

In 2026, the programme continues to offer doctoral researchers from the targeted EUI Widening Europe Programme countries the opportunity to spend one week at the [European University Institute](#) in Florence, to enhance research opportunities, exchange knowledge and access resources in the social sciences and humanities. As it enters its second year, this activity builds on the foundations established in the first year and represents an additional step in bridging the EUI with national Higher Education Institutions in the targeted region, contributing to the ongoing efforts to close the knowledge gap in Europe.

Eligibility criteria

PhD researchers in social sciences and humanities working on a topic related to economics, history, law and social and political science are eligible to apply for the EUI Short-term Mobility organised in the framework of the EUI Widening Europe Programme, provided they fulfil the following three criteria:

1. Hold the nationality of one of the countries targeted by the EUI Widening Europe Programme;
2. Have an affiliation with a higher education institution/public research centre in one of the countries targeted by the EUI Widening Europe Programme;
3. Have not already participated in the EUI Short-term Mobility or any other longer mobility opportunities at the EUI. Applicants who applied in 2025 but were not selected are welcome to reapply in 2026.

List of countries targeted by the EUI Widening Europe Programme:

Inside the European Union: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Outside the European Union: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo⁽¹⁾, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

(1) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244(1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Application process

The application is submitted via [this online form](#) only. Please note that applications sent by email will not be accepted.

The deadline to submit the application is **Tuesday, 24 February 2026, 23:59 CET**.

You will be contacted no later than 1 April 2026 by the EUI Widening Europe Programme team via email only if the application has been positively reviewed.

In order to submit the form, you will first have to create an EUI account. Please make sure that the information you provide when creating your account is complete, valid and correct.

In the application form, you have to:

1. Specify the preferred dates for your one-week visit (five (5) working days maximum, excluding travel days) from the following available weeks:

- 11-15 May 2026
- 1-5 June 2026
- 28 September-2 October 2026
- 19-23 October 2026
- 9-13 November 2026

- Please specify two options from the available weeks for your visit. We will consider your choice of dates, but please note that – due to limited availability of spots for each visit – we may offer you a place during a different week.
- The dates proposed outside of the above-mentioned weeks will not be considered, and your application will automatically be discarded.
- The visit cannot take less than five (5) working days (excluding travel days).

2. Describe how the visit to the EUI will benefit your research and professional development (maximum 400 words);

3. Indicate the title of your PhD project and include a 100-word abstract for your research presentation. During your visit, you will be expected to present your work in person as part of a session with other short-term visitors. You will also have the opportunity to receive comments and feedback from EUI peers.

4. Upload in one PDF file:

- One-page CV;
- Proof of nationality (ID card or passport);
- An official document confirming your enrolment in the PhD programme at the higher education institution or public research centre (in English, if possible). The document should indicate the date you were enrolled and the duration of your doctoral studies. The document must be signed, stamped, and issued by the higher education institution where you are undertaking your doctoral studies.

- In case one of the requested documents is missing, your application will automatically be discarded.

While supporting documents confirming English language proficiency are not required, successful applicants are expected to have a minimum B2 level of proficiency to carry out their research visit.

Funding

To support your visit to the EUI for five (5) working days, the EUI Widening Europe Programme provides a fixed daily allowance of **180 euros per day for 5 days**. The daily allowance is designed to cover accommodation, meals, and public transportation in Florence and will be paid after the successful completion of your visit

The visitor is also entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses for up to **350 euros**. You may visit the EUI within this scheme only once.

During your stay at the EUI

You are strongly encouraged to participate in the publicly available events at the EUI. Please consult the [Events web page](#) for all the 2026 events.

To assist with your research stay, the Widening Europe Programme team will pair you with a peer from our community of EUI researchers.

Please note that you will not have a liaison professor at the EUI.

You are also welcome to use the library. All the information regarding library access will be provided once the visit is confirmed.

If you are interested in a longer stay, please explore the [visiting student opportunities](#) offered by the EUI departments.

For any queries about the Short-term Mobility, please contact widening@eui.eu.