

Sponsorship Opportunities SURPAVE

SURPAVE is primarily funded through Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) scholarships for four student cohorts. To ensure the long-term sustainability of the programme and to cover additional operational and innovation-related costs, industry and institutional sponsorships are essential. In all sponsorship arrangements, academic independence and integrity remain fundamental principles of the SURPAVE programme.

Forms of Sponsorship

SURPAVE offers several flexible pathways for organizations to engage as sponsors:

1. University-Industry Collaboration

Industrial Associated Partners may collaborate with SURPAVE in the areas of:

- Innovation processes,
- Project proposal development,
- Applied research and consultancy.

When students are actively involved and supervised by SURPAVE staff, the generated revenues will be allocated to SURPAVE. In cases where SURPAVE staff are engaged as a multidisciplinary expert team to address specific challenges, 50% of the generated revenue will be allocated to the SURPAVE programme.

2. Hosting students during Industrial Training Projects and dissertation (paid internships)

Organisations may host SURPAVE students for:

- Industrial training project,
- Master's thesis research.

The hosting organization may provide:

- Accommodation,
- Travel and living reimbursements,
- A salary or stipend.

Such placements contribute directly to students' professional development while strengthening industry-academia collaboration.

3. In-kind contributions

SURPAVE welcomes in-kind sponsorships, including but not limited to:

- Equipment or laboratory access,
- Software licenses,
- Datasets,
- Hosting lectures or practical classes,
- Covering participation fees for summer schools or training activities.

In-kind sponsors are recognized at different sponsorship levels, depending on the scope and value of the contribution.

4. Sponsorship Packages (or Equivalent Value through the above options)

SURPAVE offers several sponsorship levels, allowing organisations to support the programme and its students while benefiting from strong visibility, engagement, and recruitment opportunities. With the revenues of Platinum and Gold level, 75% will be spent to support students (without an Erasmus Mundus scholarship; their fee, accommodation, travel,) and 25% will be used to support the Joint Master in general.

Following options are possible:

Platinum Sponsor (€20,000 per year)

Covers tuition fees for one student for two academic years, includes partial accommodation and travel costs

- Participation in the student sponsorship selection process
- Opportunity to host the sponsored student for an industrial project and Master's thesis
- Continuous visibility: logo on the SURPAVE website, dedicated visibility during student information moments
- One half-day workshop organised for the sponsoring organisation
- Invitation to recruitment activities (job fairs, job postings on the SURPAVE website) with direct access to students during the SURPAVE job fair
- One guest lecture per semester, including networking opportunities ("meet & greet")
- Invitation to the annual SURPAVE conference and graduation event
- Two employees may participate (online or on campus) in two SURPAVE courses

Gold Sponsor (€10,000 per year)

Covers partial tuition fees for one student for one academic year, and includes partial accommodation and travel costs

- Participation in the student sponsorship selection process
- Opportunity to host the student for an internship or Master's thesis
- Continuous visibility: logo on the SURPAVE website, student information moments, and an article in the SURPAVE newsletter
- One half-day workshop organised for the sponsoring organisation
- Invitation to recruitment activities (job fairs, job postings on the SURPAVE website) with direct access to students during the SURPAVE job fair
- One guest lecture per semester, including networking opportunities ("meet & greet")
- Invitation to the annual SURPAVE conference and graduation event
- Two employees may participate (online or on campus) in two SURPAVE courses

Silver Sponsor (€5,000 per year)

- One half-day workshop organised for the sponsoring organisation
- One guest lecture per semester, including networking opportunities ("meet & greet")
- Invitation to recruitment activities (job fairs, job postings on the SURPAVE website) with direct access to students during the SURPAVE job fair
- Invitation to the annual SURPAVE conference and graduation event
- Visibility on the SURPAVE website (logo and link) and in the newsletter

Bronze Sponsor (€3,000 per year)

- One guest lecture per semester, including networking opportunities (“meet & greet”)
- Invitation to recruitment activities (job fairs, job postings on the SURPAVE website) with direct access to students during the SURPAVE job fair
- Invitation to the annual SURPAVE conference and graduation event
- Logo displayed on the SURPAVE website

Student Selection

Platinum and Gold Sponsors may participate in the **student selection process for paid international projects and dissertation projects**, which will be conducted transparently and based on the sponsor’s needs, predefined conditions, and SURPAVE’s academic standards.

If you are interested in a sponsorship, see the application form below.

SURPAVE Sponsorship Expression of Interest

SURPAVE – Sustainable and Resilient Pavement Engineering Joint Master Programme

1. Organisation Details

Organisation name:

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Legal address:

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Country:

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Website:

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Contact person:

Name:

Position:

Email:

Phone:

2. Sponsorship Interest

We hereby express our interest in becoming a sponsor of the **SURPAVE Joint Master Programme** and supporting its students and activities.

Please indicate the intended sponsorship level (check one):

☐ **University-Industry Collaboration**

Please specify

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☐ **Hosting students during Industrial Training Projects and dissertation (paid internships)**

Please specify

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☐ **In-kind contributions**

Please specify

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- ☐ **Platinum Sponsor** – €20,000 per year
- ☐ **Gold Sponsor** – €10,000 per year
- ☐ **Silver Sponsor** – €5,000 per year
- ☐ **Bronze Sponsor** – €3,000 per year
- ☐ **Other / Custom sponsorship (please specify):**
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3. Other intended Involvement (optional)

In addition to financial support, our organisation is interested in contributing to SURPAVE through (check all that apply):

- ☐ Hosting students for internships or International Training Projects
- ☐ Hosting or co-supervising Master's thesis projects
- ☐ Providing guest lectures or workshops
- ☐ Participation in recruitment activities
- ☐ Other contributions (please specify):
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4. Visibility and Engagement

We acknowledge that sponsorship includes visibility and engagement opportunities as described in the SURPAVE sponsorship packages, including (depending on sponsorship level):

- visibility on the SURPAVE website and communication channels
- participation in recruitment and networking events
- invitations to the annual SURPAVE conference and graduation event

5. Declaration

This document expresses our **non-binding interest** in sponsoring the SURPAVE programme. Final confirmation, conditions, and practical arrangements will be agreed upon in consultation with the SURPAVE coordination team.

6. Signature

For the organisation,

Name:

Position:

Place & date:

Signature:

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Submission

Please send the completed and signed document to:

Wim Van den bergh, prof.

SURPAVE Programme

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