CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AN EXTERNAL QUALITY EXPERT

The Italian Erasmus+ National Agency has awarded funding to the project **"Joint University Challenge-Based Minor Program for Future Generations of Innovative Entrepreneurs" (JUMP)** under the **Erasmus+ Programme – Cooperation Partnerships in Higher Education (KA220)**.

The objective of the JUMP project is to enhance students' responsible innovation and entrepreneurial (I&E) competences through an innovative mobility and learning scheme based on a **Challenge-Based Learning Minor**.

The JUMP Minor combines:

- online micro-modules;
- blended challenge-based projects;
- internships;
- Master's thesis activities.

The project promotes holistic and cross-disciplinary learning, intersectoral cooperation, inclusiveness, and responsible innovation, with the broader objective of contributing to a more sustainable Europe.

External Quality Expert

The JUMP consortium is seeking an **External Quality Expert** who will act as an independent advisor and support the consortium in ensuring the quality of the project implementation and its main results.

The External Quality Expert will be selected through an open Call for Expression of Interest and, following completion of the contracting procedure, will contribute to the final phase of the JUMP project.

The expert will interact with the project consortium mainly through the **Project Management Team (PMT)** and will provide an independent external perspective on the progress and quality of the project.

Main tasks

The External Quality Expert will be expected to:

- participate in relevant PMT and project meetings, both online and in person where appropriate;

- provide an independent and critical assessment of the implementation of the project and its innovative elements;
- review key project documents, in particular the main project Deliverables;
- assess the alignment between project activities and results and the objectives and expectations defined in the original project proposal;
- provide constructive feedback and recommendations to improve the quality of project Results and Deliverables before their finalization;
- support the consortium in identifying possible gaps, inconsistencies, or areas for improvement;
- interact with project partners through the relevant JUMP working and communication channels.

Profile required

Candidates should have demonstrated experience in:

- European Higher Education policy and cooperation;
- European or international Higher Education projects;
- quality assurance and/or evaluation of educational projects;
- innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Experience with Challenge-Based Learning, innovation and entrepreneurship education, European University Alliances, or related fields will be considered an asset.

Applicants should provide a CV clearly demonstrating relevant experience in these areas.

Contract and compensation

The External Quality Expert will be appointed **in a personal capacity**.

The assignment will be compensated with a total fee of **EUR 4,000**, in addition to reimbursement of eligible travel costs related to participation in project meetings, where applicable.

Application procedure

Interested candidates are invited to submit an **Expression of Interest** by email to the JUMP Project Coordinator, attaching an updated CV outlining their relevant experience.

The JUMP Project Management Team will evaluate the Expressions of Interest received and select the candidate whose profile and experience best match the requirements of the assignment.

Application deadline: 31 July 2026

Applications should be sent to:

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For the JUMP Project Management Team,

Maurizio Marchese **Trento, June 1st, 2026**
JUMP Project Coordinator

