

International Training Programmes (ITP) Call 2023

Information session – 15 December 2022 - Overview Q&A

Questions about the VLIR-UOS project tool

Q: Can you save the content and continue later?

A: This is possible. Any button you press at the right side on top, will save the content and will allow you to proceed at a later moment. We also provide a Word-document you can use to prepare in advance, so when the content is finalised, you can at that moment copy everything in the tool.

Q: Are the fields marked in green when ready?

A: Yes, this was the idea behind the tool development. There have been some hiccups in the past, so it remains the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the proposal is complete.

Q: Does it save the work automatically?

A: You'll have to press the button 'save'. Also if you press the button 'previous' or 'next', the work will be saved.

Q: Will the latest version override the earlier version?

A: Yes, this is the case.

Questions related to the target group

Q: How can we form target groups from different countries?

A: This depends on your recruitment strategy. How you will reach participants from the VLIR-UOS scholarship list, needs to be explained in the project proposal.

Q: The professionals can be independent or freelance or do they need to be linked to an institution?

A: Professionals are people who are working, no need to be linked to an institution.

Q: Can bachelor students from the own HEI also join the ITP (without fundings)?

A: The focus is on the training of professionals from VLIR-UOS countries. Trainings can be open to other participants as well, but not everyone can be funded with the ITP budget.

Q: You mentioned that the focus is on professionals, people that work in an organization (no students). Must they actually have attended higher education? I'm thinking about farmers, for instance.

A: No, there are no criteria about the level of education for the target group. The trainings have a wide scope. The professionals do not need to be involved in Higher Education Institutions. So farmers can be recruited and selected. It's important to define in the proposal the target group you would like to work with.

Q: If you organize a training in collaboration with an academic partner in the South on a specific topic, do the scholars have to come from that partner only?

A: Scholars need to be professionals. The selection strategy defined in your project proposal will justify the choice for a target group and the recruitment strategy will explain how you will reach this target group. There is no specific education level required from the target group, so they do need to come from that academic partner.

Questions related to the implementation

Q: Organised in Flanders means the location or the language?

A: Organised in Flanders means the location. An ITP can be organized in Belgium, a partner country (or both) or online/hybrid.

Q: If granted the funding, the successful applicant will use that budget to organise training programs for professionals in their country?

A: It is a joint application with a partner and a Flemish institution or only a Flemish Institution. Trainings can be organised in Belgium, the eligible partner countries, or a mix of both locations.

Q: Do you have a list of partners?

A: We do not have a list of partner institutions: the only restrictions were mentioned on the slide, partner institutions are optional. Flemish HEI can choose not to work with a (specific) partner to organize a training. Though it is not easy to submit a project proposal together in such a short time span if you don't know each other yet.

Q: How can we be adding a partner "promotor" or who will be partner?

A: If you are from a partner country and you have an idea for an ITP, you can contact the Flemish HEI that works on the same topic.

Q: How do we find the promoters in Flanders to partner with?

A: On our website we have a list of the Flemish institution (<https://www.vliuvs.be/en/contact/28>). We suggest you contact the Flemish institution and/or the specific department to gauge their interest. In the chat we received the following message: "happy to connect with additional partners with interest in 'interprofessional collab in health care': contact: Kirsten.schraeyen@thomasmore.be"

Q: Is there an added value of adding a partner "promotor" in terms of the strength of your proposal, or to put it in other words: do you recommend to work with a partner promotor?

A: Concerning the added value of a partner promotor/institution, this will depend on the type of training you are offering, to what target group and where.

Q: I saw somewhere that Zambia is a new member country?

A: Zambia is not a partner nor scholarship country. It is only a country for Global Minds travel grants

Q: You mentioned under PoA that you look for projects that work across regions and countries. Can an ITP be within the same region but across multiple countries? For example, a focus on Latin America?

A: An ITP can be organized regionally (for example focus on SSA or LA) and you can invite participants from only the region or the whole scholarship list (depending on the focus).

Q: Are there requirements regarding the minimum number of participants/ scale of the training program (for how long, etc.)?

A: Minimum of 8 participants per training/edition (so 8 scholarships), the duration is min. 7 days and max. 6 months (depending on the location, budget will be a restriction too).

Q: How can STEM trainings be organised?

A: The topic of the training is free, as long as it is relevant for global engagement and development.

Q: Kindly point out some areas of professional training that can apply?

A: On our website there is a list with project proposals that can give you already an idea and some inspiration <https://www.vliruos.be/en/projects/20?country=&stat=&programma=16&institution=&submit=&filter%5Bprogrammelds%5D%5B%5D=16#filtermenu>

Questions related to the budget

Q: Does the organizer -(applicant) also needs to account for their coordination efforts as an operational cost?

A: There is a 10% coordination cost in the budget.

Q: So no personnel costs for the Flemish HEI?

A: Normally there are no personnel costs for the Flemish HEI, only in very few cases.

Q: Are the scholarship allowances part of the 150 000 euro budget?

A: The scholarship allowances are indeed part of the budget.

Q: There was no update of the budgets to take inflation into account?

A: No. For this ITP-call the budget remains the same as before.

Q: Scholarship for 15, 23, 27 and 30 days is 1500 euro, right?

A: This is correct. From 15 up to 31 days there is a standard monthly allowance of 1500 euro.