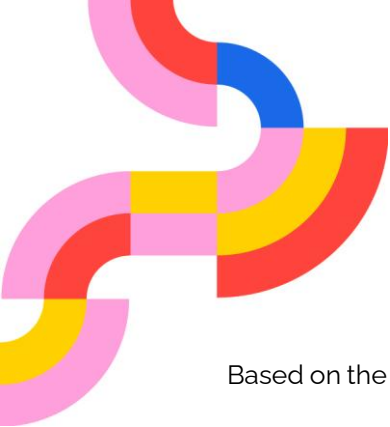




Based on the financial plan for the Across project, the University of Nova Gorica announces

EXPERIENCED (R2–R4) RESEARCHER MOBILITY GRANTS PROGRAMME Across Alliance Execution Guidelines (2026–2028)

I. EXECUTION GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Across Experienced Researcher Mobility Grants programme targets R2–R4 researchers according to the European Framework for Research Careers, with the aim of strengthening networking, knowledge sharing and long-term collaboration within the Alliance. Through mobility periods between partner universities, the programme supports mentoring, research networking, teaching, training and the exchange of expertise in a cross-border academic environment. The initiative contributes to consolidating sustainable links between researchers, research groups and Across Universities.

Characteristics of mobilities under this program

Duration of mobilities is at least one month. Mobilities may be implemented in either physical or hybrid format. In the case of hybrid mobilities, the physical presence at the host institution must last at least two weeks. Mobility periods shorter than one month may be accumulated within the duration of this call, if there is a formal commitment (Annex 2) to complete a cumulative mobility duration of one month.

Budget and contribution

Total budget of EUR 90.000 for the period 2026–2028 is allocated to this programme.

The calculation of the contribution shall be based on the applicable European mobility funding principles and institutional regulations, primarily those derived from the Erasmus+ Programme framework and related institutional guidelines for travel, accommodation, subsistence and inclusion support measures.

The grant covers maximum one month of physical mobility and the maximum individual financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 2,000 per month of physical mobility, including support measures related to individual needs or fewer opportunities.

For hybrid mobilities, the financial contribution shall be calculated proportionally according to the duration of the physical mobility period. No financial contribution shall be granted for the online component of the mobility.





Budget Distribution and Administration

Timings and distribution of the budget allocation:

	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4
Timing	September 2026	March 2027	September 2027	March 2028
Execution	Until September 30 2027	Until February 28 2028	Until September 30 2028	Until December 31 2028
Budget	20.000 EUR	20.000 EUR	25.000 EUR	25.000 EUR
University	UNG	UdG	UNG	UdG

In the event that not all the yearly budget is distributed in either 2026 or 2027, the remaining budget is moved to the subsequent call administered by the same university.

Administration

The budget of this programme is managed in a centralised manner by University of Nova Gorica and the University of Girona (the holders). It means the administrative part of grants is managed under a specific agreement between the *holder* University and the beneficiary researcher.

Annual Calls and Implementation Procedure

The Across Experienced (R2–R4) Researcher Mobility Grants programme will be implemented through calls for proposals, following the schedule outlined in the table above. The calls will be published on the Across website and managed by the University of Nova Gorica and the University of Girona.

Calls should remain open for a minimum period of six labour weeks.

Selection results should ideally be communicated within one month following the closure of the call.

Selection Process

For each annual call, the Task Team 3.2 members will establish a selection committee composed of four evaluators from four different Across universities. The committee's composition will rotate. A different committee will be established for each call for applications, with the aim of minimizing the number of universities that are repeated in consecutive calls.

Applications shall be evaluated and ranked according to predefined criteria.

Funding shall be allocated to the highest-ranked applications until the available budget is exhausted.





Evaluation Criteria

1. Quality of the concrete expected output of the mobility (for instance, an emerging research project idea or draft/ a joint article idea/ a joint proposal / the design of a workshop / a joint open dataset / a joint Graduate School activity schedule/ a Challenge Team activity / a stakeholder or citizen science action) (0-15 points).
2. Feasibility and expected impact of the networking, mentoring of students at host institution, teaching, training and knowledge-sharing programme (0-12 points).
3. Potential contribution to long-term collaboration within the Across Alliance (0-4 points).
4. Potential contribution to KCT (Knowledge Creation Teams) strengthening, institutional cooperation and future joint initiatives (0-2 points).
5. Alignment of the mobility within the scope of one of the Across focus areas (0-2 points).
6. Duration of mobility (0-2 points). Hybrid mobilities must comply with the minimum physical presence requirements established in the programme (2 weeks in total) and are awarded points linearly with the physical presence at the host institution, with 0 points for 2-week physical mobility and 2 points for 1-month physical mobility.

Among applications with the same score, priority will be given to new beneficiaries, then if still necessary to those with a higher score based on criterion 1 (Quality of the concrete expected output). If it is still not possible to determine which of the evaluated applications is selected, the application with the higher score based on criterion 2 (Feasibility and expected impact) will be selected. Same procedure will be applied, following the ordinal of the rest of criterions, if necessary.

Communication of results

Results will be published on the Across website. The selected mobility applications will be communicated by e-mail to the beneficiaries within one month following the closure of the call.

