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## Call for Applications to the Project

### “European Citizens' Initiative: A Tool for Engagement and Active Citizenship. ECI: From A to Z”

#### Presentation

The Department for International Economic and Environmental Law at the University of Göttingen is looking for 20 students interested in engaging in a dynamic and collaborative project with other EU universities about the European Citizens' Initiative. The selected students will engage in an international experience with other colleagues, tutors, and professors from the University of Coimbra (Portugal), University of Vigo (Spain), and University Iasi (Romania). They will participate in interactive online and presential activities -if possible, due to Covid restrictions- organized by the different institutions. Their participation will conclude with a transnational simulation (similar to a European Law Moot Court) of a European Citizen Initiative.

#### Purpose of the project

The project “ECI: From A to Z” aims to promote civic engagement and voluntary participation in several spheres of public life. The core purpose of the project is to experiment new methods and tools for learning processes that are to be applied in a collaborative and practical way (learning by doing) in which students co-construct create and launch their own European Citizens' Initiative.

#### Who can apply?

All students of bachelor and masters from all faculties and programs of the University of Göttingen enrolled for the summer semester 2021 and expecting to continue their studies during the winter semester 2021/2022. Basic English skills are required since the project is

developed in English language. We specially encourage the participation of women, students with social or personal vulnerability, and students with a migratory background.

### **This project is for you!**

If you want to make your voice heard around Europe and are interested in actively debating European issues, such as:

- Justice, freedom and security
- Non-discrimination and citizenship
- Employment and social affairs
- Education, training, youth and sport
- Public health
- Humanitarian aid, development and cooperation
- Environment and climate change
- Energy
- Agriculture and fisheries
- Consumer protection, etc.

Then, this project is for you!

### **Recognition for students' participation**

The selected students will have the opportunity to participate in two short term transnational training activities (one initial and one final) and an online course on the European Citizens Initiative. For their participation, students will have three certificates – or a joint certificate – of attendance. Further recognition of ECTS credits would also be possible.

### **Application process**

Students interested in joining the project should send their application with the following documents in PDF format:

- Brief Curriculum Vitae (1 page. Please, include your email and mobile phone).
- Motivation letter (max. 4 pages) in which you let us know about
  - a) interest in the project
  - b) availability to take part in it

c) why you think you should be chosen considering your curriculum, experience, future projects, social or personal vulnerabilities, special skills and so on.

### **Deadline**

Applications should be sent to [y.pacheco@jura.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:y.pacheco@jura.uni-goettingen.de) by **April 15th, 2021**.

Please, indicate the subject in your Email.

### **Selection Process**

The Committee will carefully evaluate all the applications and select the students at the University of Göttingen according to the following criteria:

- being enrolled for the summer semester 2021 (and expecting to continue their studies during the winter semester 2021/2022) at the University of Göttingen.
- Quality of motivation letters.
- Academic curriculum.
- Gender balance will be considered.
- Diversity of nationalities will be considered.
- Vulnerability criteria.

The decision on the participants will be communicated on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The 15 students that are selected and the respective alternates (5) will be notified via email and will sign a declaration of commitment to the project.

### **Start of Activities**

In principle, the online Course on European Citizens' Initiative as well as the peer-learning activities will be launched at the end of April or at beginning of May 2021.

### **Data protection**

With your application's submission, you accept your applicant data processing in terms of data protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage for the Georg-



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