CIVICA members

A ten-member alliance founded in 2019 and reflecting the diversity of European higher education

Italy
Austria
Intergovernmental
Germany
Spain

Romania
France
Sweden
United Kingdom

new members of CIVICA since October 2022
CIVICA Research

• Main goal: establish a joint long-term research environment and strategy

• Top-up funding from Horizon 2020 to strengthen CIVICA’s research & innovation dimension

• CIVICA Research complements CIVICA’s education strategy

• Activities started in January 2021; project duration: 3 years
“CIVICA Research is the attempt to create instruments that allow us to implement an ambitious innovative research strategy.”

—Carsten Q. Schneider, Pro-Rector for External Relations and Professor of Political Science, CEU
CIVICA Research mission

“The CIVICA Research structure will create an academic network of excellence. Social sciences are imperative to tackling the world’s most pressing issues, and we aim for CIVICA to emerge as world champion of social sciences.”
CIVICA Research: focus areas

- Societies in Transition and Crises of Earth
- Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century
- Europe Revisited
- Data Driven Technologies for the Social Sciences
“At this particular moment it becomes all the more important that universities and scholars come together as a consortium.”

—Insa Koch, Associate Professor of Law and Anthropology at LSE, member of CIVICA’s thematic group Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century
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“CIVICA Research is an opportunity to deepen and enrich your relationship with top researchers from all over Europe.”

— Sergei Guriev, Provost, Sciences Po
Spotlight: First call for research proposals

- Open 1 Feb-23 March 2021

- **11 winning projects** out of 27 applications

- c. € 400,000 from H2020 plus partners’ own resources

- Most teams involve 3-4 universities (one involves 6)

- 59% of all projects submitted had at least one female PI

1. Attitudes to Inequalities
2. Contesting the Court
3. Democracy and its Discontents
4. Digital Trade Integration
5. Mapping Emotions during COVID-19 Pandemic using Twitter data
6. European Polarisation Observatory
7. Migration, Terrorism, and Democracy
8. When the Law is Silent
9. Sustainable Energy and Food Transitions
10. The Long Shadow of Educational, Skills, and Professional Inequities in Time and in Space
11. Welfare, Democracy, and Populism under the COVID-19 Crisis
“CIVICA Research support allowed me to put together a diverse, multi-disciplinary global network, with participants at every level of academia and practice. Coordinating such a massive research project has been a learning experience for me and the whole team.”

—Martina Ferracane, Max Weber Fellow at the EUI, team leader of 2021 funded project “Digital Trade Integration - Dataset & Index”
Spotlight: Second call for research proposals

28 Research projects funded by CIVICA
of which 22 funded by CIVICA Research
11 winning projects in October 2022

€350,000 amount of funding for the 11 winning projects

3 average number of partners per winning project

*Involvement in winning projects per partner

Bocconi
CEU
EUI
Hertie School
*IE University
SNSPA
Sciences Po
*SGH
SSE
LSE

*new member of the CIVICA alliance
WINNERS OF RESEARCH CALL 2022

Focus areas:
- Democracy in the 21st Century
- Europe Revisited
- Data-Driven Technologies for the Social Sciences
- Societies in Transition, Crises of Earth

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Hertie School 9
European University Institute 8
IE University

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“I very much look forward to starting the MERITA project because our team spans Law, Political Sciences, Economics, Sociology and Management. It is thought to be the seed of a much larger project that builds on the strength of our alliance for societal impact.”

— Laurence Romani, Professor at the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) and coordinator of the MERITA project
Benefits for researchers

• Scientific community
• Joint research and innovation agenda
• Shared tools and practices
• Common pool of expertise
• Training and mobility opportunities
• Integration of research with teaching and learning
• Open Science action plan
• Academic network extending beyond CIVICA
“Academia highly benefits from cooperation, exchange of ideas and of course exploration, which CIVICA strongly favours and encourages. These activities are essential for researchers of all stages.”

— Giulia Gentile, LSE Fellow visiting EUI in spring 2022
“In addition to connecting and exchanging ideas with other scholars, the post-doctoral mobility scheme for me was an opportunity to improve and clarify some aspects of my research project. In this sense, it was certainly very productive.”

— Télio Cravo, EUI Max Weber Fellow visiting Sciences Po
“The post-doctoral mobility scheme that CIVICA Research offers is ideal for getting a sense of the kind of positions that are available in one’s field, which kind of job offers are around, and what can be expected from an early career academic.”

— Audrey Harroche, Sciences Po Fellow visiting LSE
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