

Call for Postdoc Participation in the “EUTOPIA Impact School 2026: Science Communication”

Berlin, 14-18 September 2026

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1. Overview: Description and Objectives

EUTOPIA MORE commits to promote and defend the European dimension in HE, developing and implementing a model of EUTOPIA's integration of European citizens and providing tools to improve the knowledge of European Cultures, Languages and Values.

Within this framework, the EUTOPIA Alliance organises the “EUTOPIA Impact School” (WP6, EUTOPIA MORE project).

The initiative will gather up to **27 Postdoc (3 per institution)** from the full partner universities of the EUTOPIA Alliance, namely: Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Bruxelles, Belgium), Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Venice, Italy), CY Cergy Université Paris (Paris, France), Technische Universität Dresden (Dresden, Germany), Göteborgs Universitet (Gothenburg, Sweden), Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal), Univerza v Ljubljani (Ljubljana, Slovenia).

Applicants from EUTOPIA partners from EU countries are supported through EUTOPIA MORE Erasmus+ Funds. The University of Warwick (UW) is an associate partner and, together with participating members from the Global Partners of the EUTOPIA Alliance, provides institutionally based funds to support participation.

The EUTOPIA Impact School will take place in **Berlin** (Germany) from **14 to 18 September 2026**, organised by the Graduate School of the Technische Universität Dresden. Participants can expect training and input on the topic of “Science Communication”: under professional guidance, participants will work purposefully on their scientific texts and learn storytelling and presentation techniques; they will train the necessary skills to present their research topic in a variety of academic and non-academic situations; they will have the opportunity to try out valuable rules for communicating with a broad audience and develop their solutions; they will create their pitch about their research projects and present it to the group. In addition to the training sessions, free writing time is planned for participants to work on their articles and publications.

Arrival of participants will be on Monday (Sep 14), and the program will start on Monday afternoon and ends on Friday afternoon (Sep 18). Selected participants will receive a schedule with the programme in advance.



2. Admission Requirements

- 2.1 This call aims to select a total of **3 Postdoc from Ca' Foscari University of Venice**. Applicants must hold a valid "Incarico post-doc" or "Assegno di ricerca" with Ca' Foscari or one of its Departments, Centers, etc.
- 2.2 The selected candidates must hold the above-mentioned status at the moment of application and when the "Impact School" session takes place. The EUTOPIA Unit at Ca' Foscari University of Venice must be informed timely of any possible change in their status.
- 2.3 The official language of the event, of this Call and of all its documents is English. Active command of English at a minimum level of B2 is required.
- 2.4 **Ineligibility**
- If, at any stage in the application procedure, it is established that the information provided by the applicant has been knowingly falsified, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection process.
 - Candidates already in a mobility abroad financed by any Erasmus+ programme at the moment of the implementation of the activity, and candidates without a valid contract with Ca' Foscari cannot be considered eligible.

3. Application Procedure

- 3.1 Applicants must log in using their institutional account (@unive.it) and submit their application using the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/HmbHawfiuggcye3Z6>. The entire application **must be written in English: applications in other languages will be rejected**.
- 3.2 Applicants must submit a full application, composed of the following **mandatory documents**:
- detailed academic CV, written in English language, including a summary of past research achievements and publications and on-going research agenda;
 - at least 1 supporting or authorization letter from direct hierarchy (Head of Department, Head of Research group of the applicant, Vice rector for research...).
- 3.3 Personal data collected through the Google Form will be processed by Ca' Foscari University of Venice as described below in the data protection section.
- 3.4 **Application Deadline: 16th August 2026, at 11:59 PM (CEST)**. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

4. Selection Process

4.1 Selection Committee

A Selection Committee will be established at Ca' Foscari University of Venice to assess candidates' applications. As part of the selection process, the Selection Committee may decide to conduct online interviews of a shortlist of eligible candidates. In such a case, further information regarding the schedule, procedure, scoring and final ranking will be published on the EUTOPIA page of Ca' Foscari website.

4.2 Selection Criteria

- Academic CV: up to 25 points;
- Motivation: up to 15 points;
- Knowledge of the European Universities initiative and the EUTOPIA Alliance: up to 10 points;

4.3 Publication of results

The results of the selection will be published on Ca' Foscari website. Selected applicants will be contacted via email by eutopia@unive.it to confirm their participation according to the established timeline. Candidates who fail to confirm according to the deadlines and procedures forfeit the right to participate. A repechage procedure shall be scheduled for any places still available.

5. Rights and Obligations of Selected Candidates

5.1 Selected candidates will have the obligation to:

- Actively participate in all activities organised as part of the “EUTOPIA Impact School” programme.
- Complete any assignment indicated by the lecturers
- Allow that the material produced during the event can be used, when applicable, as an output of the event on the EUTOPIA website.
- **Non-EU candidates:** Selected candidates must hold a valid residence permit as of the publication date of the results. This is essential for the university to proceed with the timely purchase of travel tickets and accommodation. If, at that time, the candidate does not hold a valid residence permit (whether expired, expiring, or in the process of renewal), they will not be able to travel and participate in the activity.

5.2 Selected candidates will have the right to:

- Attend the courses, lectures, simulations, field study tours and all academic activities listed in the programme.
- Have room, board and travel expenses to participate in the event covered by the EUTOPIA MORE Project and in compliance with Ca' Foscari University's internal regulations.

6. Calendar

Deadline for applications: **16th August 2026, at 11:59 PM (CEST).**

Publication of the final ranking of selected candidates or, if interviews are held, of the shortlist of eligible candidates invited to the interview (including schedule, procedures, and evaluation criteria): within 10 working days after the application deadline.

Deadline for appeals: 5 working days after the publication of the selected candidates.

Deadline for acceptance and confirmation of participation: 5 working days after the appeal deadline

7. Data Protection

Information relating to individuals (personal data) is collected and used in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) n. 2016/679 of the European Commission, with regard to the processing of personal data by European institutions and organizations and the unrestricted circulation of such data.

Ca' Foscari University of Venice (protocollo@pec.unive.it, Dorsoduro n. 3246, 30123 Venice), in its capacity as data controller, provides the applicants with information on the processing of their personal data collected to carry out the selection procedures for the “EUTOPIA Impact School” (“Event”). The event will be organised by the Technische Universität Dresden (TUD) in Berlin, from the 14 to the 18 September 2026.

The University collects applicants' personal data, such as name, surname, contact details, academic experiences and other relevant information.

Applicants' data will be stored for 5 years from the time of collection.

Personal data is collected and processed to select the candidates who apply to take part in the Event. **Only personal data of selected candidates will be shared with TUD, as it is necessary for the organisation of the event:** once the candidates have been selected, TUD will be responsible for managing both the data and image rights of all participants in the activity.

8. Contact Information

Responsible for the procedure

Dr. Mauro Cannone, Manager of Educational Programmes and Student Services Area (ADiSS), is responsible for the procedure, according to Law n. 241/1990.

For any inquiries or additional information on this call, please contact eutopia@unive.it

Venice,

The Manager of the Educational
Programmes and Student Services Area

Dr. Mauro Cannone

