

Madrid Innovation Safari

Call for Applications for University Students

EucA (European university college Association) invites you to discover the *Innovation Safari*, taking place in Madrid from 19 to 22 October 2026!

This experience offers a professional insight into how local enterprises operate through visits and networking sessions with experts and founders of social innovation hubs. By the end of the event, you will have built valuable connections and gained practical, first-hand knowledge of the social impact sector, all while developing a clear understanding of its real-world dynamics in one of Europe's most vibrant cities.

Art. 1 Event Description

Madrid Innovation Safari is an international study visit focused on social innovation and entrepreneurship. The programme provides participants with valuable first-hand exposure to Madrid's dynamic startup and social enterprise ecosystem, offering opportunities to engage with local innovators, discover impactful projects, and gain practical insights into how entrepreneurial solutions can address social challenges.

Whether or not technology is involved, these initiatives aim to reach as many people as possible through collaboration to address social and environmental issues. Now, through non-formal educational methods, such as debates and gamification activities, you will explore the skills needed to grasp key aspects of social innovation while engaging in dialogue with local entrepreneurs and start-up founders.

The results? New connections, soft skills, and the knowledge to start your own socially impactful projects!

Art. 2 Duration, Dates & Agenda

The event will take place from 19 to 22 October 2026.

- **Monday, 19 October**, will be dedicated to arrivals, with the program officially kicking off in the afternoon. Participants will join a welcome session and a cultural activity to start their immersion in Madrid, followed by free time in the evening.
- **Tuesday, 20 October**, features a full day of activity with intensive training sessions scheduled for both the morning and the afternoon.
- **Wednesday, 21 October**, continues with a comprehensive schedule of morning and afternoon sessions. The evening remains free for participants to explore the city.

The experience concludes on Thursday, 22 October, with a morning session dedicated to feedback and final greetings. Departures are scheduled for the afternoon.

Kindly note that the agenda is still being finalized and may undergo minor refinements to ensure the best possible experience.

Art. 3 Location and Modality

The edition will be held in Madrid, Spain, fully in-person and conducted entirely in English, including all sessions and activities.

Art. 4 Learning Outcomes

- Apply principles of social innovation and sustainable entrepreneurship by engaging with real-life projects led by entrepreneurs and practitioners, developing the ability to transform ideas into impactful and feasible solutions.
- Analyse complex social and environmental challenges through practical tools and methodologies, enriched by direct interaction with innovation ecosystems and professionals in the field.
- Strengthen personal and professional competencies such as creativity, adaptability, collaboration, and critical thinking through non-formal learning methodologies, experiential activities, and gamified learning approaches.

Art. 5 Fee

The participation fee is €650. *VAT *not applicable*. It covers 3 nights in a shared room (19, 20, 21 of October 2026), 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner, and all programme activities and extras as listed in Art. 11.

Art. 6 Training Hours

The program will provide 14 hours of training.

Art. 7 Target Audience

The event is designed for final-year undergraduate students, master's students, recent graduates, and trainees from all fields of study who are interested in social innovation and entrepreneurship.

Art. 8 Methodology

The project combines targeted meetings and visits to innovation hubs and impact-driven organizations. Additionally, the program integrates interactive workshops, expert talks, co-creation sessions, non-formal learning methodologies, and gamification elements, providing participants with direct access to the local startup and social enterprise ecosystem.

Through a hands-on, experience-based approach, participants will actively engage in learning-by-doing activities, developing key skills in design thinking and social innovation. This process is supported by qualified mentorship aimed at transforming ideas into high-impact, sustainable solutions.

Art. 9 Liability and Safety

Participants are recommended to have personal travel insurance to cover health and travel risks. EU students are required to carry a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) during the trip. Non-EU students must ensure they have comprehensive travel insurance.

Art. 10 Application Timeline and Procedure

Step 1 - Apply: The application period runs from 15 May 2026 to 15 July 2026. To apply, please complete the online form ([link here](#)) and upload both your CV and Motivational Letter. Please note that uploading your CV is mandatory.

Step 2 - Get your official confirmation: After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email. Please, don't buy your plane tickets before you receive the official confirmation and before getting specific information from EucA staff.

Step 3 - Stay connected with us: The EucA team will guide you through the event, stay in touch with us throughout.

Step 4 - Stay updated on logistics! Keep an eye out for our communications via email about the event logistics and get ready to book your tickets!

Step 5 - Receive the Infopack: All participants will receive a comprehensive Infopack with practical details and useful tips for the event at least two weeks in advance.

Step 6 - Join the event: Take part in the event and enjoy the experience!

Art. 11 What's Included and Not Included

Included:

- Accommodation for 3 nights in a hostel in a shared room in Madrid.
- 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner.
- Cultural activity in Madrid.
- International training sessions.
- Insurance.
- EucA trainers in-site.
- Interactive sessions with entrepreneurs.
- Infopack with all essential information.
- Onboarding session prior to the event.
- Certificate of training hours.

Not included:

- International Flight from/to Madrid.
- Transfer from the airport to the city center.
- Local transport in Madrid.
- Additional meals outside of those provided.

Art. 12 Partnership

Organized by EucA, in collaboration with the University CEU San Pablo.

Art. 13 Registration Policy

Open until 35 confirmed participants are selected or until the final registration deadline on 1 Sept 2026.

Art. 14 Cancellation Policy

To provide participants with clear guidelines on refunds, EucA applies a phased cancellation policy. This structure is designed to balance participant flexibility with the logistical requirements of organizing an international program. Depending on when the cancellation request is formally submitted, the following fee schedule will apply:

Dates	Days prior to the event	Cancellation fee (%)
Until 30 June 2026	93+	75% (Partial refund)
1 July - 15 August 2026	47 - 91	50% (Half refund)
16 August - 1 October 2026	0 - 46	(No refund)

Name changes are allowed until 31 August 2026. Any additional costs will be calculated by EucA and covered by the participant. EucA reserves the right to approve or deny name changes due to logistical constraints.

Art. 15 Budget and Funding

This event is funded by EucA and its members. Financial resources are managed transparently to ensure the delivery of high-quality programming. Please note that no scholarships are available for this project; however, interested students are encouraged to contact their institutions directly to explore financial support options.

Art. 16 Code of Conduct

Participants are expected to adhere to a respectful, professional, and collaborative code of conduct, reflecting the values promoted by EucA and the project, including respect and professionalism, active participation, punctuality and attendance, and compliance with instructions provided by EucA organizers, facilitators, and venue staff.

Any behaviour contrary to these values, such as disrespect, exclusion, or actions misaligned with the project's ethos, may result in disciplinary action, including a formal warning from organizers, removal from specific activities, and, in severe cases, dismissal from the project at the participant's expense.

The objective is to create a safe, positive, and inspiring environment for all attendees.

Art. 17 Data Protection and Privacy

Personal data collected will be processed in full compliance with GDPR regulations and used exclusively for purposes related to the event.

Art. 18 Risk Management

- Incident Reporting: All emergencies or incidents will be documented and reviewed by EucA to improve safety and prevention protocols for future editions.
- Emergency Procedures: Participants are expected to follow the venue's procedures, which will be shared in advance, and comply with local regulations and guidance from relevant authorities.

Art. 19 Post-Event Feedback and Mobility Certificate

At the conclusion of the event, participants will be invited to complete a Feedback Form to help enhance future events. Upon successful participation, students will receive an official EucA Mobility Certificate, recognizing their full engagement in the program.

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