DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE <u>BOTTOM-UP APPROACH</u>
EUNICE STUDENT RESEARCH CLUB_2026

Article 1 – PURPOSE OF STUDENT RESEARCH CLUBS (SRC)

- To link education and research from the different EUNICE universities using challenge-based approaches.
- To enable students with transversal skill development such as writing grant proposals and business plan development, foster entrepreneurial mindsets, and promote civic engagement among students and early-career researchers.

Article 2 – KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Sustainable Development Goals
- Digital and green transition
- Women as an under-represented group especially in STEM subjects

Article 3 - PARTICIPANTS

- EUNICE students of all levels – Bachelor, Master, PhD
- EUNICE researchers as mentors

Article 4 – BOTTOM-UP CALL

- The **SRC Bottom-Up Call** opens during the first six months of the year. During this time, interested EUNICE Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students are invited to complete a short survey where they choose the area of their research idea. This in turn will determine their potential future club affiliation.
- Applicants have <u>up to three choices</u>. Your three choices can be allocated to the following topics: The **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Digital and Green Transition**, as well as **Women** as an under-represented group, especially in STEM subjects.

Article 5 – CLUB COMPOSITION

- Following your selection, the contact details of other applicants in the same field of interest will be shared with you. **It is up to you to <u>find and contact</u> members for your club, within the list of applicants from the same field of interest.** This allows you to gather suitable members for your Student Research Club.
- One research club should have participants from as many as EUNICE member institutions as possible, with at least one participant from at least <u>two</u> different EUNICE universities. The minimum number of club members is therefore <u>two</u>.
- There is no upper limit on the number of members, but it is recommended that the club remains operational to ensure the continuation of effective teamwork.

- Once you have created your club and decided on the research idea or project, you must complete the Information Sheet for your club and upload it in Moodle. The link to the Moodle portal will be shared with you in the course of the activity.
- Regardless of whether your research idea or project encompasses multiple SGDs or fields, please indicate in the Information Sheet which societal problem your research idea or research project is most related to.
- **Only research clubs that have registered using the information sheet can continue to participate.**
- All clubs must incorporate diversity and equality in their research project.

Article 6 – CLUB COLLABORATION – TIMELINE

- Following the submission of the completed Information Sheet, each research club will have approximately one month to work on their research project. The exact deadline will be communicated in the course of the activity.
- After the collaboration period, each research club will present its proposal for the research project and their estimated budgetary needs to the EUNICE jury. Check the eligible costs for planning your budget here.
- It is up to each research club to think of the best ways to carry out their research project. Examples: Organising an event or an excursion, use of labs for research evidences, etc.
- The EUNICE Jury will evaluate and decide on the winning research club based on the evaluation criteria.
- **Note that the available funding will only be granted to the winning research club.**
- The Moodle platform will serve as a working space where research clubs can upload their research project proposal, implementation plan, and their estimated costs.

Article 7 - REALISATION OF PROJECTS AND FINAL REPORT AND RESEARCH PROPOSAL IMPLEMENTATION

- The winning club is required to complete all activities related to the implementation of its research project approximately two months after being selected. The exact deadline will be communicated in the course of the activity.
- The winning club is asked to present a video as a summary and proof of the implementation of their research project.

Article 8 – SUPPORT OFFERED BY EUNICE

- Research Radar for research collaborations with EUNICE researchers, research institutes or stakeholders from the business sector
- Start-up/ Incubator department at your home university
- Administrative and organisational support: adriana.handrich@b-tu.de
- A list of mentors will be provided once the call is closed and the involved research fields and areas are identified.