

Call for two External Experts

To join the UASiMAP project - “Mapping Regional Engagement Activities of European Universities of Applied Sciences”

The UASiMAP Project (hereafter –the Project) objective is to map and further support the regional engagement activities of European professional higher education institutions, in particular Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) as the most distinguished type of provider, while promoting, evaluating and facilitating their analytical measurement through existing traditional and newly identified indicators. The Project aims to develop an operative and analytical framework specifically tailored for mapping and self-reflection of UAS applied research, development, and innovations (RDI) and local/regional engagement, development of their further strategies, promoting and communicating their contribution to society and regional community, based on the experience and insight of key-stakeholders from across the whole European Union. A collection of several institutional cases based around the pilot testing of the tools and indicators will be an integral part of the project.

The Project focuses on data collection on European UAS applied research and regional knowledge transfer and cooperation with the regional actors. It will be done by project partners in active cooperation with 2 external experts. The project experts will participate in the analysis and development work and add to the consortium expertise with their European knowledge throughout the Project work packages (WP) 1, 2 and 4.

The tasks of the external expert in the implementation of the WP1 are the following:

1. Consult for data collection/methodology and analyse and comment on the desk research data of the UAS applied RDI and regional engagement;
2. Consult, review and comment on the previously developed metrics and self-reflection tools.

The desk research data (1) and previously developed metrics and self-reflection tools (2) will be presented to the expert by EURASHE and CHES. A review of the indicators will act as the basis of the further in-depth expert group analysis of the indicators and the development of the alternative indicators in WP2.

The time period for the implementation of this task will be from 01/05/2020 until 30/11/2020.

The tasks of the external expert in the implementation of the WP2 are the following:

1. Consult, analyse and comment of the national data results from WP1;
2. Consult, participate and comment on the elaboration of a ‘working definition’ of the specific characteristics of UAS applied RDI and regional engagement in cooperation with CHES and EURASHE;
3. Consult, participate and comment on the development of the applied RDI indicators within the UAS in cooperation with CHES and EURASHE.

The time period for the implementation of this task will be from 01/02/2021 until 15/04/2021.

The tasks of the external expert in the implementation of the WP4 are the following:

1. Suggest a list of policy areas and topics for future projects regarding the UAS applied RDI and regional engagement;
2. Develop European policy recommendations for the future recognition and development of the role of UAS applied RDI and regional engagement within the European and the national framework in cooperation with project consortium.

The time period for the implementation of this task will be from 01/06/2022 until 15/11/2022.

Profile of experts

In order to bring different perspectives and expertise in the expert team, we are looking for **two experts** from:

- Professional Higher Education Institutions and their third mission (EHEA/ERA);
- Regional development policy, including smart specialization (OECD, EC/JRC policies).

Conditions and remuneration

Experts will be selected through an open call for applications. Selected experts will receive a gross honorarium for their work, as well as coverage of travel and subsistence costs to the Expert meetings according to the project plan.

Application Process

Experts interested in applying should send a CV together with a cover letter, indicating their experience in line with this call by the **1st of March 2020** to vaidotas.viliunas@eurashe.eu.