

Q&A - pilot new joint degree programmes

1. What should I do to make a proposal?

The procedure to make a proposal of pilot new joint degree programmes is divided into 3 steps:

1. First step is to fill in an “Expression of Interest” - it is a very simple questionnaire with questions like for example name of the programme, university that proposed the programme, educational level, degree obtained upon graduation etc.

The form should be fulfilled by 3rd of March 2025.

2. There is a contact person in each partner university that, after filling in the “Expression of Interest”, will try to find people in their institution who may want to join the proposal and contact them with the applicants (if you are in a research group you may already have a group formed by several partners).

A group formed by at least 3 partners will be formed.

3. After the group is formed, it has to work on writing the application form and submit it before the 15th of May 2024.

The proposals will be evaluated by a **Selection Committee** that will include:

- 9 members from the Joint Education Commission,
- 1 member from the Joint Research Commission,
- 1 member from the Innovation Commission,
- 1 member from the Engagement Commission,
- 3 student representatives (students who are in the EU GREEN Senate).

2. Does the programme have to be aligned with Research Clusters?

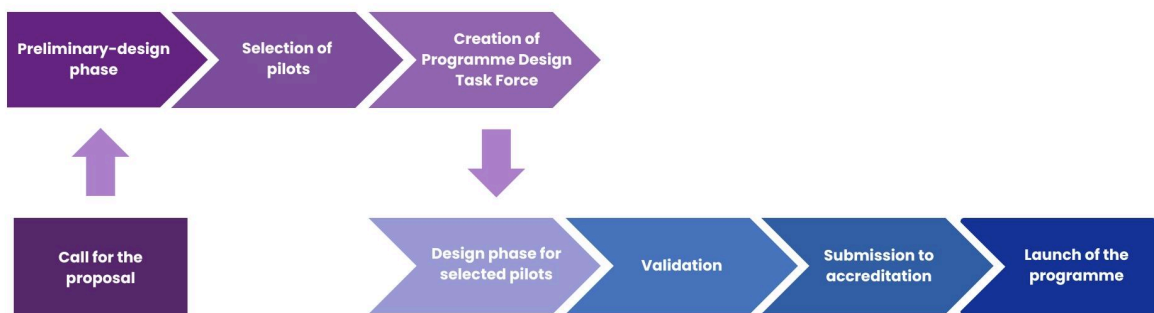
Ideally, the proposal should be anchored in one of the 6 Research Clusters, but other proposals may be accepted if there is clear evidence of excellence in research. In these cases, together with WP 3, it should be explored whether any of the Research Clusters should expand its research topics to include the one related to the study programme, or even if it would make sense to create a new Research Cluster.

3. Is there a need to involve associated partners?

After the pilot programmes are selected, a **Programme Design Task Force** will work on developing the programme. This task force is responsible for coordinating the programme development process, but other agents, such as the teachers who are part of the teaching team and students, will also participate in the design process. The Programme Design Task Force will include at least: 1 member from each university participating in the programme, 1 member of the Research Cluster connected to the programme, 1 student from the programme study field, 1 associated partner related to the programme field.

4. What is the process of creating new joint degree programmes?

To create the new joint programmes, the following process will be followed:



The full design of the programmes will only be made after the selection of the pilots when all the documents needed for accreditation will be prepared. In the second call, 3 new joint degree programmes will be selected.

5. Is there any financial support?

Yes, to facilitate work, each approved pilot new joint degree programme will receive financing to allow a maximum of two in-person meetings with a maximum of two participants per partner. The financing is exclusively for travelling, accommodation, subsistence and for preparing the face-to-face meetings.

6. What does the selection process look like?

The proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee.

For the selection process, the following selection criteria will be used (evaluated on a scale of 1-10):

- Degree of alignment with EU GREEN graduate attributes and educational principles;
- Degree of innovativeness incorporated in the programme, especially regarding the teaching and learning process;
- Relevance in terms of tackling sustainability challenges and alignment with SDG;
- Leverage potential (e.g., to become a European Degree or an Erasmus Mundus or be able to secure other external funding);
- Evidence that the programme will foster research-education links;
- Evidence that the programme is filling a gap/need/demand and will stimulate links with business and society.

After the pilots are selected, a Programme Design Task Force will work on developing the programme. A Programme Design Task Force should be proposed when the new joint programme is submitted.

Considering the importance that learning methodologies (including assessment) should have on the programme's development, EU GREEN will have a permanent design support team to help the programme specific design task force in pedagogical issues, on ULD design, on using technology to enhance learning, on plurilingualism issues and on accreditation and administrative issues.