

STARS EU Call for Offers 2027

Process

1. Context

This Call for Offers is now being carried out for the **third time**, building on the experience and processes established in the previous two editions. Its central purpose is to **collect all teaching-related activity across the alliance** in one place, giving partner institutions a comprehensive and up-to-date picture of the joint teaching offers available within the network. Beyond simply gathering submissions, the call functions as the **operational backbone of the alliance's teaching cooperation**: it is the point from which further **coordination** between partners is organized, from which **support** for the offers (e.g. funding, logistics, partner involvement) is derived, from which the information channels (like the website) are populated, and on which subsequent **reporting** to internal and external stakeholders is based. In this sense, the call is not an isolated administrative exercise but a recurring process that structures how the alliance plans, tracks, and communicates its teaching activities throughout the academic year.

2. Platform and Deadline

- The call will again be administered through the **alliance website**, consistent with how the previous edition was run. Here is the link to the call: <https://starseu.org/call-for-innovative-academic-offers-2/>
- **Deadline for submissions: October 31.** All offers must be submitted by this date to be considered as part of this edition of the call.
- **Outlook:** looking ahead, there are plans to migrate the administration of the call to the **Agora platform**. This is not yet in effect for the current edition but is expected to change how future calls are managed.

3. Immediate Follow-Up (after the deadline)

Once the submission deadline has passed, a series of coordination steps is triggered to process the incoming offers:

1. **Distribution to partners** – All partner institutions receive the complete list of submissions, ensuring full transparency across the alliance about which offers have come in.
2. **Internal coordination** – Based on this list, internal coordination processes are set in motion among the partners to align on next steps, responsibilities, and any open questions regarding the submitted offers.

3. **Funding check** – Each submission is reviewed with respect to its funding basis, specifically:
 - **Internal (institutional) funds** available at the respective partner institution
 - **Erasmus budgets**, to determine whether mobility funding can be drawn on for the offer
4. **Partner check** – Submissions are additionally reviewed with regard to the partners involved, to confirm that partner participation is correctly reflected and feasible.

4. Semester Checks

Ahead of each semester, a dedicated check is carried out to confirm that the offers submitted for that semester are actually going to take place, since submission at the time of the call does not automatically guarantee that an offer will run.

Before the Summer Semester (2027; i.e. February – July 2027)

- All offers submitted for the summer semester are reviewed to verify whether they will actually take place as planned.

Before the Winter Semester (2027/28; i.e. September 2027 – February 2028)

- All offers submitted for the winter semester are reviewed to verify whether they will actually take place as planned.

5. Intermediate Call (Spontaneous Additions, No Mobility Funds)

Beyond the main annual call, it can happen that **new offers emerge on comparatively short notice** — for example, opportunities that arise after the main call has already closed. Where such offers **do not require mobility funds**, they do not need to wait for the next full edition of the call. Instead, a **second, intermediate call** is opened in **March/April**, specifically to capture these spontaneous additions. Offers submitted through this intermediate call are directed at the **following winter semester**, allowing the alliance to remain responsive to new opportunities without being constrained by the main call's annual cycle. Please keep in mind: **Offers that require mobility funds are not eligible for the intermediate call.**

Process Overview (Timeline)

Phase	Timing	Action
Main Call	Deadline: October 31	Offers submitted via website
Immediate Follow-Up	Right after deadline	Distribution, coordination, funding & partner checks
Summer Semester Check	Before summer semester (February 2027)	Confirm offers will take place
Intermediate Call	March/April	Spontaneous, no-mobility-funds offers for following winter semester
Winter Semester Check	Before winter semester (August 2027)	Confirm offers will take place