

HEROES Sandbox Call for Community Experiments

Frequently Asked Questions

What's a "Sandbox"?

Think of it as a playground for ideas.

It's a low-risk environment where ideas can be tested before becoming larger initiatives. The HEROES Sandbox supports students and staff who want to experiment with projects that strengthen resilience and community building.

Can students lead a project?

Yes. Students and staff can both act as lead applicants and coordinate a project.

What are my responsibilities as lead or partner in a Sandbox project?

The lead of a project is a first point of contact for us – communication and project updates will be coordinated by the project lead. However, all partners share the responsibility of carrying out the project and adhering to budget requirements.

Do I need previous project experience?

No. The Sandbox is intentionally designed to support both first-time applicants and experienced project teams. If you have a good idea and the motivation to implement it, you are encouraged to apply.

What kind of ideas can be funded?

The Sandbox encourages creative and innovative project ideas. Whether that's a "travelling art installation" that is sent from one partner to the next, a community event that simultaneously takes place at three partner institutions, or something completely new – there are no limits to your creativity, as long as the project contributes to resilience and community building.

Can I fund a research project through the Sandbox?

No, unfortunately research projects are specifically excluded from Sandbox funding.

What expenses can be funded?

Eligible costs include Workshop materials and supplies, printing and communication materials, dissemination and promotion activities etc.

Funding is subject to EU regulations and institutional / national regulations – if there are any doubts about eligible costs, please contact your local WP7 member.

I'm not sure whether my idea fits the call. Can I ask for advice?

Absolutely.

If you're unsure whether your idea is eligible or would like support with your application, contact your local HEROES representative before submitting your proposal.

I have an idea but no partners. What should I do?

Don't worry.

The HEROES Alliance provides matchmaking opportunities to help participants find partners across institutions and countries.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Reach out to your local HEROES representative from Work package 7 – we're happy to help!

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