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## BIP in the Intercultural Competences micro-module – A practical example

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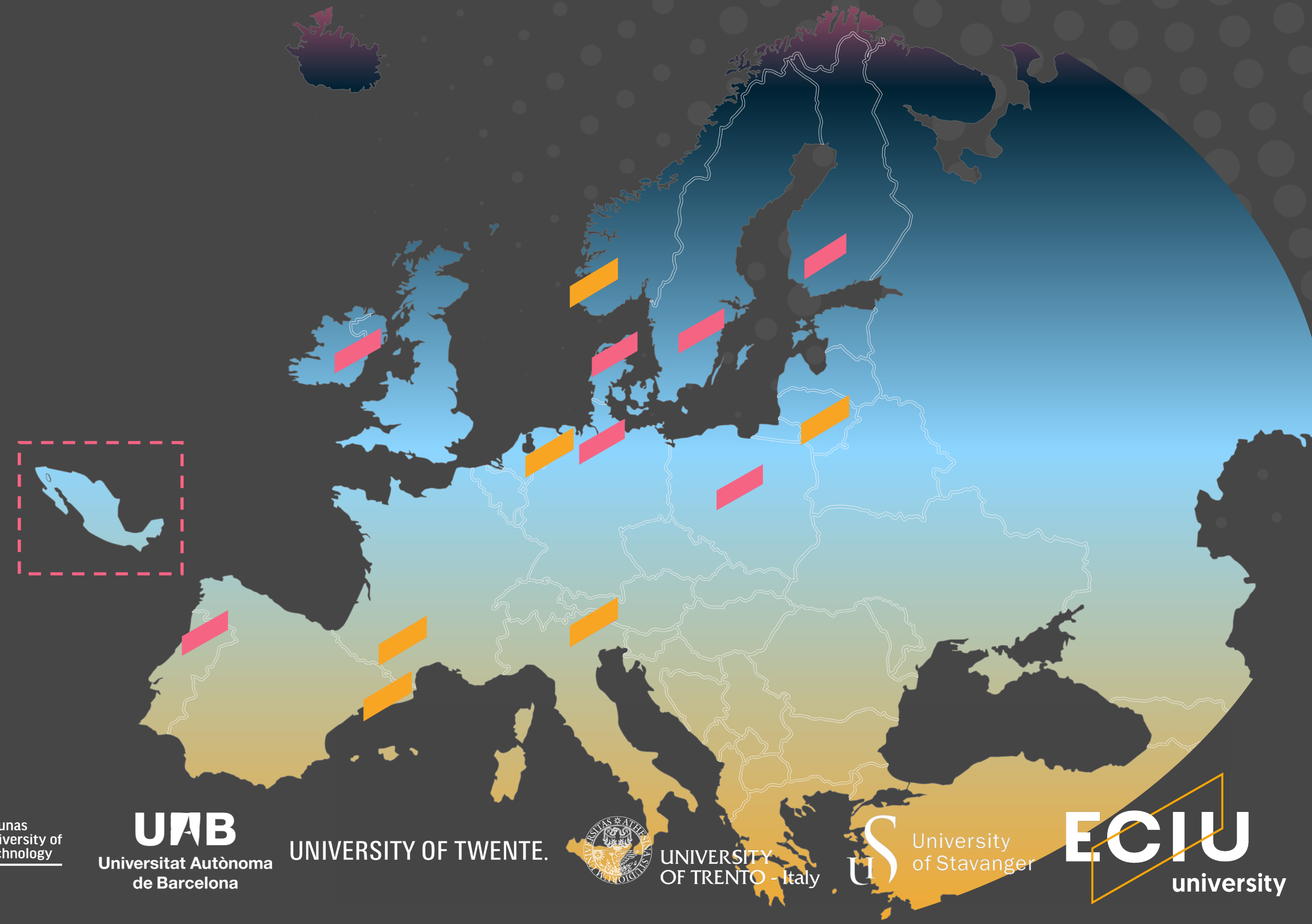
# The ICCS micro-module

## Intercultural Competences through Citizen Science

- 2-3 ECTS Introducing students to **intercultural competences**
- Pilot of multi-university collaboration within the **ECIU**
- **Blended**: online education with (optional) mobility
- **3 completed runs** (166 students)



Find out more!





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**APPLICATION**

REGISTER FOR THE  
MICRO-MODULE



**ONLINE  
COMPONENTS**

GROUP PROJECT ON  
CITIZEN SCIENCE,  
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# ONLINE COMPONENTS

## GROUP PROJECT ON CITIZEN SCIENCE, COACHING/REFLECTION & EXPERT MEETINGS

### GROUP PROJECT

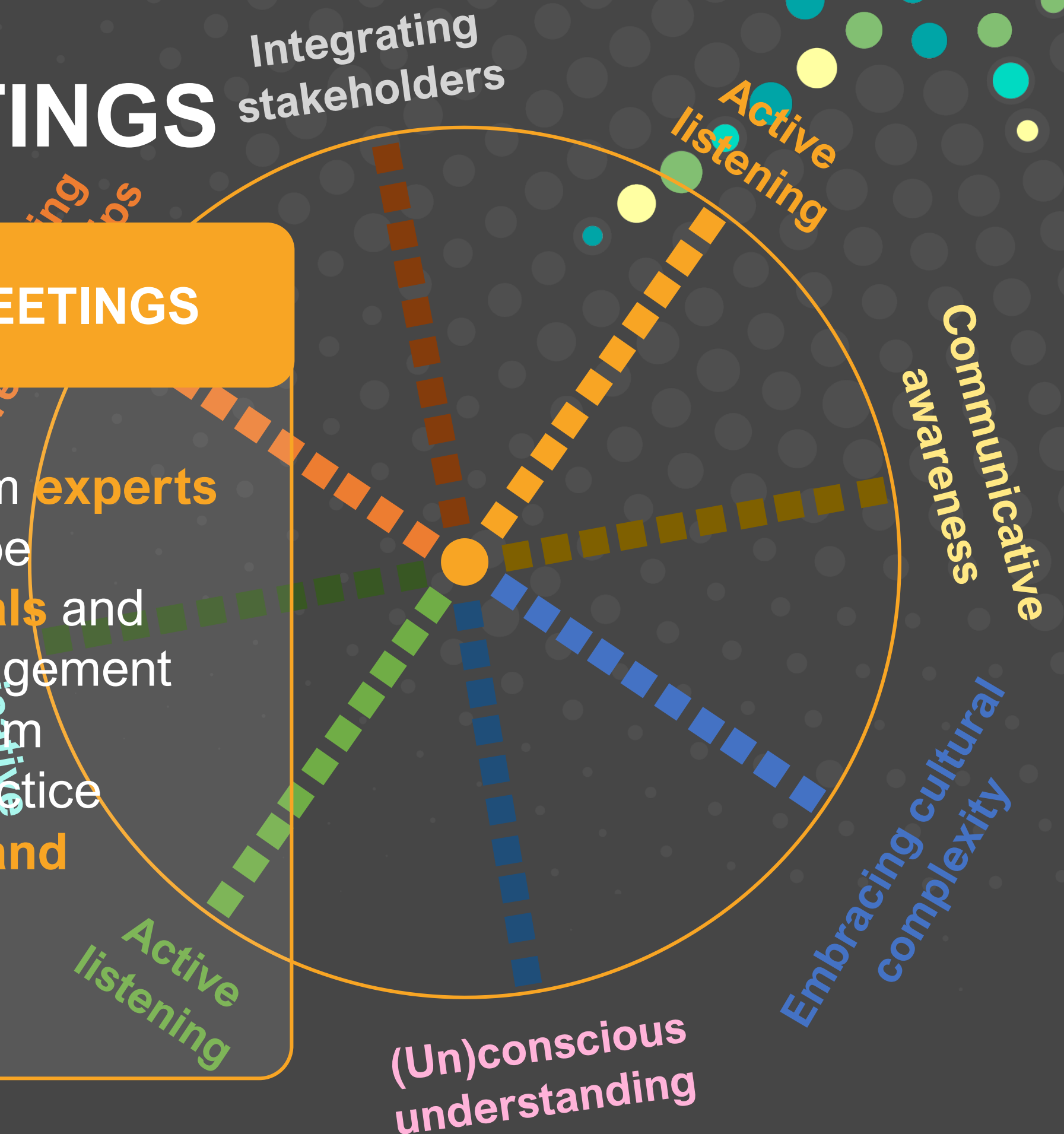
- **Citizen Science** in intercultural context
- Challenge-Based Learning framework
- Groups of 5-6 students with **different cultural backgrounds**
- Peer reviews / learning from each other

### COACHING & SELF-REFLECTION

- Assessing inter-cultural competence level
- Reflecting, coaching **growing**
- Team coaching on **group behaviours**
- Expert coaches

### EXPERT MEETINGS

- Lectures from **experts** across Europe
- **Fundamentals** and project management
- Examples from research/practice
- **Inspiration and deepening**

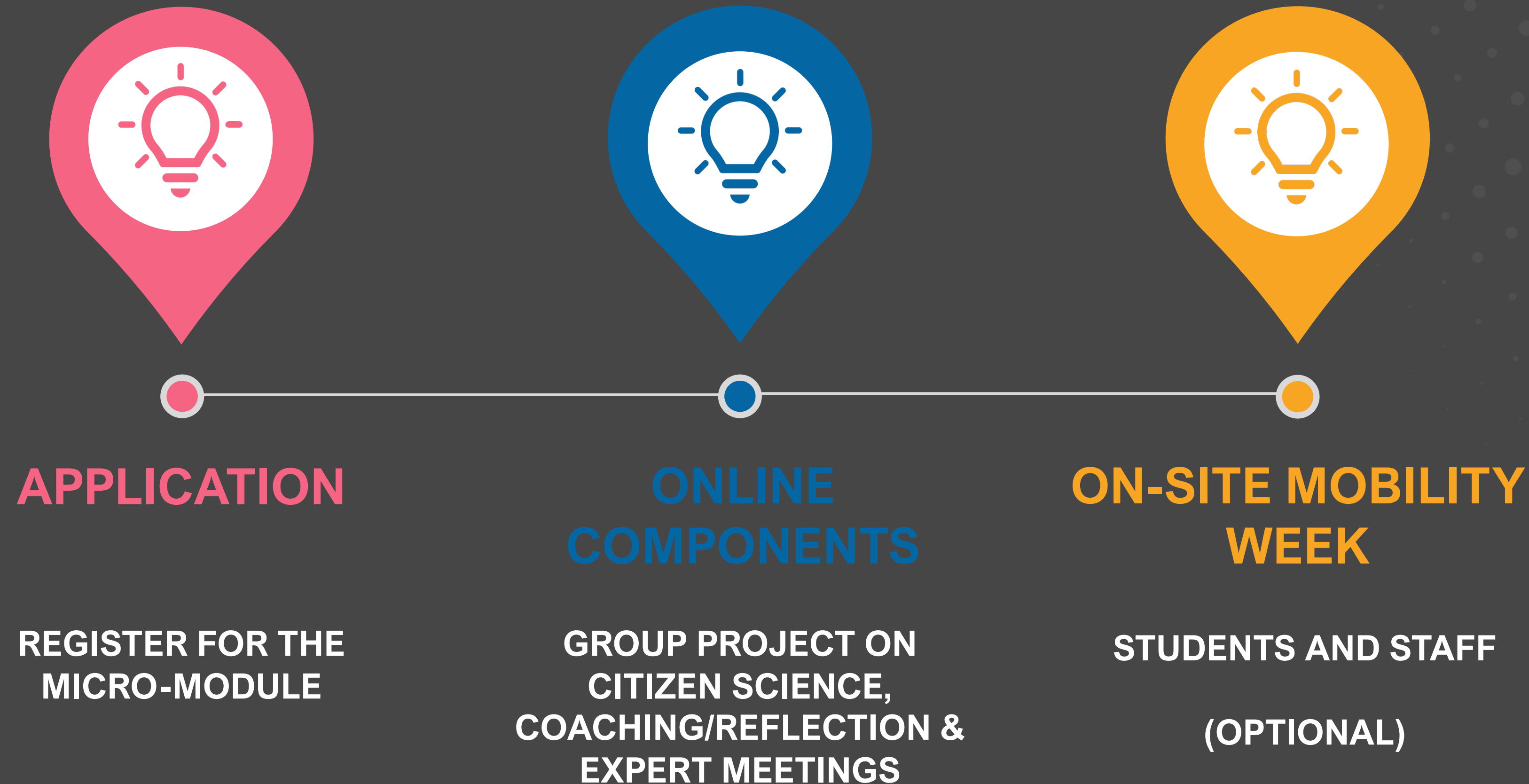


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# BIP in short

## Blended Intensive Programme

- Short, intensive programme (3 ECTS)
- Blended: virtual and in-person
- Collaboration of >3 partner institutions in the EU
- Between 5-30 days of in-person mobility
- >15 participants (>10 from academic year 2024-2025)
  - UT sends 5-7 participants
- Up to 6000 EUR in development funds
- BIP participants receive 79 EUR a day (up to 14th day) + 2 travel days
  - Green bonus: +2 travel days
  - Teaching staff receives teaching grant



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# BIP to-do's

## Course development

- Syllabus/contents (>3 ECTS)
- Course planning (when is the mobility?)
- (Finding) partners (>3)
- Promotion to students

## Communicate to staff/students

- Dates
- Host institute
- Good hotels, hostels...
- How to reach (first) location
- Ways to get around with public transport
- Local rules, tips, items to bring: COVID, biking rules, weather, walking shoes...
- Mobility programme

## Mobility programme with host

- Icebreakers
- What do students/staff need to learn?
- What can students/staff experience (especially)
- What would students/staff enjoy?
- Who will organise sessions?
- When do students and staff meet?
- What is the evening programme?

## BIP funding

- Arranging support
- Checking requirements
- Additional funding (Erasmus+, UFund, VIS, additional course funding?)

## Who's coming? - Staff

- Erasmus+:
  - Invitation letter
  - Participant Grant
  - Agreement training document
  - Staff mobility training document
  - Certificate of Attendance
- Travel arrangements
- Registered as BIP?

## Who's coming? - Students

- Motivation?
- BIP:
  - Learning agreement
  - Grant agreement
  - Certificate of Attendance
- Students arrange their own travel and stay
  - Green top-up

## Create data repository for funding documents

- Personal/travel information
- Get everything signed (digitally)

## Arranging support

- Support from SOIR
- Support from within the faculty
- Support from within ECIU
- Support from different partners
- Support from mobility host institution

Go abroad ☺

# 15 tips for successful BIPs

**1. Fit the BIP correctly into your course  
(taking into account ECTS, nr. universities and nr. students)**



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# 15 tips for successful BIPs

**2. Consider your mobility timing:  
too early may result in drop-out after;  
too late minimises beneficial effect on course**



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**3. Agree beforehand how many students/BIP participants  
each partner delivers  
(and aim high)**



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## 4. Start planning the BIP early



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**5. Discuss early with partners who applies for the BIP and what (local) rules apply**



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**6. Remain (together with your partners) in close contact with the host institute**



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**7. Combine student and staff mobility  
and give them overlapping sessions**



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**8. Let students apply for the mobility  
(e.g. motivation letter)**



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9. Put students clearly in charge of their own travel  
(but facilitate them meeting up locally beforehand)



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**10. Students with a disability are eligible for additional funding from UFund**



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**11. Travel by train (or bus/carpool) and get a green bonus!**



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**12. Add an assignment to the mobility week  
(e.g. workshop assignment, video's or magazine)**

**(...so students will pay attention)**



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**13. Don't fully fill the week but keep some flexibility**



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**14. Keep cultural differences in mind  
(e.g. longer lunch, leaving early/late)**



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**15. Take advantage of the opportunity, even if it's  
takes some work!**



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