

Quality Agreement initiatives decided

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The EEMCS-wide call for new Quality Agreement initiatives in Tranche 2, issued earlier this year, has resulted in twenty distinct proposals, submitted by students (mostly on behalf of multiple study associations), teachers and programme management. We consider this a very positive outcome of the call.

Financially, a rough estimate of the amount of available QA money for 2022, not already projected to be spend on ongoing initiatives, shows a sum total of somewhat over 300 k€; the submitted initiatives royally exceed that total, reaching more than 750 k€. A selection has therefore had to be made, based on feasibility of the plans and a cost-benefit analysis. As an outcome of this selection, the following initiatives have been granted (titles taken from the proposals, the measures are as explained in the call – see also “reference” below):

Nr	Short ID	Measure
P2	Micro-lecture on teaching in honours education	M9
P3	Mobile Robots and Robot Components for MSc Robotics Educational Lab	M1
P8	Portable conference hardware for hybrid project meetings	M1
P9	Additional design tools for Westzaal and Smart XP	M1
P12	Making computers with high processing power and large storage capacity available for students	M1
P13	Explainable EasyGrader - Supporting the assessment of open exam questions with explainable AI	M4
P16	Rollout of Smart Industry Digital Lab (SIDLab) infrastructure	M1
P17	Micro-lectures for the Architecture of Information Systems	M3
P18	New camera sets for video-assignments in EEMCS courses	M1
P19	West zaal 2	M1
P20	Academic skills EE	M6

The total amount requested in these accepted proposals is slightly over 250 euro, leaving some surplus. Depending on actual expenses, a further three proposals are therefore held in reserve, to be reconsidered in the course of the current calendar year:

Nr	Short ID	Measure
P7	Fully equipped computer labs to increase and improve the EEMCS study spots in Zilverling	M1
P11	Make drawing tablets available and accessible for all EEMCS students	M1
P14	A TA-bot for the service-oriented with web services (SOA-WS) course	M11

We want to thank all those who put their energy into submitting proposals for their efforts, regardless of whether we were able to grant them or not.

Reference

Explanation on the process established at EEMCS, including the call for proposals that has led to the above portfolio of proposals, can be found at <https://www.utwente.nl/en/eemcs/educational-quality/qualityagreements/qa-2022/>