

EXPLICO project: Co-creating local impact in times of global disruptions.

Our world is changing very fast and poses us with interconnected challenges that ask for new solutions – and new ways of thinking, working and collaborating that transcend the borders of our disciplines and countries. The Exchange Perspectives for Local Impact in Co-creation (EXPLICO) project equips students with the skills and mindset they need to take on complex problems across borders and to make an impact on a community of their choice.

In this online student-led project, students will work as part of an international, intercultural and interdisciplinary student team. In this team, students will explore global trends and innovations that emerge in the wake of the Covid pandemic and explore how they can hook onto the trends to answer to a real-life challenge in close collaboration with real-life beneficiaries and their community.

What will you be doing?

In six weeks, you and your team will define a challenge and co-create a solution in close consultation with a beneficiary of your choice and other stakeholders. Using a design thinking approach, your team will collaborate towards weekly deliverables, constantly leveraging your diverse perspectives, qualities and networks in the process. At the end of the project, you will pitch your solution to your beneficiaries and support them into implementing it in their community. Throughout EXPLICO, you will reflect on your collaboration within and beyond your team to monitor your own intercultural personal and professional development.

What will you be learning?

At the end of EXPLICO, you will be able to...

- Communicate thoughts, opinions, beliefs and values on global issues from various perspectives and interests.
- Examine local and global issues and trends from a multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural and multi-stakeholder perspective.
- Critically reflect on personal intercultural interactions for personal, academic and professional development.
- Demonstrate flexibility by managing ambiguity and adjust expectations and behavior in the context of a virtual exchange project.
- Apply entrepreneurial thinking skills to design and propose solutions to a local problem, considering multi-cultural and multi-stakeholder perspectives.

How will this be assessed?

You will be assessed in a group project portfolio, including all your weekly deliverables.

Besides, you will be assessed individually, based on a multi-media reflection.

You can receive **5 credits** for EXPLICO

When can you participate?

EXPLICO runs in the 2nd half of the fall semester from early November to the Christmas break; exact start and end dates will be communicated in due course.

You will attend two online classes per week. All sessions will be scheduled **online via Teams**.

Timetable information to follow mid October.

How to sign up?

Please email Ms R Scheltinga – r.scheltinga@hhs.nl

(include student name and university)

Look forward to working with you as part of our global teams.

