WP4.1 – Ulysseus Seed Funding Programme for Joint R&I Groups: Call 2

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SF Call 2 Objective and Target Group

Create new Group

Expand existing Group

- **Ulysseus R&I Group Members:**
  - Researchers from Ulysseus partner universities (must be administratively eligible to use SF funds),
  - Members of associated and strategic partners (cannot be beneficiaries),
  - Stakeholders from private & public sectors (cannot be beneficiaries).

Only researchers from partner universities can receive funding.

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NEW R&I Groups

What should the Topic be?

Interdisciplinary R&I Groups around the Ulysseus Innovation Hubs

What are the Conditions?:

- N1 - at least **3 researchers from at least 2** different partner **universities** + min. 1 associated partner/stakeholder must be involved in the Group,
- **each academic group member has to be registered** in the Ulysseus Open Science Repository,
- **one lead applicant** who submits the application on behalf of the Group to the seed funding call must be established,
- Researchers, experts, innovators from other institutions (than Ulysseus partner universities) can join and participate in the Ulysseus R&I Groups, **but not as beneficiaries. Including new members from HH and UniGe due to budget restrictions.**

Where to get information?

- If you plan to start a NEW Group please refer to the conditions described in Ulysseus Seed Funding Programme for Joint R&I Groups (link)

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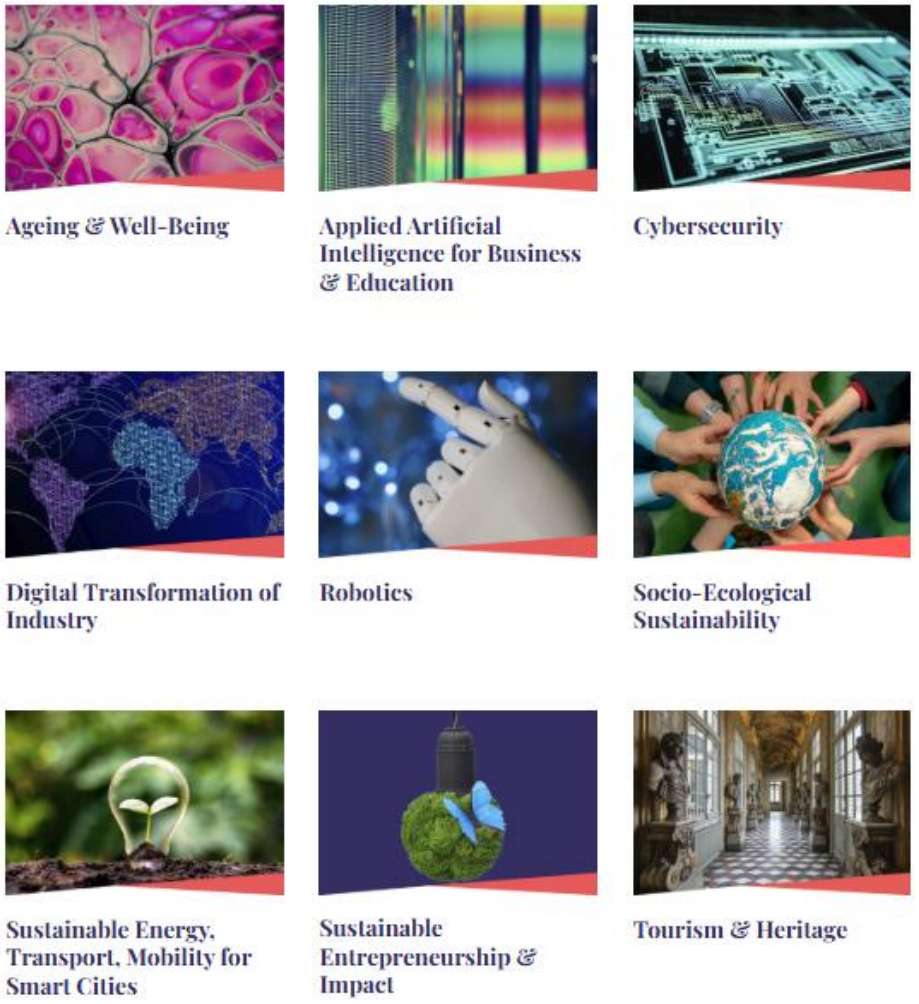
Which are the Innovation Hubs Topics?

- Ageing & Well-Being
- Artificial Intelligence for Business & Education
- Cybersecurity
- Digitalization Transformation for Industry
- Robotics
- Tourism & Heritage
- Socio-ecological Sustainability
- Sustainable Energy, Transport, Mobility for Smart Cities
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Impact



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What is understood by Expansion

Expansion (E) is dedicated for existing Ulysseus R&I Groups, which would like to expand by:

- E1 - Adding at least **1 new researcher** from at least **1 different partner university** with a descritpion of his/her added value,
- E2 - Adding at least **1 new researcher** from at least **1 existing group partner university** with a descritpion of his/her added value,
- E3 - Adding at least **1 new Ulysseus associated partner** to the group with a descritpion of his/her added value,
- E4 - Adding at least **1 new Ulysseus strategic partner** to the group with a descritpion of his/her added value,
- E5 – A combination of previous options.

Who decides about the Expansion

- E1 – registered in science.ulysseus.eu, approval and funding according to decision of the new partner universities LSeC.
- E2 - registered in science.ulysseus.eu, approval and funding according to decision of the existing partner universities LSeC,
- E3 - approval according to decision of the Lead aplicants partner universities LSeC, no aditional funding,
- E4 - approval according to decision of the Lead aplicants partner universities LSeC, no aditional funding,
- E5 - approval according to decision of the involved partner universities LSeCs.

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Types of activities supported within the SF

- Activities that are supported within this call are aimed to enable in-person meetings where researchers collaboratively establish an R&I Group or expand, define member roles, objectives, and research areas, exchange experiences and knowlege among members and generate ideas for future research or common projects, articles or initiatives.

List of eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses** (travel, accommodation, subsistence),
- **Services for R&I group meetings, seminars, workshops** aiming to foster the networking of the alliance researchers. These costs can include **venue costs** (room rentals, setup and arrangement fees, etc.), **materials** (printed materials, workshop supplies, etc.), **catering** (refreshments, coffee breaks etc.),
- **Any other eligible cost**, upon prior consultation to the EC Project Officer through the Ulysseus General Manager.

Be aware, that **ineligible costs** include, but are not limited to:

- Overhead costs,
- Staff costs,
- Equipment costs,
- Conference fees,
- Third parties' services (consultation companies etc.),
- Proposal writing costs and costs of such associated activities.

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Budget

The **Local Selection Committee** will **propose the funds available for each application** according to the internal strategy of the partner university.

Each partner university will distribute the allocated amount according to their internal rules and administrative procedures (grant, dedicated budget, lump sum, etc.).

- Make sure you meet the following Conditions:
  - **Registration** in Ulysseus Open Science Repository as mentioned,
  - Conditions for N1, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5 to be met,
  - The SF has to be spent and its **activities** have to be carried out until: **30 June 2027**
    - In case of E1, E2, E3, E4, E5 this date applies to all group members,
  - Reporting – one short onepager report is submitted at the end of each year until end of 2027. One grant report after the SF period end.

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Available resources and Budgeting

- Budget

Partner University	Allocation for Call #2
University of Seville (USE)	17 800 EUR
Université Côte d'Azur (UNICA)	23 305 EUR
University of Genova (UniGe)	0 EUR
Technical University of Košice (TUKE)	6 632 EUR + 25 000 EUR *
MCI | The Entrepreneurial School® (MCI)	8 170 EUR
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (HH)	0 EUR
University of Münster (UM)	11 669 EUR
University of Montenegro (UCG)	8 800 EUR

*TUKE is using aditional internal funds for support

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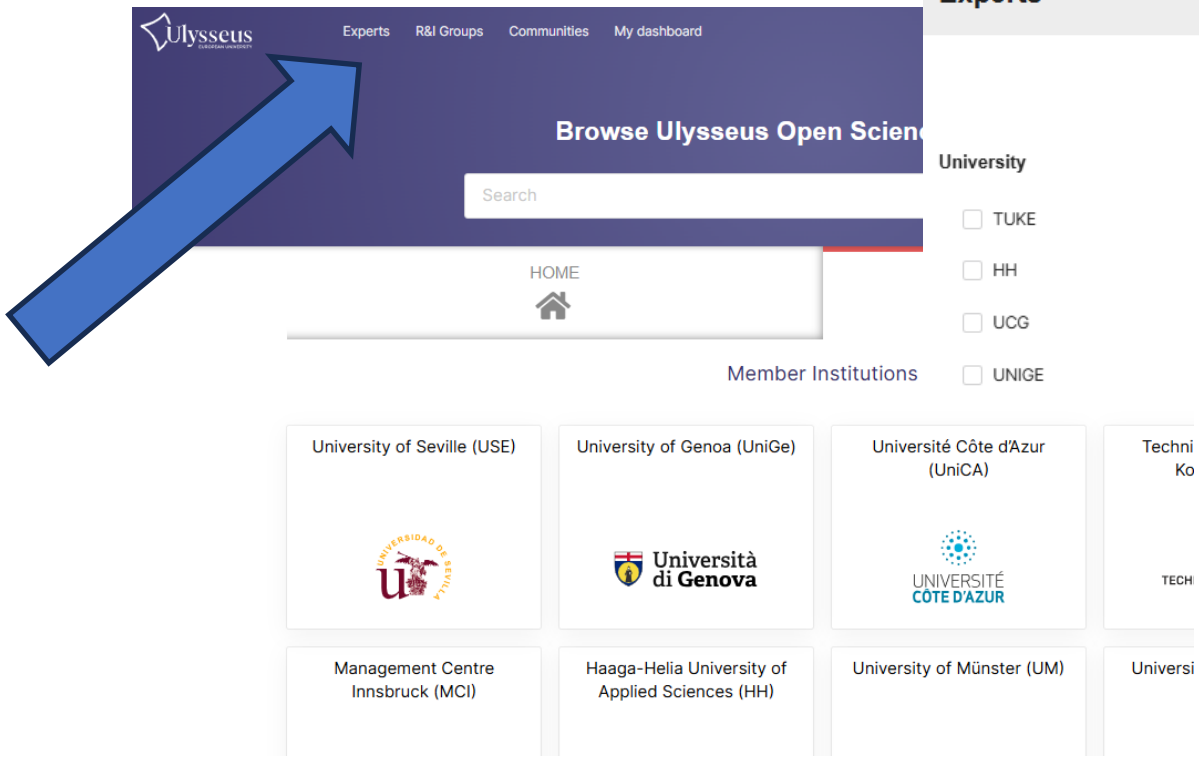
Application Process

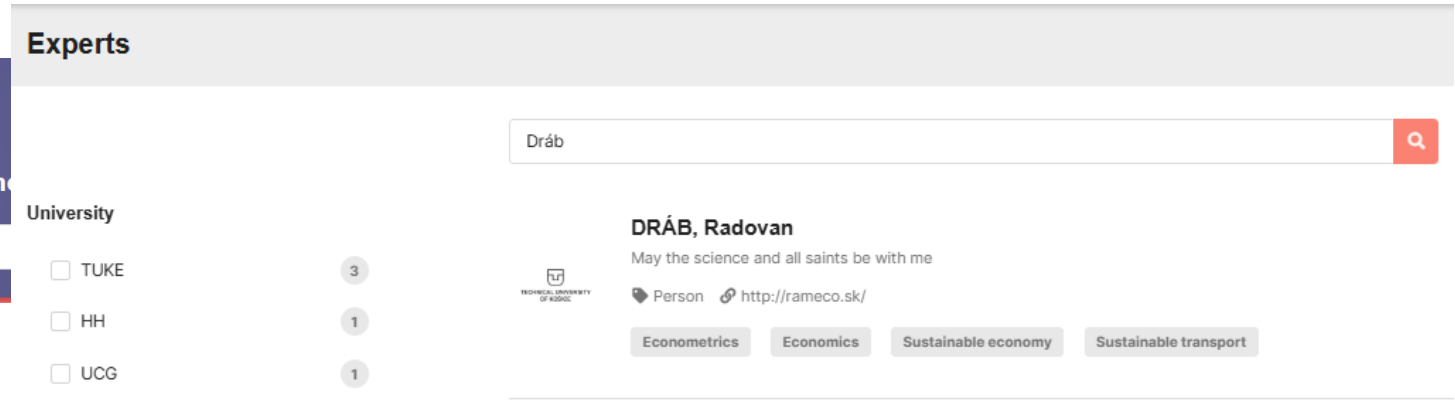
Step 0

Applicant (Group Leader): Group leader is searching through Ulysseus Open Science Repository (or different database) for researchers with relevant experience across the Ulysseus and is Reaching out to establish contacts

- Search



- And contact



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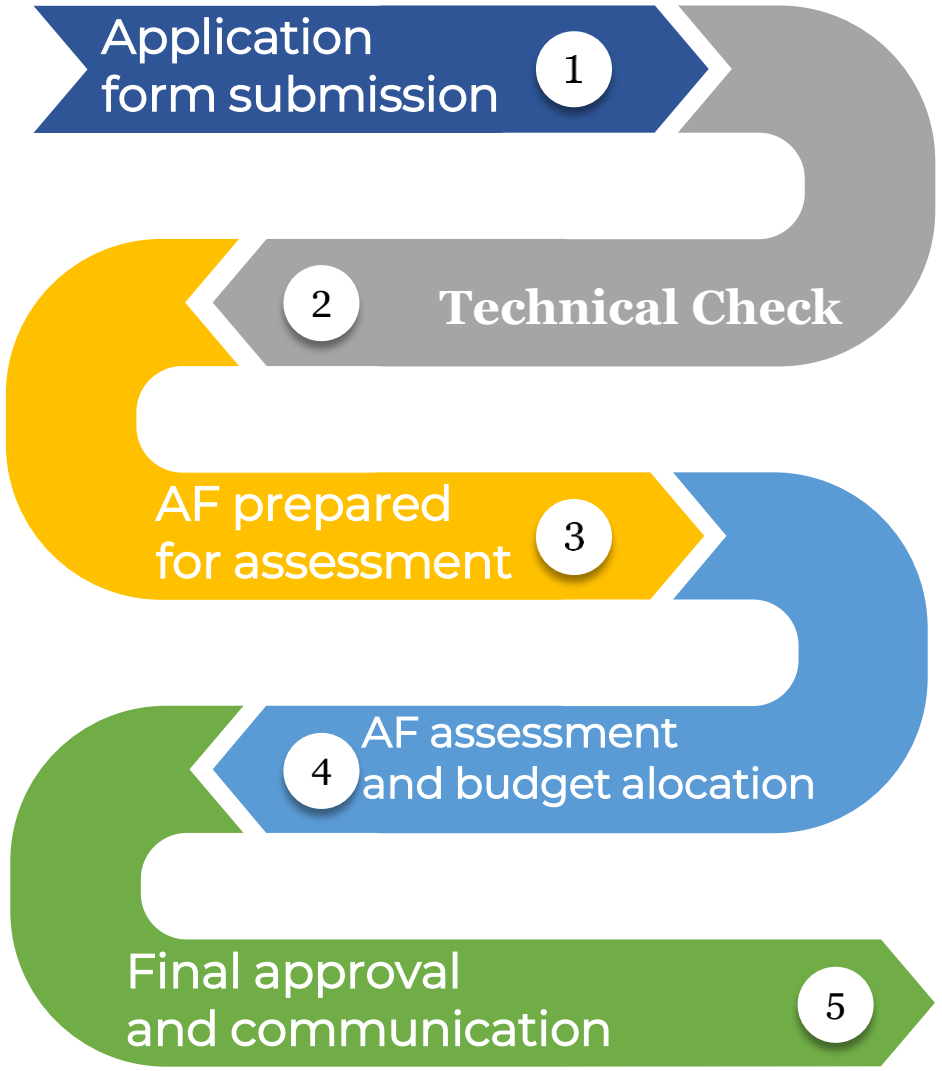
Process

1. **Lead Applicant** downloads and fills in the **Application form (AF)**, ensures the group members registration to **Open Science Repository** and submits the application via **Submission link**



2. Ulysseus Aproval Committee (**UAC**), collects and checks the **AF**, on weekly basis, manages the requests for **AF** corrections and merger proposals.

3. **UAC** combines information from **AF** and information from **Science.upysseus.eu** to prepare an **Extended Application Form (EAF)** - complex document describing the proposed R&I group. Such **EAFs** are allocated to corresponding Local Selection Committees (**LSeCs)** together with the **assesment forms**

4. Each **LSeC** recieves only **EAFs** where its researchers participate. Assesses them according to **evaluation criteria**, and **decides about budget allocation** for its institutions researchers only. The **assessment summary** is sent to **UAC** for finalisation.

5. **UAC** collects the **LSeC assessments** and combines them by R&I groups and informs **relevant subjects** with the **results**

Start of funded activities and reporting

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Application form and required data

Ulysseus Seed Funding Programme for Joint research and Innovation Groups

Application Form

Field	Description/Guidelines	Your entry	Check value/ Word count
Proposed Ulysseus R&I Group Name	Provide a clear and concise name that reflects the focus of the group.		Fill in R&I Group Name
Group acronym	Provide an acronym of your group if applicable.		Fill in Acronym
Type of Ulysseus R&I Group	Select group type based on the Seed Fund programme		Choose a type First
Topic of Ulysseud R&I Group	Select group topic		Then pick a topic
Objectives of the R&I Group	Describe the group. Summarize the scientific and innovation goals or specific research questions (max. 200 words). Please note that group members are described on the next excel sheet.		0
Keywords	Write 5 keywords that best describe the group topic and objectives (divide them by semicolon ";")		Add Keyword

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- Ulysseus R&I Group name
- Acronym
- Group type
- Group topic
- Group objectives
- Keywords
- Expected Contributions to Ulysseus European University
- Expected Outcomes and Impact
- Long-term Vision & Follow-Up Activities
- Budget Proposal
- Members list

Ulysseus Seed Funding Programme for Joint Research and Innovation Groups

Application Form

Member List

Nr.	Name	Surname	Lead Applicant or Applicant	Role description in the Group	Affiliation (University/Partner)	Department/Faculty/stakeholder/associated partner name	Email (Use the same as in Ulysseus Experts Database)	Is the Applicant young researcher?
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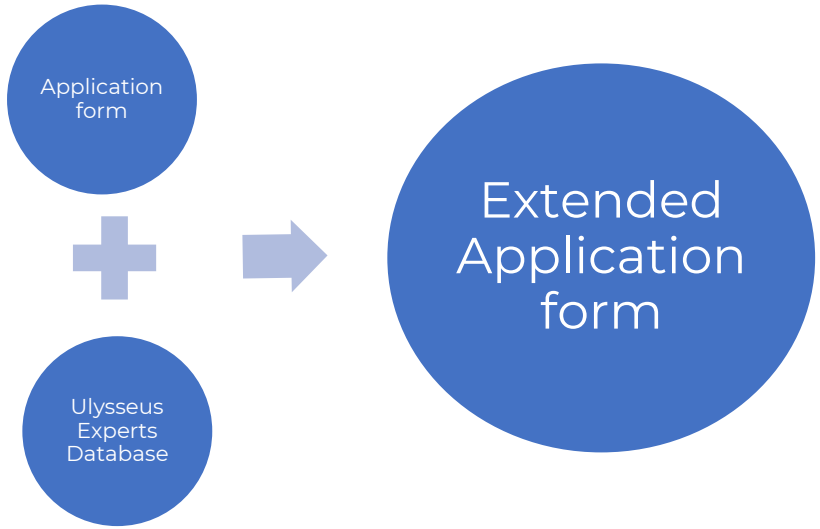
Combining the AF with information stored in Open Science Repository into EAF



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of blending logic with laughter, all while staying within the Ulysseus Seed Fund's guidelines

Proposal Budget Overview

Budget Items	Amount
Travel, accomodation and subsistence	4000
Services for worshops (venue, materials and catering)	5000
Other elligible costs upon consultation (research@ulysseus.eu)	1500
Total proposed budget	**10500**

Budget Allocation per University

University	Count of Members	Budget per university
USE	0	0
UNICA	1	3500
UniGe	0	0
TUKE	1	3500
MCI	0	0
HH	1	3500
UM	0	0
UCG	0	0
Other	1	0
Total	**4**	**10500**

Research Group Description

Application No. 251001

Proposed Ulysseus R&I Group Name:

Dream Scientific Team

Proposed Ulysseus R&I Group Acronym:

DST

Type of Ulysseus R&I Group:

Thematic Research Groups focused on common research areas

Objectives of the Ulysseus R&I Group:

Laboratory of Outstanding Logic (LOL) is where serious science meets not-so-serious vibes. Our mission? To solve big, brain-bending problems with a perfect blend of logic, innovation, and just the right amount of chaos. We dive into complex challenges across economics, technology, and environmental research—because why limit ourselves when we can tackle everything?

At LOL, we believe the best ideas come when you mix data with a bit of imagination and a whole lot of coffee-fueled debates. Our team of brilliant, quirky researchers works tirelessly (and sometimes humorously) to create solutions that are practical, impactful, and occasionally genius. Think of us as the place where breakthroughs happen—right between laughter and "Aha!" moments.

Whether we're optimizing decision-making models or figuring out how to save the world without breaking it, LOL proves that science doesn't have to be boring. We're here to solve problems, make discoveries, and remind everyone that sometimes the key to success is not taking yourself too seriously.

Keywords:

LogicLols, BrainstormBlitz, DataJesters, Funovation, Laughgorithms

Expected Contributions to Ulysseus European University:

The Laboratory of Outstanding Logic (LOL) is not just about serious research; it's about making serious research seriously fun. Our activities align seamlessly with Ulysseus' goals, providing transversal support to its key priorities, and fostering potential synergies with member universities. Here's how: 1. Modernizing Universities with a Dash of Humor Ulysseus aims to modernize educational institutions by developing a lasting territorial and digital Innovation Ecosystem. At LOL, we contribute by infusing creativity and humor into our research methodologies, making the innovation ecosystem not only effective but also enjoyable. Our unique approach encourages engagement and fresh perspectives, aligning with Ulysseus' vision of a modern, dynamic academic environment. 2. Contributing to Regional and City Development with a Smile By implementing student-centered, flexible, and work-based European Joint Programmes, Ulysseus aims to enhance regional development. LOL's research projects, often involving local communities in light-hearted yet impactful ways, support this goal. Our community outreach includes "Logic Laughter" workshops, where we solve local problems with logical solutions and a good laugh, fostering development and community spirit. 3. Reducing the Competence Gap with Cleverness Preparing highly-skilled, digital, multilingual, and

Timeline

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Questions

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Involved Subjects and Roles - Ulysseus Seed Funding Administration

Ulysseus Approval Committee

- **Compostion**: members from the Ulysseus T4.1 task force team and, optionally, the chairs of Local Selection Committees
- **Role**: technical pre-check of the Applications, managing the documents flow for the LSC, collecting their assessments and results, aggregating the result to inform the applicants, communication of final approval.

Local Selection Commitee

- **Compostion**: chaired by the Chief Scientific Officer of the corresponding Ulysseus Innovation Hub
- **Role**: assessment of the received R&I Groups applications and funding allocation

Researches

- Researchers from any Ulysseus partner university with a legal contract with the particular University

Lead Applicant

- Researchers Submitting project proposal – representing Research Group in Application proces

Stakeholders and Associated partners

- Organizations and institutions that collaborate with the Ulysseus alliance

Seed Funding Administration platform

- Set of program tools for forms development and their management and analysis (Rstudio, Excel...)

Ulysseus Experts Database

- comprehensive directory of Ulysseus researchers and associated partners and related stakeholders

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