**Unusual Collaborations 2025 expression of intent**

*The expression of intent serves to provide a succinct outline of the idea for a topic that a team wishes to pursue. CUCo strongly recommends completing the form as a team effort: collaboration at the onset allows all disciplines and team members to be meaningfully engaged in the setup of the project.*

*Please note that the assessment on the eligibility criteria by the CUCo Board is based on this expression of intent: it is thus advised to offer clear and convincing descriptions. Expressions of intent that are not sufficiently well developed with regard to the eligibility criteria run the risk of not passing the eligibility stage.*

**TITLE:**

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| Title of project  |  |

1. **STAGE OF COLLABORATION**

Please tick the option that applies to your current stage.

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| Spark | *Year of funding*  |
| UCo first year | *Year of funding* |
| UCo second year | *Year of funding* |

1. **TEAM AND PROCESS**

Please explain why the team composition is unusual (see “eligibility” for elaboration on how this is understood).

* Highlight how the combined expertise of the applicants optimally addresses the (societal) challenge addressed.
* Describe what processes have so far contributed to fostering collaboration amongst the team and how it foresees to continue building trust and integrating different types of knowledge throughout the course of the proposed project.
* Please specify how and how much time the team will spend together.
* Include elaboration on how you will facilitate learning and reflection, as well as harvesting and documenting lessons and insights gained from the collaborative work.
* Include reference to how the team strives towards diversity and inclusion in its composition and research process.
* In case societal partners are part of the collaboration, describe how their knowledge has been part of formulating the idea and process, as well as the added value of their involvement for all parties.

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| Explanation: | *(Max 500 words, please include word count)* |

1. **SUMMARY OF IDEA FOR TOPIC**

Please describe the idea that the team wishes to pursue with the grant:

* Objective(s);
* key research questions;
* research approach;
* expected outcomes/deliverables, if applicable;
* motivation as to why you consider the idea to be unusual, and how it is different from existing initiatives.
* Include a reference to the societal challenge that is addressed.

Address a general audience.

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| Abstract  | (Max 500 words, please include word count) |

1. **APPLICANTS**

Please list the team members from at least three institutes of the alliance TU/e, WUR, UU, UMCU.

1. Main applicant

*Please appoint one of the team members to serve as main contact and coordinator of the project:*

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| Given name(s), family name(s): |  |
| Institute, department: |  |
| E-mail address: |  |

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| Main expertise  | (Max 50 words)  |
| Contribution to the team and the project | (Max 100 words)  |

1. Co-applicants

*The minimum requirement is three (co-)applicants from three separate institutes of the alliance* TU/e, WUR, UU, UMCU*; duplicate tables below for as many additional co-applicants as you would like to add*

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| Given name(s), family name(s): |  |
| Institute, department: |  |
| E-mail address: |  |

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| Main expertise  | (Max 50 words)  |
| Contribution to the team and the project | (Max 100 words)  |

1. **USE OF BUDGET**

Please describe how you intend to spend the budget (see the call text for types of costs that may/need to be included). Please note that overhead of 25% applies to all personnel costs (except the hiring of external expertise).

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| **Budget item**  | **Estimated costs** |
| **Personnel**  | E.g. salaries applicants *- please note that 25% overhead applies to salaries* |
|  | E.g. research/student assistants  |
| External advice | E.g. stakeholder and expert discussion compensation/travel reimbursement |
|  | E.g. hiring of a process coach |
| **Materials**  | E.g. meeting facilitation, travel costs  |
|  | E.g. equipment |
| **Total costs** | *Between €50,000 - €140,000* |

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|  Explanation | (Max 200 words, please include word count) |