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We encourage all CIVIS partner universities to support this initiative by sharing this invitation with their university's dance community through the sports institute and similar departments.

➔ First collaborative Dance Project: Dance Project 2024

Invitation to the CIVIS Initiative: Choreographic Dance Project, May 10th-16th 2027

The Institute of Sports Science at the University of Tübingen invites **students, dancers and dance practitioners** from CIVIS partner universities to participate in a one-week international **CIVIS Dance Lab** in Tübingen.

The project brings together participants from different CIVIS universities to **explore dance, choreography and artistic collaboration across cultural and institutional contexts**. Rather than simply learning or reproducing a pre-existing choreography, participants will be invited to contribute their own movement experiences, artistic perspectives, cultural references and ideas. Together, the international group will explore how different movement practices and understandings of dance can meet, interact and develop into a **shared artistic expression**.

The CIVIS Dance Lab will create opportunities for participants to:

- explore **dance as a common language** in an intercultural exchange;
- gain experience in negotiating ideas, making artistic decisions and creating collectively with peers from **diverse linguistic, cultural and institutional backgrounds**;
- encounter and reflect on different movement traditions, artistic practices and understandings of **dance as cultural heritage**; and
- experience how artistic collaboration can foster **intercultural understanding, openness and a sense of belonging within a European university community**.

The project will create a **shared creative space** in which differences become a resource for artistic creation. Participants will learn from one another and actively help shape the direction of the choreographic process, with professional practitioners from the University of Tübingen and local choreographers facilitating and supporting it.

Celebrating Tübingen's European Connections

Taking place during the **550th anniversary year of the University of Tübingen**, the CIVIS Dance Lab offers a special opportunity to celebrate the University as a place of **learning, exchange and encounter**. Rooted in a long history and rich cultural heritage, Tübingen today is also a university deeply connected to Europe and the wider world through its diverse university community and international partnerships.

As a member of **CIVIS – Europe's Civic University Alliance**, the University of Tübingen actively engages with partner universities and with academic and student communities across Europe and Africa. The Dance Lab will give **artistic expression to these international connections** by bringing participants from different

CIVIS universities and cultural backgrounds together in Tübingen to **learn from one another, exchange perspectives and create collectively**.

Dance is particularly suited to this purpose. While carrying **cultural memory, identity and heritage**, it can also cross linguistic and cultural boundaries. The project therefore sees dance not only as an artistic practice, but as a powerful medium for **intercultural exchange** and a way of exploring how cultural traditions can be shared, transformed and reinterpreted through encounters with others.

The collaborative process will culminate in a **shared choreographic presentation in Tübingen**, showcasing the participants' artistic contributions to an audience, and providing a visible expression of the **international and intercultural connections that Tübingen cultivates through its participation in the CIVIS Alliance**.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

We invite all students or staff from CIVIS universities who:

- have an interest or experience in dance and/or choreography,
- are interested in collaborative artistic work,
- are open to working with participants from different cultural and artistic backgrounds, and
- would like to contribute to an international CIVIS project in Tübingen.

To ensure a **diverse and internationally balanced group** while considering the project's limited funding for its participants' mobility support, participation will be **limited to 2–3 participants per CIVIS university**.

NEXT STEPS

Express your interest

If you are interested in participating, please contact:

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Please include:

- your name,
- your university/institution,
- a short description of your dance or choreographic background, and
- a brief statement explaining your interest in the project.

We look forward to bringing together dancers and choreographers from across the CIVIS network and creating a vibrant international space for dance, artistic exchange and collaborative creation.

Let's move together!