

Call for the organisation of mini- workshops in fusion

2021

(live or remote)



FuseNet
The European Fusion Education Network
ASSOCIATION

1. Introduction

FuseNet is an independent legal entity that was founded in December 2010 to provide a platform for the coordination of European fusion education activities, the initiation, development and implementation of new EU-wide actions, and the exchange and dissemination of fusion education information. The association is open to all European organisations that are active in the field of fusion education and research.

As part of its activities, FuseNet supports the organisation of mini-workshops. These are small-scale workshops that aim to connect young talents with experienced researchers. They have the set-up of masterclasses on a dedicated topic, and include interaction between experts and students. Such events typically last 2–5 days. Three examples of the past are:

- *Irradiation effects in plasma-facing materials*, organised by SCK-CEN, Belgian Nuclear Research Centre;
- *GOMTRAIC Workshop at Golem Tokamak*, organized by Czech Technical University.
- **Remote** using Zoom and an [Indico event page](#): *From theory to practice: become prepared for fusion & fission new build projects*, organised by Schoenfelder Training and Framatome;

2. Eligibility

For a mini-workshop to be eligible for funding, the following requirements must be met.

1. The applicant must be a FuseNet member.
2. The mini-workshop must cover a specialised fusion-relevant topic at MSc or PhD level which is not widely covered in existing summer schools, workshops or other educational events.
3. The mini-workshop must have an innovative character—it cannot simply be a repetition of a previously held mini-workshop. There must be added value by e.g. including novel programme elements or trying to reach a different or larger audience.
4. The mini-workshop must have around 10 participants.
For remote mini-workshops: the group is allowed to be bigger, but there should be extra attention for the interactive engagement of the participants.
5. The mini-workshop must last 2–5 days and be organised during 2021.
For remote mini-workshops: there must be several meetings over the days, which address the various programme elements.
6. The mini-workshop must include external experts and/or participating external students.
7. Participants to the mini-workshop must be MSc or PhD students in a fusion-relevant field.
8. Application must be open to prospective participants from all FuseNet members and members of EUROfusion countries, provided they meet the other criteria for participation.

3. Type of support

With regard to the type of support that successful applicants can claim, a distinction is made between live and remote mini-workshops.

1. **For live mini-workshops:** successful applicants can claim the actual costs for a mini-workshop up to a limit of €9000. These actual costs must have been made to eliminate the participation fee and include accommodation and/or meals for the participating

students. Note: support for external teachers is not covered under this scheme. The applicant could, however, decide to also apply for the “Mobility of Lectures” funding scheme.

2. **For remote mini-workshops:** successful applicants can instead claim compensation of personnel cost, goods and services up to a limit of €9000. This is only allowed under the additional condition to be described in section 4 sub 4d. Such a claim needs to comply with the EUROfusion regulations. In case the successful applicant is also a EUROfusion member or linked third party, this amount will be added to the EUROfusion contribution (via the budget allocation procedure—WP-EDU 100%).

4. Application procedure

1. A running call is set out and FuseNet members can send in their applications to feo@fusenet.eu in a format to be described in section 5.
2. Applications are evaluated by the WP_MAS work party on a running basis.
3. FuseNet draws up a purchase order for the mini-workshop based on the application document, which describes the mini-workshop and several post–mini-workshop deliverables.
4. The post–mini-workshop deliverables mentioned in section 4 sub 3 always include but are not necessarily limited to:
 - a. a report on the activities and content covered during the mini-workshop;
 - b. a list of participants to the mini-workshop including their affiliations;
 - c. the results of a short survey that the organiser(s) will conduct among participants to evaluate the effectiveness of the workshop;
 - d. **for remote mini-workshops:** the lecture material (such as hand-outs and slides) that was developed for and used during the mini-workshop. This material can be freely redistributed by FuseNet without prior approval by the applicant.
5. FuseNet announces selected mini-workshops through its communication channels and invites prospective participants to apply.
6. Payment in full follows after the mini-workshop has concluded and only after all deliverables have been received by FuseNet.

5. Contents of the application

Applications are typically 1–2 pages and must at least include:

1. the topic of the mini-workshop including a short motivation on its (fusion) relevance, novel aspects and learning objectives;
2. the programme of the mini-workshop;
3. a description of what is offered to the students (activity, accommodation, meals);
4. a top-level budget breakdown;
5. names and affiliations of lecturers and external experts/teachers to be invited;
6. the number of external students that is expected;
7. **for remote mini-workshops:** a description of the communication technology to be used during the mini-workshops and of the way in which the organiser(s) will ensure interactive engagement of the participants. If so desired, the applicant is encouraged to call on FuseNet to assist in this by e.g. temporarily supplying a Zoom license or allowing for the construction of a dedicated environment on our event platform indico.fusenet.eu.