



UNITA European Alliance Student Competition for European Citizenship-themed Bachelor's Theses and Master's Dissertations

Rules of the Competition

In the framework of **UNITA Universitas Montium** European Alliance, Transilvania University of Braşov organises a competition for the undergraduate and graduate students who have written their **graduation papers** on the theme of **European citizenship**.

The former term of the name, **UNITA**, evokes the commitment of ten universities (Università degli studi di Torino, Università degli studi di Brescia, Universidad de Zaragoza, Universidad Pública de Navarra, Université Savoie-Mont Blanc, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, the Western University of Timişoara, Transilvania University of Brasov, Universidade da Beira Interior, Politecnico Guarda), and two associated partners (Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale and Université Nationale Yuriy Fedkovych de Chernivtsi) to achieving an ever-greater integration of their academic activities. The latter term, of Latin origin, **Universitas Montium**, emphasises the commonalities of the UNITA universities: their Romance languages and their commitment to fostering linguistic diversity on the one hand, and their proximity to mountain areas on the other hand.

The project guidelines include an ever-stronger European identity, through a solid understanding of Europe's past and latest advancements alike, in fields such as Law, History, Sociology, Economy, Management and Political Sciences. In this context, a competition has been launched, **UNITA Prizes for the Bachelor's Theses and Master's Dissertations on European Citizenship**, which will reward **the UNITA students' best graduation papers on the aforementioned theme**.

The organization and conduct of this competition are governed by the provisions hereof:

- 1.** The main purpose of the competition is the contribution to a better understanding of the European identity and citizenship, as well as the selection of the most valuable bachelor's theses and master's dissertations on these topics.
- 2.** The graduation papers approaching European topics and the relations between Europe and the territories where the UNITA universities conduct their activity may be entered into the competition. Each paper must have a 3,000-character abstract appended thereto. The abstract should highlight how the paper falls within the competition theme, as well as its relevance for the European citizenship, identity and values.



3. Every UNITA university organises its own competition. As regards Transilvania University of Braşov, the structure of the prize-awarding jury will be established through internal decision, and the jury will convene in the month of October 2026.

The paper selection will be organised as a two-step process: (i) the selection of four papers out of the submitted ones (two for the bachelor's section and two for the master's section), followed by (ii) the four selected candidates' defence of a presentation/interview, in early **November 2026**.

4. The competition is open for the UNITA undergraduate and graduate students who have defended their graduation papers during one of the last three academic years (2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026).

The competitors shall apply in the universities where they defended their bachelor's theses or master's dissertations. The students who have already been awarded in a previous edition may not apply again.

The paper and its abstract must be submitted in **PDF** format, until the **15th of October 2026**, to the email address: unita@unitbv.ro.

The documents must be written in Romanian or in English.

5. The jury will apply the following assessment scale:

- I. **Relevance of the paper title** (in terms of clarity and conciseness, as well as alignment with the competition theme);
- II. **Structure** (introduction; table of contents, conclusions and bibliography);
- III. **Writing style** (quality, use of graphics, and defence of a 5-page abstract in Romanian and in English);
- IV. **Content** (conceptual approach, adequate use of the theories, notions and bibliography, as well as of the citations and sources);
- V. **Empirical research** (multidisciplinary approach, relevance of the results, and originality of the research).

6. If considering the submitted papers as non-compliant with the minimum quality standards or as unconnected to the competition theme, the jury may decide not to award the prize for one or both categories of the competition. In this situation, the value of the unawarded prize may be redistributed to the other category. In all cases, the jury has full authority to adopt the decisions it deems most appropriate, and these decisions are final and irrevocable.

7. The winning paper under the Bachelor's category will receive a prize worth 200 € and a diploma. The winning paper under the Master's category will receive a prize worth 400 € and a diploma. Moreover, the awarded papers will be published on the website of the UNITA



Alliance, as well as promoted through its official communication and social-networking channels.

8. The winning papers of this competition will be made available to the UNITA Alliance, which may use them for information, promotion and awareness-raising purposes, as well as for support to the project proposes, with the mention of the author's name, in all cases.

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The structure of the jury will be established in the month of July 2026.

