



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Science Communication Projects

### Action 5 – SMUS Science Communication Hub

**Application Deadline: Friday 4th July 2025**

#### The Science Communication Hub

The **SMUS Science Communication Hub (SC Hub)** provides a space for researchers and practitioners working on urban-related topics to develop innovative science communication projects.

In collaboration with K LAB, the communication and visualisation unit at TU Berlin's Institute for Urban and Regional Planning, the SC Hub aims to promote transdisciplinary learning and increase public engagement in addressing "Wicked Urban Problems" (WUPs) in urban spaces.

#### Science Communication Projects

The **SMUS Science Communication Projects (SCPs)** aim to deliver research outcomes and approaches to tackling WUPs in novel and/or alternative ways, beyond the classical scientific representation (e.g., via scientific papers or presentations at academic conferences). The focus lies on the communication of and on the urban, its visualisations, representations, and mediations, understanding communication not as a unidirectional presentation of information, but rather as a multidirectional dialogue.

To this end, the SCPs can deal both with the medium (or media) employed for transmitting information (e.g. maps, plans, infographics, drawings, sketches, texts, speech, audios, video), but also with the processes of transmission (e.g. human/non-human interaction, participatory methods, co-production), and questions of how a collective understanding of the corresponding content succeeds.

\* While the SCPs may be produced in a language other than English, English translation should be made readily available (please remember to set aside sufficient funds for this).



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### Eligibility

This call is open to **all SMUS network partner institutions**. Practice-oriented partners in media and communication (e.g. designers, artists, filmmakers) and/or members of the public, civil society organisations, and other potential addressees (e.g. community organisations) can be actively involved in the content production of the projects.

### Financing

Please provide a budget detailing your planned spending in the given categories (using the budget template provided).

**Please note** the following:

SMUS Core Partners will get paid through an Individual Work Package (IWP) contract and will have to provide both a financial and activity report before the year end (the exact deadlines will be provided in the IWP contract).

Non-Core SMUS Network Partners will receive a service contract and are not required to provide a financial report.

### Application Procedure

Applications should be sent before midnight Berlin time on 04.07.2025 to Raffaella Reinboth at [raffaella.reinboth@tu-berlin.de](mailto:raffaella.reinboth@tu-berlin.de).

All applications should include the following:

- 1) A PDF copy of the completed Application Form.
- 2) The completed Budget.
- 3) A signed Letter of Intent from your institution/department, confirming that it will support the SCP. In case of a partnership, each institution needs to provide an LoI.

Consideration will be given to the thematic and professional spectrum of different disciplines and the representation of the world regions within the SMUS network.



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### Timeline

DATE	ACTION	WHO
06.06.2025	Launch Call for Applications. SMUS Network partners are encouraged to share the Call widely with their colleagues at their respective institutions. Please look at Annex 1 in the Application Form to see the diversity of topics and/or themes that could be addressed.	SMUS Berlin Team
04.07.2025	Application Deadline	Applicants
07.07.2025 – 11.07.2025	Selection Process	Selection Committee
14.07.2025	Notification of selected SCPs	SMUS Berlin Team
From 15.07. 2025	Admin process: signing of cooperation agreements.	TU Berlin and Project Teams
From 15.07.2025	Conceptual phase	Project Teams
01.08.2025 – 30.10.2025	Production phase	Project Teams
15.11. 2025	For Core Partners only: Deadline for preliminary financial report (we need to know at this time if any monies for 2025 will be returned)	Core Partner Project Teams to SMUS Berlin
November 2025	Completion phase	Project Teams
30.11.2025	Delivery of science communication project	Project Teams