

Join the finale of the Urban Health Case Challenge 2020

From 23-27 November 2020, the 4EU+ University Alliance is hosting the first ever 4EU+ Urban Health Case Challenge. In 2020, the challenge is about community resilience in times of COVID-19 and the external case provider is Gehl. On Friday 27 November from 09.00-15.00 you can join the 14 student teams from eight European cities when they present their solutions to the challenge.

The case challenge is a part of the 4EU+ Alliance's Flagship 1 programme, launched to address the impact the changing urban environments and demographic development have on the health of our citizens. Barely a surprise, the topic of this year's Urban Health Case Challenge relates to COVID-19. The pandemic has turned out to have a particularly severe effect on already vulnerable population groups and has spread rapidly in cities where many people live in densely populated neighborhoods and move around in the public space on a daily basis.

The 14 teams, two from each of the 4EU+ cities (Milan, Paris, Heidelberg, Prague, Warsaw, Copenhagen) and one each from Uppsala and Trondheim, are a mix of BSc, MSc and PhD students from different study programmes. Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 numbers in Europe and travel restrictions, all joint activities will take place online. Even though the teams are composed of students from the same universities this year, it turns out that in-person meetings in most cities will not be possible either.

The specific case question has been formulated together with Gehl, a people centered urban research and design consulting firm. Not revealing too much, the challenge will focus on causes, side effects as well as solutions to the COVID-19 crisis across eight European cities and give the participants ample opportunities to learn from each other's experiences and proposals across disciplines.

During the week the teams will work to come up with the best solutions and on Friday 27 November each team will be given five minutes to pitch their proposal followed by five minutes feedback from a jury, composed of Dagmar Dzúrová (Professor at Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Charles University), Christian Hübel (City Director i Mannheim), Jeff Risom (Partner and Chief Innovation Officer hos Gehl) and Flemming Konradsen (Head of Global Health Section).

Everyone is welcome to join the finale for the students' presentations and the announcement of the winner on 27 November from 9:00 – 15:00 on Zoom.

Zoom webinar link: <https://ucph-ku.zoom.us/j/64002715236>

Read more about the case challenge: <https://globalhealth.ku.dk/news/2020/european-case-competition-in-innovation-and-pandemics/>

Read more about the 4EU+ University Alliance: <https://4euplus.eu/4EU-1.html>

Read more about the case provider: <https://gehlpeople.com/>