

Dear students,

do you want work in a multidisciplinary team and solve a real-world urban challenge together with 70 students from eight different universities across Europe? Sign up for [4EU+ Urban Health Case Challenge 2020](#) now and represent Charles University and the city of Prague in this brand new student competition.

The Urban Health Case Challenge (UHCC) is a new initiative under the [4EU+ \(European University Alliance\)](#). It addresses urban changes in relation to health and demographic transformation. In 2020, the case challenge (case competition) will focus on community resilience in times of the COVID-19 pandemic. The UHCC will take place on 23-27 November 2020. Due to COVID-19 this year's case challenge will be a blended format with both local physical activities in each city and online joint sessions.

The case question will be related to the community responses to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Its exact articulation will be revealed on the case challenge's first day. Local teams consisting of five members will work on a solution. Participate can Bachelor, Master and PhD students from all disciplines and study programmes.

In 2020, Each of the six 4EU+ partner universities (Heidelberg University, Charles University, University of Milan, Sorbonne University, University of Warsaw, University of Copenhagen) have ten spaces to be divided into two teams. In addition, Uppsala University and Norwegian University of Science and Technology have been invited to take part with one guest team each.

The case provider is [Gehl Architects](#). They specialize in improving the quality of urban life by re-orienting city design towards the inhabitants. They have participated in projects in 250 cities around the world.

In a case challenge (also often called a case competition) the participating student teams strive to develop the best solution to a real-world issue within a limited time-span. Each team presents their solution in front of an expert jury at a pitching session on the last day of the case challenge. All teams receive pitch training to prepare them for the final presentation.

The aim is to strengthen university students' competencies and engagement in solutions to real-world cases through employment of practical, theoretical, innovative and interdisciplinary thinking. Students will work in mixed teams, to network and learn from and with each other, faculty, the external case provider and other stakeholders.

Due to travel restrictions and other COVID-19 measures, the 2020 case challenge will be a blended format. It stretches over five days, and combines local team work and supervision at each university, with joint online sessions for all teams including an opening event, lectures on pitch and innovation, and a final pitch and feedback session with a jury panel. At the pitch session, each team will pitch their solution for five minutes, followed by a five minutes Q&A by the jury panel.

It is mandatory to join the live online opening session on 23 November and the full-day session Friday 27 November where all solutions are to be presented, and the winner team is announced at the very end. The remaining days it is up to each team to organize themselves in order to come up with the best solution.

If you want to join, please send an application with the following information to the contact person at your university (Julie Hubeňáková, [julie.hubenakova@ruk.cuni.cz](mailto:julie.hubenakova@ruk.cuni.cz); Luděk Sýkora, [sykora@natur.cuni.cz](mailto:sykora@natur.cuni.cz)):

- Full name
- Study programme and level (bachelor, master, PhD)
- A short and concise motivation for joining the case challenge (maximum 10 sentences).

Based on the application, 10 students and students representing Charles University will be selected. The UHCC online platform will become available to nominated students on October 30, 2020.

In the case of doctoral studies, you can discuss with dissertation supervisor to include the Urban Health Case Challenge (UHCC) in your ISP's individual study plan. UHCC will be organized under the auspices of the Center for Lifelong Learning of Charles University as a "special program/zájmový program ČŽV". Participants will receive a certificate and for bachelor's and master's degree students, it is currently negotiated to add UHCC to the SIS with 3 credits.

# **urban health case challenge community resilience in times of COVID-19**



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