



## **Transfer-ES Award; Applying knowledge to the Social Economy**

### **REGULATORY BASES**

On the occasion of the University Week of the Social Economy: February 23 to March 4 , **2026**, UCAM (Catholic University of Murcia: Gaia Research Group in Social Responsibility, Environment and Innovation) and **UCOMUR** (Union of Worker Cooperatives of the Region of Murcia) are launching this competition to promote the transfer of knowledge from the classroom to social economy companies and viceversa.

#### **1. Participants**

It is aimed at university students and doctoral students enrolled in Spanish or foreign universities, from any field of knowledge.

#### **2. Purpose of the competition**

The competition aims to have **undergraduate and doctoral students imagine how social economy enterprises could benefit from their studies and research.**

The award does not recognize a specific business project, but rather the proposal for transferring knowledge to Social Economy enterprises.

It is also intended to highlight the role of UCAM and the EUNIES Network as a key agent in the development of initiatives aligned with the values of the social economy: primacy of people, social cohesion, sustainability, inclusion and commitment to the territory.

#### **3. Target audience**

The following may participate:

Students enrolled in official **undergraduate, master's or doctoral degree programs** .

Participation is open to **all academic disciplines** , without restriction by branch of knowledge.

#### **4. Social Economy Framework**

The proposals must fall within one of the forms of social economy enterprise according to **Law 5/2011, of March 29, on Social Economy of Spain** \*

<https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2011-5708>

(\*) In the case of **participants from other countries** , within the framework of their national legislation on social economy if a standard exists or within the framework of reference for entities of the “Social and Solidarity Economy”



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Some reference sources are provided so that participants can familiarize themselves with the Social Economy.

<https://ciriectat.com/proyecto/glosario-de-conceptos/>

<https://www.cepes.es/publicaciones/130>

<https://www.mites.gob.es/EconomiaSocial/es/redes-entidades-enlaces/entidades-es-espana/index.html>

<https://www.ilo.org/es/temas-y-sectores/economia-social-y-solidaria#intro>

### 5. Proposal Requirements

Participants must submit an **original text** , with a maximum length of **1,000 words** , which includes at least the following aspects:

- Brief description of the **studies you are currently pursuing or research you are currently developing or intended to in the futur.**
- Explanation of **how you would apply the knowledge acquired upon completion of your studies/research** to undertake a business project in the social economy. This is a hypothesis, not an entrepreneurship competition.
- Choosing the type of Social Economy business /entity that best suits your proposal.
- Identification of the **territorial scope** in which the idea would be developed (local, regional, national or international).
- Description of the expected **social, economic and/or environmental impact** of the proposal if it were developed by the social economy company in the chosen modality.

The language should be clear, rigorous, and understandable for a broad audience.

### 6. Submission method and deadline

The proposals will be submitted in digital format, according to the instructions that will be published on the UCAM and UCOMUR websites in connection with the call for proposals.

The submission period will open during the **University Week of Social Economy 2026 and will end on May 31.**

### 7. Jury

The jury will be composed of expert representatives in social economy, entrepreneurship, and knowledge transfer from UCAM and UCOMUR. Students who did not participate in the competition will also be represented, and the evaluation will be conducted anonymously.

The composition of the jury will be made public along with the competition results.



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### **8. Assessment criteria**

The proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Adherence to the principles of the social economy (25%).**
- **Innovative application of academic or research knowledge (25%).**
- **Viability and coherence of the business project (20%).**
- **Social and territorial impact of the project (20%).**
- **Clarity, structure and quality of writing (10%).**

### **9. Prize**

Three prizes will be awarded to the proposals that receive the highest scores.

**1st Prize: €500**

**2nd Prize: €300**

**3rd Prize: €200**

The prize may be declared void if the jury considers that no proposal reaches the minimum quality required.

### **10. Decision and award presentation**

The jury's decision will be **final** and will be made **public** on **World Cooperative Day 2026, July the 4th.**

The award **ceremony** will take place at a later date, determined by the organizing entities, and before the end of 2026.

### **11. Acceptance of the terms**

Participation in the contest implies **full acceptance of these terms and conditions**, which includes authorization for the use of personal data for the sole purpose of registering contestants and the use of the winner's image for the media.

The organizing entities reserve the right to resolve any issue not foreseen in these rules, as well as to introduce modifications justified by organizational reasons, which will be duly communicated.

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