



Dear academic,

Are you interested in participating in this year's FilmEU AGORA group? We strongly believe that together with our students, particularly those whose voices are not often heard, industry and external experts, you can bring valuable insights to this year's think tank topic, which is **"MAPPING THE NARRATIVES IN STEAM"**. STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, referring to an integrated and cross-disciplinary approach to (higher) education that combines these disciplines to foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

The work in this Agora group will highlight why technical and scientific skills and competencies alone are not enough for the future job market, and how artistic practices and artistic knowledge expand this capacity by fostering skills and competencies related to, for instance, creativity and imagination. This initiative offers significant opportunities for you by helping to solve the challenges the creative industries and education are facing today.

If you are selected to participate, in addition to attending virtual meetings, a component of the Agora membership is to attend the annual in person Industry Summit where you will participate in workshops along with the other selected academics and students from the different schools within the FilmEU University. The industry event is in Lisbon from the November 10th – 14th (including travel days).

Not only students and academics from all schools within the alliance will be attending, but also some guest speakers and later in the year, our FilmEU Advisory Board consisting of renowned industry partners, will join your conversation and provide their insights. From this opportunity, you will gain unique insights from colleagues who are shaping the future and share your thoughts and experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment. We really hope you apply and join your fellow academics in this journey for interesting debates and networking opportunities.

Virtual meetings will take place before the Industry Summit in Lisbon to allow for introductions. These meetings will also include our Agora students, where you will be expected to lead, guide and encourage their engagement. Together you will address the pressing challenges faced by various sectors, industries and higher education today, while contributing to reimagining the role of the arts within a broader and multidisciplinary context.

In relation to the Lisbon event, arrival on November 10th is highly recommended for a convenient start of the Agora event. Travel and accommodation for the event will be covered.



We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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