

Student Agora Information

Rationale

The creative industry faces significant opportunities and challenges in the 21st century. To make our Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) more innovative, attractive and resilient, we need to make the most of our HEIs' internal resources and talent. This includes becoming innovative and in tune with the industry and market needs. For this very reason, the European university FilmEU has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in Agora – a regularly occurring think tank initiative –consisting of a diverse group of students, academics, industry experts, keynote speakers, and the FilmEU Advisory Board. Agora is called together to tackle some of the most potent opportunities and pressing challenges that creative and cultural education faces today. Therefore, we really do need you!

What is Agora?

Agora is a think tank initiative that utilises the expertise of our stakeholders to better face the opportunities and challenges concerning contemporary HEIs and can become even more powerful with student engagement. Agora is an international forum designed to foster meaningful discussions, share experiences and generate new ideas about the issues that matter most. It is also about bringing together a diverse group of participants who are passionate about expressing their ideas and who want to make a difference in the higher education landscape and in society more broadly. This initiative will culminate in the development of a position paper that consolidates the groups ideas and perspectives. The paper is intended to serve as an informative and thought-provoking resource, fostering understanding and dialogue not only within the FilmEU community but also among wider audiences beyond it.

Agora short summary for Students:

- Agora will consist of 1 academic and 2 students from each school within the FilmEU University.
- It is a place to share experiences and generate ideas.
- Topic of Agora for 2025-2026: **"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. 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.
- First Agora meetings will be held online and there will be regular online meetings throughout.
- First in person meeting in Lisbon from November 10th – 14th (including travel days) where you will participate in workshops to help you understand the topic, this week will also include a guest speaker.

Student Call

- Are you passionate about the future and STEAM?
- Do you want to contribute to the reimagining of the role of the arts within a broader and multidisciplinary context?
- Do you feel your voice is valuable and could represent other students?
- Do you want to ensure all groups in society have a voice in matters that matter?
- If the above excites you then please fill in this [expression of interest form for student representatives](#).

How to Get Involved:

- Apply to our Call for student voices. If your application is shortlisted, you will proceed to the interview stage.
- Attend Agora Sessions: Participate in meetings where we will discuss how to reimagine to role of the arts.
- Commit to a one-year membership.
- Don't miss this chance to be part of a vibrant community that is making a difference. Whether you're passionate about technology, want to promote interdisciplinary cooperation or eager to advocate for underrepresented voices, Agora is the place for you.
- Join us in promoting innovation across disciplines and see how STEAM can benefit the ARTS. Together, we can make a difference.

Advantages of being part of Agora

- Engage with Academic and Industry Experts: Gain unique insights from academics who are shaping the future.
- An opportunity to Voice Your Opinions: Share your thoughts and experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment.
- Broaden Your Perspectives: Hear from a diverse range of participants, including those whose voices are often overlooked.
- Shape the Future: Contribute to interdisciplinary discussions that will influence how certain topics integrates into our work lives and society, thereby making a difference.
- Networking opportunities: connect with likeminded peers.
- Become an active part of the FilmEU Community.
- Opportunities to travel and attend conferences / events / webinars.