

# ERASMUS+

FOR SCHOOLS



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# ERASMUS+: OPENING DOORS TO EUROPE

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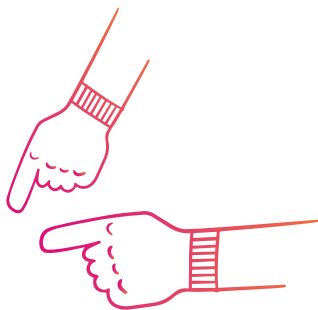
Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. It runs for seven years, from 2014 to 2020.

**All schools – pre-primary, primary and secondary – are welcome to join Erasmus+.** Funding is available for staff mobility projects and cross-border partnerships. Whole classes or groups of pupils can visit partner schools, and individual pupils can spend a longer period at a school in another country.

## WHAT CAN ERASMUS+ OFFER YOUR SCHOOL?

-  Professional development opportunities for teachers and staff
-  Teachers, staff and pupils can get to know another European country
-  Expand pupils' horizons, raise their aspirations and boost their life skills
-  Connect with other schools throughout Europe
-  Forge links with businesses, policymakers, youth organisations and other partners in your own country and across Europe

KEY ACTION 2  
**MORE THAN  
30 000 SCHOOLS  
IN EUROPEAN  
PARTNERSHIPS**





## KEY ACTION 1

### SUPPORTING THE MOBILITY OF TEACHERS AND STAFF

Teachers and school staff can spend a period abroad at another school or take a training course in another country.

#### WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS RECEIVE SUPPORT?

Key Action 1 provides funding for the **professional development of school staff**. When applying, schools are asked to write a 'European Development Plan'. The plan should explain the school's vision and needs while outlining planned mobility activities. A project application can contain different activities over the course of one to two years.

School authorities and coordinating bodies can also take part. They can lead a **National Mobility Consortium**, which brings together schools from their area. The authority takes responsibility for handing in the application and managing the funds on behalf of all schools involved.

**Note:** Under Key Action 1, **Vocational education and training (VET) schools** have an additional opportunity to send their students, apprentices and recent graduates for a learning period abroad.

## KEY ACTION 2

### BUILDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Partnerships are cooperation projects which bring together organisations from different countries to work towards common objectives. Projects can be of different size and scope, depending on the needs and goals of the applicants.

#### WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS ARE SUPPORTED?

Key Action 2 offers project partners the chance to exchange staff and pupils – or to develop a new and innovative product. Projects can cover a range of issues that are important to European school education, such as social inclusion, language learning or reducing early school leaving. Priority topics are published every year as part of the Erasmus+ call for proposals.

**The Strategic Partnerships offer a unique opportunity for pupils of any age to visit partner schools in other countries.** Options cover short group stays (3 days to 2 months) or longer exchange periods for individual pupils in secondary education (2 to 12 months).

In addition to funding for specific activities, all Strategic Partnerships are provided with a flat-rate grant to cover organisational costs and other project-related expenses.



KEY ACTION 2  
**MORE THAN**  
**650 000 PUPILS**  
**IN CLASS**  
**EXCHANGES**

## THREE KINDS OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

### SCHOOL EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS

School Exchange Partnerships are perfect for schools that want to establish a **pupil and staff exchange** project. The projects are small, making them ideal for schools applying for their first Erasmus+ partnership.

- › **Key features:**
  - Focus on mobility activities and eTwinning
  - An easier application process
- › **Who can take part:** Only schools
- › **Project size:** 2 – 6 schools
- › **Duration:** 1 to 2 years (or 1 to 3 years for projects organising long-term pupil mobility)
- › **Budget:** Maximum EUR 99 000 per year

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTING EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES

Strategic Partnerships supporting Exchange of Good Practices allow schools to **expand their international networks** through cooperation with diverse partners such as youth organisations, universities and businesses – as well as other schools.

- › **Key features:**
  - Cooperation with different organisations
  - Larger budget
- › **Who can take part:** Any organisation active in education, training and youth
- › **Project size:** Minimum 3 organisations, no maximum
- › **Duration:** 1 to 3 years
- › **Budget:** Maximum EUR 450 000

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTING INNOVATION

This type of partnership offers the chance to **develop, test and transfer innovative products or methods**. To achieve these ambitious goals, projects may request grants for work on specific outputs, plus additional funding to promote the results.

- › **Key features:**
  - Specific funding for *Intellectual outputs* and *Multiplier events*
- › **Who can take part:** Any education, training or youth organisation
- › **Project size:** Minimum 3 organisations, no maximum
- › **Duration:** 1 to 3 years
- › **Budget:** Maximum EUR 450 000

## LOOKING FOR MORE INSPIRATION OR A PARTNER? TAKE A LOOK AT ERASMUS+ ONLINE PLATFORMS

### eTwinning



— [www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net) —

The Erasmus+ eTwinning platform is the **largest online community** of schools in Europe. Teachers can register and participate in various activities, such as:

- › **Discussions with colleagues**
- › **Classroom-to-classroom online projects**
- › **Peer networking and professional development**
- › **Developing ideas for Erasmus+ projects with teachers in other countries**

All the work on eTwinning is conducted within a secure online environment.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION GATEWAY

SchoolEducationGateway

— [www.schooleducationgateway.eu](http://www.schooleducationgateway.eu) —

The School Education Gateway is a single point of entry for European teachers, experts, policymakers and others in the field of school education.

Schools interested in starting an Erasmus+ project will **find plenty of useful tools**:

- › **A catalogue and a search tool for training courses and other mobility opportunities**
- › **A search tool for partners in Strategic Partnerships**
- › **An online training course for preparing an Erasmus+ application**

### ERASMUS+ PROJECT RESULTS PLATFORM

— <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects> —

The platform offers access to **descriptions, results and contact information** for all Erasmus+ projects.

It is a great place to find out what an Erasmus+ project looks like and what it can achieve. The Platform is packed with good practices and success stories – perfect for those seeking inspiration for their own project ideas!





## PREPARING TO LAUNCH AN ERASMUS+ PROJECT

Do you think one of the Erasmus+ opportunities would be interesting for your school? Find out more by checking out these sources of information:

### GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR NATIONAL AGENCY

The Erasmus+ National Agencies are in charge of implementing the Programme in their countries. They organise information events and provide valuable support and guidance to potential applicants. The Agency in your country can answer any questions you may have about Erasmus+.

Use this link to find your Agency: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact_en)

### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME GUIDE

The Programme Guide contains all the information you need to submit an application for any Erasmus+ opportunity. It is published every year together with the Erasmus+ call for proposals and is available in all official EU languages. Visit your National Agency's website to get the latest version.

### HAVE A LOOK AT THE PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

This EU publication helps school leaders and teachers interested in carrying out an Erasmus+ project. With step-by-step advice on the application process and inspirational real project examples, it is a useful tool for newcomers and experienced applicants alike. The latest version can be found on the School Education Gateway — [https://www.schooleducationgateway.eu/en/pub/resources/guide\\_for\\_school\\_leaders2.htm](https://www.schooleducationgateway.eu/en/pub/resources/guide_for_school_leaders2.htm) — or on your National Agency's website.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Applications are submitted to Erasmus+ National Agencies located in each of the 34 Programme countries: the 28 EU Member States, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia and Turkey. You will find a link to the application forms on each of the National Agencies' websites.

Applications for Key Action 1 are submitted to the National Agency in the country where the school is located. In Key Action 2, the partnership chooses the coordinating organisation, which then submits the application to their National Agency on behalf of the whole partnership.

## WHEN TO APPLY?

The Erasmus+ call for proposals is published every year in the autumn. For the 2020 call, the application deadlines are:

- › 5 February 2020 for Key Action 1 (12:00 midday Brussels time)
- › 24 March 2020 for Key Action 2 (12:00 midday Brussels time)



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