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WHAT IS ERASMUS+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport.

A new generation of Erasmus+ was launched in 2021. It brings exciting new features, including mobility opportunities for adult learners and staff, and permanent accreditations for adult education providers and other organisations.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ADULT EDUCATION?

Erasmus+ offers a range of opportunities for adult learners, teachers and other education staff to improve their knowledge, skills and competences. It can also provide access to further education for adult learners with fewer opportunities such as people facing social and economic barriers. For adult education providers and other organisations, the programme offers educational institutions or organisations the possibility to cooperate with a wide range of partners abroad and become more open, dynamic and attractive educational institutions or organisations. Individuals can reinforce their ability to operate in different environment, to satisfy personal needs and boost their willingness to learn further.

WHICH COUNTRIES CAN PARTICIPATE?

Organisations applying for Erasmus+ projects must come from one of the 27 EU Member States, or one of the countries fully associated to the programme: Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, and Turkey.

Organisations from other countries may participate in some of the available project formats as partners. The rules of each project format are described in the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#).

WHO CAN APPLY?

[Eligible organisations](#) include organisations providing formal, informal and non-formal adult education, local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of adult education.

To confirm that your organisation is eligible, check the website of [your National Agency!](#)



It's so important to exchange views which not only cross geographical borders, but also bring experts from different fields together so that our understanding of different perspectives can grow. Mutual learning is not just a nice word it is imperative in our world.

Maria Rigne,

Erasmus+ project coordinator
"Helping European organisations mainstream gender"

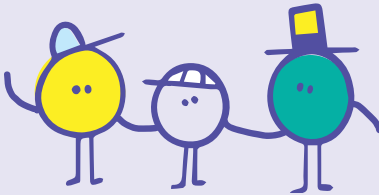


Erasmus+ priorities: key ingredients for any project!

The Erasmus+ programme intends to address many of the challenges that Europe faces, both now and in the years to come, and incorporates the political priorities. Erasmus+ projects intend to address and help us with the following:

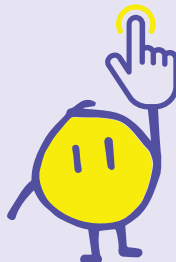
Inclusion and diversity

Erasmus+ is designed to be inclusive and to offer equal opportunities for everyone, no matter what their age, social or economic background. Dedicated additional funding is available for any organisations wishing to implement inclusive projects.



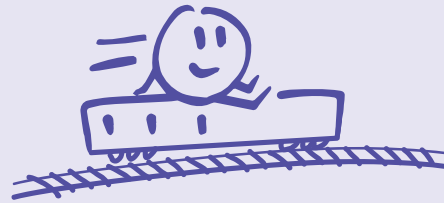
Digital education

The digital dimension runs through the whole programme. There are virtual learning activities and support material for teachers who want to improve their use of digital tools, an online community in EPALE and much more.



Environmental sustainability

Erasmus+ encourages all projects to incorporate eco-friendly practices and to educate their participants about environmental sustainability. For example, additional funding is available for using low-carbon transportation, such as train.



Participation

Increasing participation of people in democratic life is crucial for the EU's future. Erasmus+ aims to provide young people with the experiences, skills and competences they need to become active European citizens. What actions are there in adult education?



WHAT ACTIONS ARE THERE IN ERASMUS+ FOR ADULT EDUCATION?

The Programme offers different opportunities for individuals and for organisations.

Key Action 1 is about mobility. It supports individuals spending learning periods abroad in a hosting institution.

Key Action 2 is about cooperation. It supports the development of organisations through the exchange of good practices and the creation of networks.

Key action 1



Learning mobility of individuals

- ▶ Erasmus accreditation
- ▶ Short-term projects

Key action 2



Cooperation among organisations and institutions

- ▶ Cooperation Partnerships
- ▶ Small-scale Partnerships
- ▶ Forward- Looking projects

KEY ACTION 1: LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

Key Action 1 supports organisations providing adult education, or with other roles in this field, that want to organise learning mobility activities for adult learners with fewer opportunities, teachers, trainers and staff in adult education.

Projects are led by the applicant organisation, such as an adult education provider, an organisation active in education and training, or a local authority that sends participants to a hosting organisation abroad. Adult learners and staff are then involved through their organisation's project.

This action has two important goals: to benefit individual participants going abroad and to help develop educational institutions, raise their capacity for cross-border cooperation and improve teaching and learning for everyone, not only for those who travel. The funded mobility activities are an instrument to achieve these goals!

TWO WAYS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

Short-term projects

These are small projects lasting from 6 to 18 months and involving up to 30 participants. They are the best choice for organisations trying Erasmus+ for the first time, or for those who wish to organise only a limited number of activities.



Erasmus accreditation

Erasmus accreditation is like a membership card for mobility activities. It gives organisations guaranteed access to Key Action 1 funding each year. To apply, the organisation needs to set up an Erasmus Plan of at least 2 years.



Not ready to apply yet?

There are other ways to take part! You can:

- ▶ **join a mobility consortium** created by an accredited coordinator organisation in your country!
- ▶ **become a hosting organisation** and receive participants from abroad to learn more about Erasmus+ before applying yourself!

WHAT KIND OF MOBILITY ACTIVITIES CAN YOU SET UP IN KEY ACTION 1?

Many different and exciting mobility formats are available in Key Action 1, for both learners and staff.

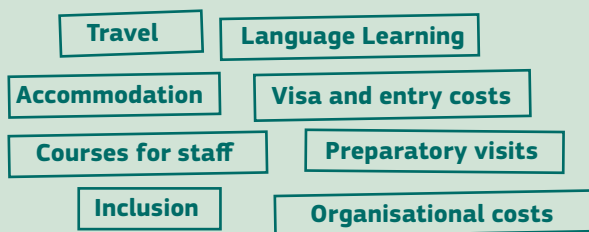
Each mobility project can include a number of different activities in any country associated to the Programme, which allows you to be creative by combining different formats!

Adult learner mobility

- ▶ **Group mobility of adult learners:** learners from the sending organisation can spend time in another country to benefit from innovative learning organised through cooperation between the sending and hosting organisations.
- ▶ **Individual learning mobility of adult learners:** learners can spend a period abroad at a hosting organisation to improve their knowledge and skills benefiting from a tailored learning programme adapted to their needs.



WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED IN KEY ACTION 1?



Staff mobility



▶ **Job shadowing:** teachers and other staff members can benefit from practical learning experience by following the daily work of their peers at the hosting organisations.

▶ **Teaching assignments:** teachers can spend a period teaching or training abroad, learning through practice and gaining a broader perspective about adult education in Europe.

▶ **Courses and training:** teachers and other staff members can attend courses or trainings abroad to develop their skills and knowledge, and then apply them at their sending organisation.



SPECIAL ERASMUS+ GUESTS AT YOUR ORGANISATION!

You can also use Erasmus+ funds to invite:

▶ **experts** - experienced teachers, policymakers, trainers and other professionals from abroad with expertise and who you want to learn from.

▶ **teachers in training** who are enrolled or have recently graduated from a teacher-training programme abroad.

Need inspiration?
Here is an
example!



Chic&Craft project

In today's throwaway society, it seems that nothing is of value, that we can change our clothes or even the people around us in the blink of an eye. The **Chic&Craft** project wants people to go back to valuing what is all around them. It wants to show them that creativity, lifelong learning and empathy are powerful tools that can change the world!

Using easy-to-follow **online instructions** and **peer learning toolkit**, people with mental health issues can become proud, more self-confident, more creative and very positive about future perspectives.



Find more
projects on
the Erasmus+
project results
platform!

KEY ACTION 2: COOPERATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Key Action 2 supports cross-border partnerships of different sizes and formats. Partnerships are always made up of organisations from different countries and led by a coordinator organisation that submits the application on behalf of the project.

All funded projects are linked to one or several broad European policy priorities. In addition, the project partners decide more specific project's objectives based on their common interests and expertise.

The project goals will often include capacity building through the development of innovative tools and ways of working, exchanges of good practices and developing links between education, business and civil society, with special attention to people with fewer opportunities.

There are two types of partnerships to help your organisations work, learn and grow together.

Cooperation Partnerships

Cooperation Partnerships are the most common partnership format. They can be set up by at least three organisations from different countries, for duration of one to three years.

Grant options

€ 120 000

€ 250 000

€ 400 000

Small-scale Partnerships

Small-scale partnerships are a simpler cooperation format, ideal for grassroots organisations and newcomers to Erasmus+. Partnerships are composed of at least two organisations from different countries and can last between 6 months and 2 years.

Grant options

€ 30 000

€ 60 000

How does the funding work in Key Action 2?

Funding in Cooperation and Small-scale Partnerships comes with pre-defined grant options. You have to decide which one of the options best suits your project idea and then explain your choice in the application.



THE EUROPEAN LANGUAGE LABEL

The **European Language Label** is an award that honours the most innovative language learning and teaching projects in adult education and beyond. It promotes excellence in the teaching of languages and raises awareness about European cooperation in this area

PLATFORMS FOR EXCHANGE

Epale is the platform for the adult learning community in Europe where teachers, researchers, teacher educators, other adult education staff and policymakers can get in touch and learn from each other through its blog posts, forums and the partner search tool. It includes also the hub for news, events, podcasts and discussions on Adult Learning across Europe, and offers guidance to the Erasmus+ beneficiaries and future applicants within its Erasmus+ space.

Have a unique place in the adult learning community in Europe and start experiencing it now!





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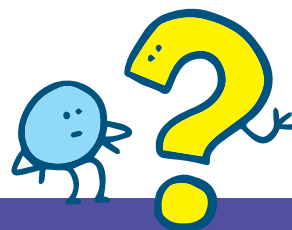
Forward-looking Projects

Large-scale projects that aim to develop innovative policy methods and practices with the potential of becoming mainstreamed. They support forward-looking ideas responding to key European priorities and giving input for improving education, training and youth systems.

The aim of the projects, which support the adult education, is to provide adults with **flexible opportunities** to improve their literacy, numeracy and digital skills, and to progress towards higher qualification levels relevant for the labour market and for active participation in society.

The grant awarded is determined by the estimated budget, which can be up to 1 million Euro.





WANT TO KNOW MORE?

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through the Erasmus+ National Agency in your country for:

- ▶ Erasmus accreditations
- ▶ Key action 1 projects
- ▶ Small-scale partnerships
- ▶ Cooperation partnerships

Apply through the European Education and Culture Executive Agency in Brussels for:

- ▶ Cooperation Partnerships lead by European NGOs
- ▶ Forward-Looking Projects

MORE INFORMATION

- ▶ Do not hesitate to contact **your National Agency** to receive more guidance on actions and activities that would suit your organisation's needs and to get advice how to prepare an application.



- ▶ Read the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide**



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