

Erasmus+ WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

The school for life starts here

- Higher education
- Vocational education and training
- Adult education
- Youth
- Sport
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Erasmus+
Enriching lives, opening minds

School education



WHAT IS ERASMUS+?

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

A new generation of Erasmus+ has been launched in 2021. It brings exciting new features, including mobility opportunities for pupils and permanent accreditations for school education institutions.

Erasmus+ helps you become the best version of yourself!

Enrique, a Spanish high-schooler talking about his experience in Erasmus+ pupil mobility



WHAT'S IN IT FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION?

Erasmus+ offers a range of opportunities for pupils, teachers and other education staff to improve their knowledge, skills and competences. The programme offers schools and other organisations the possibility to cooperate with partners abroad and become more open, dynamic and attractive.

WHICH COUNTRIES CAN PARTICIPATE?

Organisations applying for Erasmus+ projects must come from one of the 27 European Union 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?

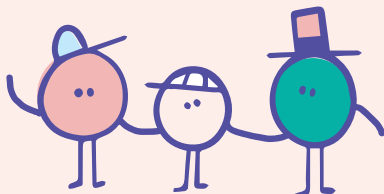
Eligible organisations include schools providing general education at pre-primary, primary or secondary level, as well as other organisations with a role in the field of school education.

Detailed rules depend on the specific education system in each country. To confirm that your organisation is eligible, check the website of **your National Agency!**

Erasmus+ priorities: key ingredients for any project!

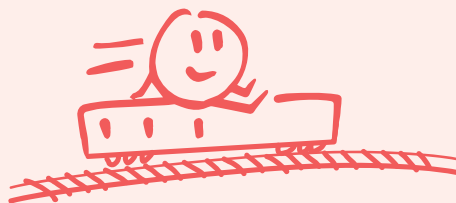
Inclusion and diversity

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



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.



Digital education

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



Participation

Increasing participation of young people in democratic life is crucial for the European Union's future. Erasmus+ provides young people with experiences, skills and competences they need to become active European citizens.



WHAT ACTIONS ARE THERE IN ERASMUS+ FOR SCHOOL 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 organisation.

Key action 2 is about cooperation, it supports the development of organisations through the exchange of good practices and the creation of networks.

Jean Monnet actions promote knowledge on the European Union in schools.

Key action 1



Learning mobility of individuals

- ▶ Erasmus accreditation
- ▶ Short-term mobility projects

Key action 2



Cooperation among organisations and institutions

- ▶ Cooperation Partnerships
- ▶ Small-scale Partnerships
- ▶ Erasmus+ Teacher Academies

Jean Monnet Actions



Jean Monnet actions

- ▶ Jean Monnet teacher training
- ▶ Learning EU initiatives
- ▶ Jean Monnet Networks

KEY ACTION 1: LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

Key action 1 supports schools and other organisations in the field of school education that want to organise learning mobility activities for pupils, teachers, school leaders and other staff.

Projects are led by the applicant organisation, such as a school, that sends participants to a hosting organisation abroad. Pupils 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 mobility projects

These are small projects lasting from six to eighteen months and involving up to 30 participants. They are the best choice for organisations trying Erasmus+ for the first time, or for those that 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 two 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?

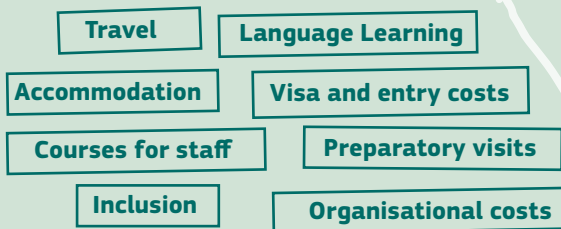
There are several exciting mobility formats, both for pupils and staff. Each mobility project can include different activities, which allows you to be creative by combining different formats!

Pupils mobility

- ▶ **Group mobility:** a class or group of pupils can spend a short period learning together with their peers in a hosting school in another country, accompanied by their teachers.
- ▶ **Short-term learning mobility:** individual pupils can spend a period from ten days to one month studying at a hosting school or performing a traineeship abroad.
- ▶ **Long-term learning mobility:** study or traineeship periods longer than a month are considered long-term.



WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED IN KEY ACTION 1?



Staff mobility



▶ **Job shadowing:** staff members can have a practical learning experience by following the daily work of their peers at the hosting organisations.

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

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

HOW ABOUT TWO-WAY EXCHANGES?

It can be very exciting to set up two-way exchanges with your partners abroad!

This is possible when your partner organisation also has their own Erasmus+ mobility project or an accreditation.

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.

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 EU priorities. In addition, the project partners decide on 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 six months and two 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.

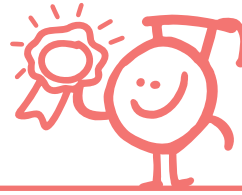
Need inspiration?
Here is an
example!

Project European lands, lands for the future

Six countryside schools from six European countries worked together for two years to make their pupils appreciate and understand the potential of the rural world they live in.

Pupils travelled to meet their peers in other countries. Together they have prepared documentaries, web-radio programs, and exhibitions on native lands and rural societies. They have also met representatives of the governments to learn more about sustainable development and importance of country jobs. This experience has opened new paths for them towards Europe and their own professional future.





EUROPEAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENT AND INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

EUROPEAN INNOVATIVE TEACHING AWARD

The **European Innovative Teaching Award** celebrates the achievements of European teachers and schools. It is awarded for outstanding innovative teaching and learning practices in the context of Erasmus+ projects.

THE EUROPEAN LANGUAGE LABEL

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



PLATFORMS FOR EXCHANGE

The School Education Gateway and **eTwinning** serve you, teachers, researchers, teacher educators or policymakers to stay informed, find your partners for future projects, collaborate, develop projects, and find teaching materials or training courses. Both platforms will be merged in 2022 into the European School Education Platform to further improve your experience and allow you to join and be part of an exciting learning community in Europe.



These actions are managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency

KEY ACTION 2: COOPERATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS

Erasmus+ Teacher Academies

Erasmus+ Teacher Academies are partnerships of teacher education and training providers with involvement of ministries, teacher associations, schools and other relevant actors. Their goal is to build communities of practice and to improve teacher education in Europe through collaboration and exchange of innovation and best practices.

The budget of the project is determined based on actual costs incurred, with a maximum of 1.5 million Euro.

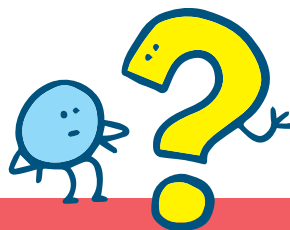
JEAN MONNET ACTIONS

Jean Monnet actions aim to spread knowledge about European Union and to promote active citizenship and European values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination.

Schools can participate in “EU Learning initiative” to promote a better understanding of European subjects or in “Jean Monnet Networks” to experience co-teaching and exchange of good practices between countries.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?



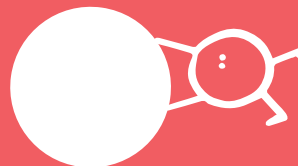
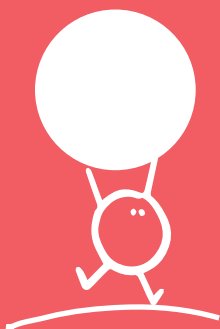
HOW TO APPLY

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
- ▶ Erasmus+ Teacher Academies
- ▶ Jean Monnet actions



MORE INFORMATION



▶ Visit the website of your National Agency



▶ Read the Erasmus+ Programme Guide

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