ERASMUS+ 2025

WEBINAR

Project Development Support Office

11TH OF DECEMBER, 2024

❖ **PDSO, PDSO role within EU-CONEXUS**
  ❖ *Meeting PDSO team*

❖ **Erasmus+ Funding Programme**
  ❖ *Overview of Erasmus+ Programme and main calls of interest for our alliance or for partnering-up within the alliance*

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT OFFICE / PDSO

What is the Project Development Support Office (PDSO)?

- One of the first transversal offices created for EU-CONEXUS community

- Established in the framework of EU-CONEXUS Plus funding

- Its main overall objectives are:

  ➢ Increase EU-CONEXUS capacity to **win more European funds**, in particular for research
  ➢ Develop **capacity building, exchange of knowledge & expertise** in terms of project development
  ➢ Increase collaboration among the partners / **enhance EU-CONEXUS** community with regards to **SmUCS challenges**

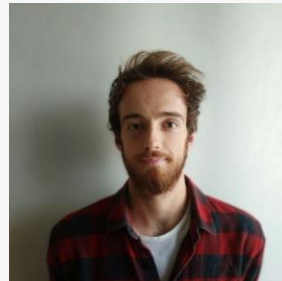**PDSO Members**

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Project Development Support Office activities

- Organisation and participation in **trainings & information sessions** in order to promote funding opportunities

Ex: 5-day training programme « EU funding: from idea to implementation » (July 2024), presentation of funding opportunities for the JRIs

- Facilitation of collaboration between project development support structures of the alliance through **knowledge & expertise sharing**

Ex: 2-day workshop for Project Officers of the alliance expert in EU funding (July 2024)

- Setting up specific programmes to **boost applications to EU calls**

Ex: MSCA Post-doctoral Fellowship (2024)

- Support for **match-making between researchers**

- Management of the **Seed Funding** Call.

OVERVIEW ERASMUS+

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What is it about?

European programme for **education**, **training**, **youth** & **sport** (**2021-2027**)

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3 specific objectives:

1) Promote learning mobility of individuals and groups, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of **education and training**

2) Promote non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of **youth**

3) Promote learning mobility of **sport** staff, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of sport organisations and sport policies

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How is it funded? Who manages it?

Managed by the **European Commission** at EU level

Annual Programmes ➝ new Programme Guide published on November 19th

€26 billion for the period 2021-2027 ➝ **€5 billion** for this new 2025 Programme
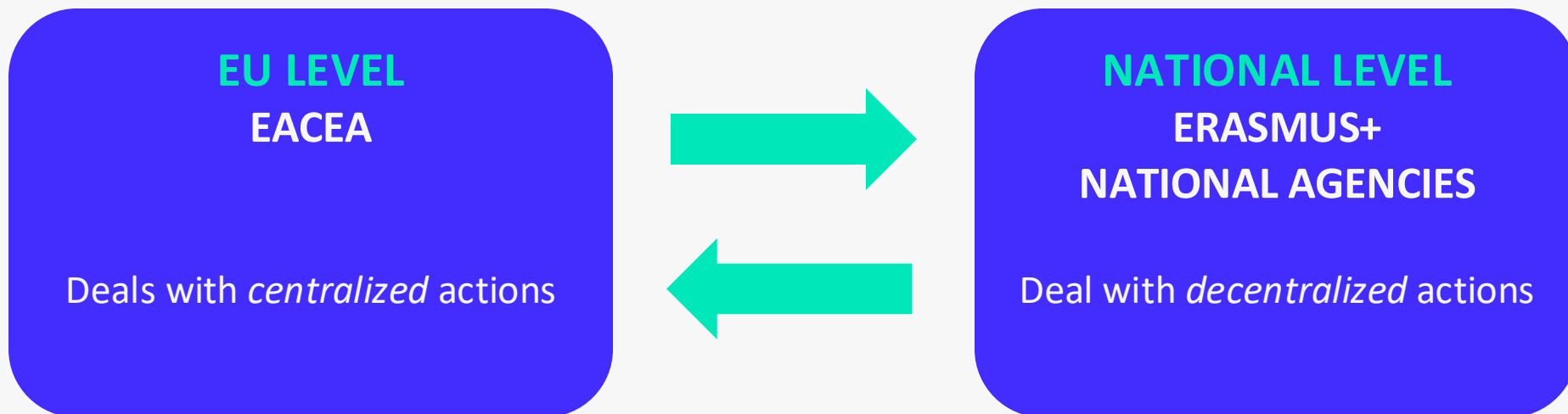
European Commission

EU LEVEL		NATIONAL LEVEL
EACEA	➡	**ERASMUS+** **NATIONAL AGENCIES**
Deals with *centralized* actions	⬅	Deal with *decentralized* actions

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What are the horizontal priorities of the programme?

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

ENVIRONMENT & FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC LIFE, COMMON VALUES & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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What are the different types of Actions?

KEY ACTION 1	KEY ACTION 2	KEY ACTION 3	JEAN MONNET ACTIONS
Learning mobility of individuals	Cooperation among organizations and institutions	Support to policy development and cooperation	

KA2 Cooperation Partnerships

KA2 Overview

The Actions supported under this Key Action are expected to:

- contribute significantly to the priorities of the programme,
- to bring positive and long-lasting effects on the participating organisations,
- on the policy systems in which such Actions are framed
- on the organisations and persons directly or indirectly involved in the organised activities.

KA2: COOPERATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Partnerships for Cooperation: Cooperation Partnerships and Small-scale Partnerships

Partnerships for Excellence: Centres for Vocational Excellence and Erasmus Mundus Action

Partnerships for Innovation, including Alliances and Forward-looking projects

Capacity Building projects: higher education, vocational education and training, youth and sport

Not-for-profit European sport events

REMINDER!
Common features
EU policies and priorities

Inclusion and Diversity	• **Breaking down barriers to participation** • **Promoting equity for all demographics**
Digital Transformation	• **Leveraging digital tools for education** • **Supporting development of digital skills**
Environment and Fight Against Climate Change	• **Encouraging sustainability in educational practices** • **Prioritising green travel and project designs**
Participation in Democratic Life	• **Strengthening civic engagement** • **Promoting EU values through education**

Outcomes and Impact

Outcome

- **Innovative Practices**: Advanced teaching methods, digital tools, and inclusive, sustainable education systems.
- **Organizational Growth**: Modernized, strategic, and environmentally aware organizations ready for global cooperation.
- **Capacity Building**: Strengthened cross-border collaboration and project management expertise.

Short Term Impact

- **Skill Development**: Improved digital, entrepreneurial, green, and employability skills.
- **Social Engagement**: Greater awareness of diversity, sustainability, and societal participation.
- **Professional Growth**: Increased motivation, competences, and opportunities for students and staff.

Long Term Impact

- **Systemic Change**: Education systems aligned with labor market needs and sustainability goals. Digital and Green.
- **Inclusion and Access**: Enhanced openness to diversity and accessible, inclusive education systems.
- **Sport and Health**: Participation in sports for well-being, social inclusion, and sustainability awareness.

Spotlight on KA2 Cooperation Partnerships:

- Support the development, transfer and/or implementation of **innovative practices**

- Support the implementation of **joint initiatives** promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience at European level.

Projects can address different sectors. Each sector has **sector specific priorities**.

Sector priorities / Higher education
- Promoting inter-connected higher education systems
- Stimulating innovative learning and teaching practices
- Developing STEM/STEAM in higher education
- Rewarding excellence in learning, teaching and skills development
- Building inclusive higher education systems
- Supporting digital and green capabilities of the higher education

Erasmus+ specific priorities for cooperation projects in higher education

Interconnected
- Different Cooperation Modes
- Automatic recognitoin
- Implement Bologna principles and tools

Innovative
- Modular courses
- Micro-credentials
- Reduce skills mismatches
- Sustainable development

Inclusive
- Mobile student support
- Gender Balance
- Flexible career pathway
- Civic Engagement

Erasmus+ specific priorities for cooperation projects in higher education

Excellence

- Reward and incentives
- Innovative Pedagogies
- Entrepreneurial partnerships

STEM/STEAM

- STEAM approach
- Women in STEM fields and reduce gender stereotypes in STEM

Digital and Green

- European student card initiative
- Digital skills
- Sustainable learning

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTION

Increasing Quality and Innovation

- Improve the work, activities, and practices of organisations and institutions.
- Open participation to new actors not traditionally included within a single sector.

Building Transnational and Cross-Sectoral Capacity

- Strengthen organisations' abilities to collaborate internationally.
- Foster cooperation across education, training, youth, and sport sectors

Addressing Common Needs and Priorities

- Tackle shared challenges in education, training, and youth development.
- Support initiatives in environmental sustainability, digital transformation, and inclusion.

Enabling Transformation and Change

- Drive improvements at individual, organisational, and sectoral levels.
- Introduce new approaches tailored to each organization's context and needs.

KA2 Cooperation partnerships– projects format and dimension

Duration of the projects:

1-3 years

Funding

120 000 / 250 000 / 400 000 euros, lump sum budget

Consortium

Minimum three organisations from three different programme countries

Key Dates:
- Call Opens: 6 December 2024
- Call Closes: 5 March 2025, 17:00 CET

+ Applied through National Agencies
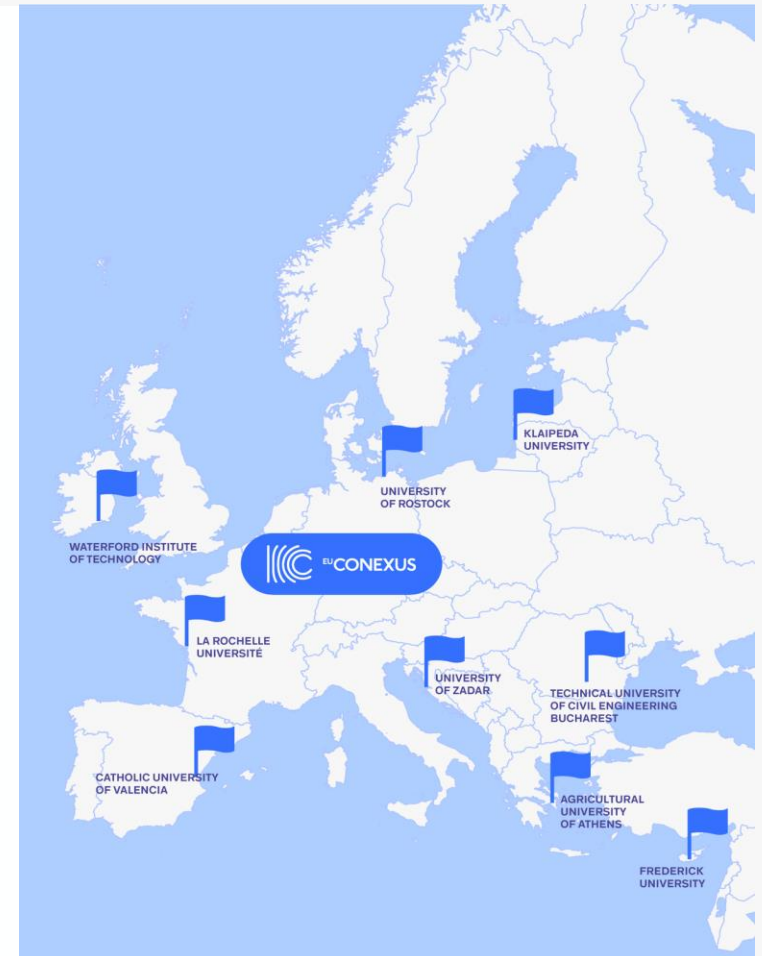
KA2 lump sum model for Cooperation Partnerships

Action	Single Lump Sum Allowance
	120,000
Cooperation Partnerships	250,000
	400,000

The single lump sum is a contribution to all costs related to the implementation of eligible activities:

- project management,

- learning, teaching and training activities,

- meetings and events,

- deliverables

KA2 Small Scale Partnerships:

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTION

- Attract and widen access for newcomers, less experienced organisations and small-scale actors to the programme.

- Support the inclusion of target groups with fewer opportunities

- Support active European citizenship and bring the European dimension to the local level

Fixed lump sums available:

€30,000 or **€60,000 (**These amounts cover all project-related costs, including management, implementation, and dissemination.)

Application Deadlines:

Round 1: 5 March 2025

For projects starting between **1 September and 31 December 2025**.
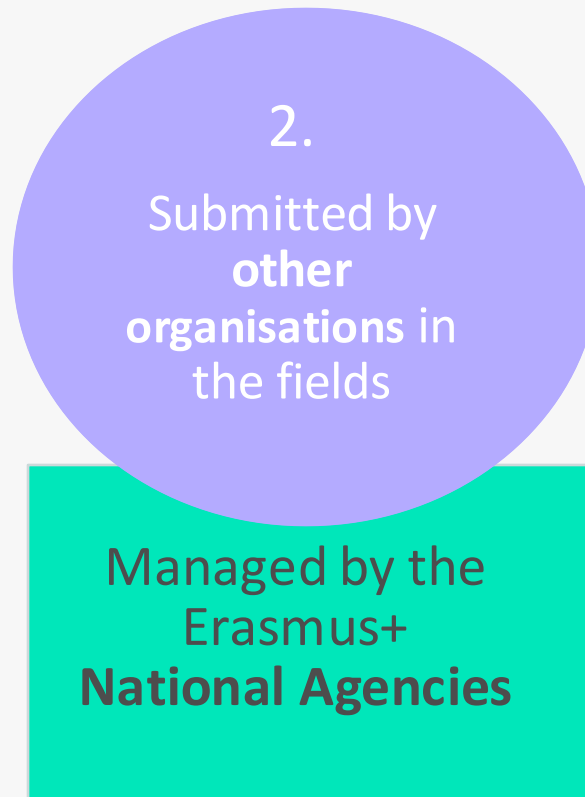
Round 2: 1 October 2025

For projects starting between **1 January and 31 August 2026**.

Cooperation Partnerships

Depending on the applicant coordinator, there are two types of Cooperation Partnerships in the fields of education and training, and youth:

1.
Submitted by **European NGOs**

Managed by **EACEA**

2.
Submitted by **other organisations** in the fields

Managed by the Erasmus+ **National Agencies**

Cooperation Partnerships are open to organizations from education, training, youth, sport, socio-economic sectors, and those with cross-cutting activities (e.g., authorities, chambers of commerce, cultural and sport organizations). **Projects should involve diverse partners to leverage their expertise and deliver high-quality, relevant results.**

Horizontal **Priorities and Specific Objectives**

To Apply, You Must:

Address **at least one Horizontal Priority**.

Demonstrate alignment with **at least one Specific Objectives** for Higher Education.

For applications submitted to National Agencies in the fields of school education, vocational education and training, adult education and youth, the same organisation (one OID) cannot be involved in more than 10 applications (large scale) or 5 applications (small scale) overall per deadline, either as applicant or partner

Approaching KA2 Cooperation Projects - Tips

Identify Needs:

Assess specific challenges and opportunities within your educational programmes or cooperation activities.

Align these needs with your institution's strategic priorities.

Align with Programme Objectives and Priorities:

Address key Erasmus+ objectives, such as innovation, inclusion, sustainability, and digital transformation.

Consider the **horizontal priorities**:

- ○ **Inclusion and Diversity**: Foster equal opportunities and access.
- ○ **Digital Transformation**: Enhance education through digital innovation.
- ○ **Sustainability**: Contribute to environmental goals and green skills development.
- ○ **Active Citizenship**: Promote civic engagement and EU values.

Consider Policy Impact:

Demonstrate how your project will contribute to **national priorities** and **European policies**.

Focus on impacts such as employability, social inclusion, and education system modernization.

KA2 Alliances for Innovation

Alliances for Innovation

Strengthen Europe's innovation capacity.

Focus Areas:

- Addressing skills mismatches.
- Focus on innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation.
- Enhancing cooperation between education, training, and businesses.

Divided into two lots:

- Alliances for Education and Enterprises.
- Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the 'Blueprint').

Lot 1 Alliances for Education and Enterprises

- Boost innovation in education and training through collaboration with enterprises.

- Foster the development of entrepreneurial skills and mindsets.

- Enhance practical, work-based learning opportunities.

Activities Supported:

- Development of new learning and teaching methods, including digital tools.

- Design and delivery of continuous education programs in partnership with enterprises.

- Creation of apprenticeship schemes and other work-based learning opportunities.

- Promotion of knowledge exchange between education institutions and businesses.

Lot 2 – Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills

- Develop sector-wide approaches to address skills mismatches and emerging industry needs.
- Design and implement European-wide **core curricula** for specific sectors.
- Strengthen cross-border cooperation to enhance workforce readiness.

Activities Supported:

- Design and rollout of **core curricula and training programmes** tailored to industry needs.
- Development of **sector-specific tools** for skills forecasting and training delivery.
- Creation of **long-term action plans** for scaling project results.
- Engagement with stakeholders to ensure alignment with sectoral goals and policies.

Consortia, duration and budget

	Lot 1	Lot 2
Consortia		
- # countries (min.)	**4**	**8**
- # partners (min.)	**8**	**12**
Of which min.		
➤ Labour market actors*	3	5
➤ Education & training providers	3	5
Of which min.		
❖ Higher education institution	1	1
❖ Vocational education/training provider	1	1
Duration - Budget (€)	24m - €1M 36m - €1,5M	48m - €4M

* Labour market actors are enterprises or companies or representative intermediary organisations, such as chambers, trade unions or trade associations.

KA2 Partnerships for Excellence

Partnerships for Excellence

Partnerships for Excellence support projects with a long-term sustainable perspective. The following actions are supported under this type of partnerships

| Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) | Erasmus+ Teacher Academies | Erasmus Mundus Action: Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Erasmus Mundus Design Measures |

Erasmus Mundus

What is Erasmus Mundus;

- A pathway for the development of **new, innovative transnational study programmes** at Master level

Key Objectives:

Enhance institutional capacity by modernising and internationalising curricula and teaching practices	**Grow the attractiveness and excellence of European higher education and attract talent to Europe**	**Foster excellence and worldwide internationalisation of higher education institutions**

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) Objectives

EMJM aims to enhance the attractiveness and excellence of European higher education in the world and attract talent to Europe, through:

Institutional academic cooperation to showcase European excellence in higher education

Mobility for all students taking part, with EU-funded scholarships for the best students applying

Consortia, duration and budget

Action	Consortium	Budget	Application
EMJM Develop high-quality, integrated Master's programs with at least three HEIs from three different countries. Offer EU-funded scholarships for students worldwide.	• At least 3 HEIs from 3 countries • 'Associated' partners with relevant expertise	• Up to €5M per project • Individual student scholarships of up to €1,400 PM	• Calls open Nov 2024 –Feb 2025 • European Education and Culture Executive Agency
EMDM Support the design phase of new joint Master's programs. Focus on capacity building and overcoming administrative barriers.	• At least 3 HEIs from 3 countries • 'Associated' partners with relevant expertise	Up to €55,000	• Calls open Nov 2024 –Feb 2025 • European Education and Culture Executive Agency

KA2 Capacity Building in HE

KA2 Capacity Building Projects in HE

Projects to improve HE institutions and their systems

- **Multilateral cooperation** between Erasmus and third-country institutions

- With activities and outcomes beneficial to **HE Institutions** and **Systems** of third-country

Overview of KA2 Capacity Building in HE

Strengthen higher education institutions (HEIs) in partner countries by enhancing their quality, accessibility, and modernization.

Key Goals:
- Foster cooperation between Erasmus+ Program countries and third countries.
- Address challenges in education systems, such as governance, inclusivity, and employability.
- Promote EU values through people-to-people contacts and intercultural dialogue.

Types of Projects:
- **Fostering Access**: Improve opportunities for participation in HE.
- **Partnerships for Transformation**: Modernise HE systems and align them with labor market needs.
- **Structural Reform**: Support systemic changes and policy development.

Funding, Activities, and Impact

Funding:

- Fostering Access: €200,000–€400,000 (24–36 months).

- Partnerships for Transformation: €400,000–€800,000 (24–36 months).

- Structural Reform: €800,000–€1 million (36–48 months).

Activities Supported:

- Development of new curricula and educational programs.

- Capacity building in governance and management of HEIs.

- Establishing international partnerships and regional cooperation.

Expected Impact

- Modernized and internationally connected HEIs.

- Improved employability of graduates and alignment with labor market needs.

- Strengthened collaboration between HEIs and stakeholders, fostering inclusion and innovation.

KA2 Not-for-Profit European Sport Events

Not-for-Profit European Sport Events

Support the organisation of sport events with a European dimension, focusing on:
- Volunteering in sport.
- Social inclusion and combating discrimination, including gender equality.
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles through physical activity.
- Promoting traditional sports and games.
- Implementation of initiatives like HealthyLifestyle4All and EU Physical Activity Guidelines.

Key Activities Supported:
- Preparation and organisation of events.
- Educational activities for athletes, coaches, and volunteers.
- Side activities such as conferences or seminars.
- Training volunteers.
- Legacy activities like evaluations and future planning.
- Communication and awareness-raising related to the event.

Funding, Dates and Application

Funding

- **Type I European Local Events**:
  - Grant: **€200,000**.
  - Minimum of **three organisations** from **three different eligible countries**.
- **Type II European Local Events**:
  - Grant: **€300,000**.
  - Minimum of **six organisations** from **six different eligible countries**.
- **European-Wide Events**:
  - Grant: **€450,000**.
  - Organised by a single applicant with at least **ten organisations** from **ten different eligible countries**.

  Key Dates
- **Application Deadline**: 5 March 2025, 17:00 (Brussels time).
- **Submission Platform**: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

Key Action 3 / KA3

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*Provides support to **policy cooperation** at European Union level, contributing to the **implementation of existing policies** and **the development of new policies** ⬚ **modernisation** and **reforms**, at European Union & Systems' level, in the fields of **education, training youth** and **sport**.*

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Prepare and support the implementation of the EU policy agenda on education, training, youth and sport

Opportunities for **people at any stage of their life** with a **learning experience abroad within their field of expertise**, such as *public governance, agriculture and rural development, new technologies, enterprise* etc

Carry out European policy experimentations

Gather evidence and knowledge about education, training, youth and sport systems and policies at national and European level ☐ facilitate policy making

Contribute to identifying and disseminating good practices as well as success stories from the supported projects in order to give them more visibility and scale them up at local, national and European levels

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Gather **evidence and knowledge about education, training, youth and sport systems** and policies at national and European level → facilitate policy making

Facilitate transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications, as well as the **transfer of credits**, to foster <u>quality assurance</u>, <u>digital credentialing</u>, <u>support validation</u> of <u>non-formal and informal learning</u>, <u>skills management and guidance.</u>

Foster policy dialogue with stakeholders within and outside the European Union, through conferences, events and other activities involving **policy make**rs, **practitioners** and other **stakeholders in the fields of education, training, youth and sport**, to *raise awareness* about *the relevant European policy agendas* and to promote Europe as an excellent study and research destination

The action supported for 2025 is

European Youth Together action (by EACEA)

Call ID: **ERASMUS-YOUTH-2025-YOUTH-TOG**

✓ targeting both **youth organisations** (***NGOs and public bodies***) at grassroots level and **larger organisations**:

NGOs (*including European Youth NGOs and national Youth Councils*) working in the field of youth; public bodies at local, regional or national level working in the field of youth; for-profit organisations may also participate but not as coordinator.

✓ supporting partnerships across borders

consortium of minimum of 5 applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities) from at least 5 EU Member States and/or third countries associated to the Programme. *Affiliated entities and associated partners do not count towards the minimum eligibility criteria for the consortium composition.*

❗ *The same organisation can submit only one application as coordinator by the deadline*

European Youth Together action – activities:

✓ Need to contribute to widening the outreach towards young people to ensure a diversity of voices, and reach a diverse range of young people within and beyond youth organisations, including youth with fewer opportunities

→ **development and implementation of the EU Youth Strategy, policy formulation and interaction with major stakeholders in the field of Youth**

✓ **Involving a variety** of traditional **and digital channels** and facilitate the development of partnerships and networks, enabling participation and access for grassroots NGOs and youth movements

✓ **Mobility activities for young people** may form a key component of European Youth Together projects

European Youth Together action – activities:

Activities must take place in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme

Duration: 24 months; extensions – <u>strongly justified</u> are possible

DDL: 6 March 2025, 17:00 CET/ Brussels time

Budget: Max EU contribution per project - EUR 500 000 (80%) – *lump-sum grant (page 366 – 367 of the E+ Guide 2025)*

Applications are submitted to the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

APPLICATION ESSENTIALS

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Δ If the actions - managed by the **Executive Agency** (*KA3, Jean Monet*) →

applicants & partners, must register in the <u>EU Funding & Tenders Portal</u> → **Participant Identification Cod**e (**PIC**) - *if your organisation already has one – it is valid for ever* ☺

Δ If the actions - managed by **National Agencies**, applicants must if not already done, register through the <u>Organisation Registration system</u> (Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps) and receive an **Organisation ID** (**OID**) *– once obtained, it is valid for ever* ☺

‼ *In both cases, you need: Legal Entity Form & Financial Identification Form* **‼**

Were to apply:

- for the Executive Agency the <u>EU Funding & Tenders Portal section on Calls for proposals</u>

- for the national agencies: check the national Agencies platforms

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Δ **Check compliance with eligibility and financial conditions** – for applicants, partners, associated partners, beneficiaries, activities and number of applications

Δ At least 1 horizontal/ European priority and 1 transversal/ national priority

Δ Make sure you build considering the award criteria/ evaluation map (specific to each call) for each of the project sections

How to apply: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-c

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Where to apply :

EU Funding and Tenders Portal – https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/app-forms/af-ui-opportunities/#/erasmus-plus

Application form (example) *for Erasmus+* https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/app-forms/af-ui-forms-2025-ka2-r1/#/forms/KA220-ADU-C09D6482/2025-1-KA220-ADU/context

SUPPORT TOOLS for Erasmus+

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Partner search mechanisms

- CORDIS Partner search: https://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest/home

- IGLO Partner Search: iglortd.org/about/

- Enterprise Europe Network: Enterprise Europe Network | Enterprise Europe Network

- NET4SOCIETY – Partner Search Support: http://www.net4society.eu/public/pss.php

- EACEA partner search tool (ad hoc tool with the publication of calls):

  EACEA - European Commission

- Executive Agencies – available infosessions: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/erasmus2027

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Useful Websites:

Erasmus general information

[Erasmus+ funding programme - European Commission](#)

Erasmus Programme Guide:

[Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2025 (Version 1) - Erasmus+](#)

National Agencies:

[National Agencies - Erasmus+](#)

EACEA: [HOW TO GET A GRANT - EUROPEAN COMMISSION](#)

Erasmus+ statistics for 2023 (2024 not released yet): https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/statistics-and-factsheets

Erasmus+ 2025, deadlines: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C_202406983

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