Starting out with Erasmus+ School Education

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Erasmus+

EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport (2014-2020)

What are the challenges in school education?

- Reinforcing the development of key competences
- Strengthening the profile of the teaching professions
- Promoting a comprehensive approach to language teaching and learning
- Increasing the levels of achievement and interest in STEM
- Tackling early school leaving and disadvantage
- Reinforcing quality in early childhood education and care
- Building capacity for promoting and facilitating recognition of learning periods abroad

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What can Erasmus+ offer your school?

Activities offered to schools (decentralised actions)

Learning Mobility of Individuals (KA1)

- **School Education Staff Mobility (KA101)**
  Professional development opportunities for staff, including teaching, training and job-shadowing abroad

Strategic partnership (KA2)

- **School Exchange Partnerships (KA229)**
  International pupil exchanges and study experiences, plus staff training and teaching assignments overseas
- **Strategic Partnerships for School Education (KA201)**
  Collaborative projects with international partners to improve education provision and share innovative practices. 2 types of partnerships:
  - Strategic Partnerships supporting innovation
  - Strategic Partnerships supporting exchange of good practices

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Before getting started...

Who is who in the Erasmus+ world

European Commission (EC)

- Manages the E+ budget
- Organises the calls for proposals
- Sets the priorities, targets and criteria for E+
- Monitors the general implementation of E+ at a European level

National Agencies (NA)

- Provide information on E+
- Administers the selection process for project applications in their country
- Provide support to project holders throughout the project's lifecycle
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of E+ in their country
- Collaborate with the EC and other NAs

Participating organisations

In KA1:
- Applicant organisation
- Sending organisation
- Receiving organisation

In KA2:
- Min. of 3 organisations from 3 different Programme Countries

In KA2 School Exchange Partnership:
- Only 2 schools from 2 different Programme Countries

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Entering the Erasmus+ world!

Things to know before preparing your application

You should have a:

- a **concrete project idea**, agreed on and supported by all those who will contribute to it in your school and, if applicable, your partner organisations;

- a **good knowledge of the Erasmus+ Key Action** you intend to apply for – particularly its objectives and its formal requirements (also known as the **eligibility criteria**);

- a unique identifier called **Organisation ID** (formerly known as Participant Identification Code) – referred to as the OID number; please make sure your project partners, if applicable, also have it (organisations that have already participated in decentralised actions will not have to register again).

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European activities as an integral part of development planning within the school

Drafting your Erasmus+ application

Practical tips

1) Formulate the application from the **point of view of your school** (or consortium).

2) **Be precise**, explain concepts and ideas.

3) Make sure your proposal is **coherent, concrete and clear** to a reader.

4) Support your statements with **facts and figures**, and use examples.

5) Demonstrate a **realistic timeframe** and explain your **working methodology**.

6) Think about how you plan on produce **concrete and sustainable results**.

7) Explain how you will **let other people know about your project**.

8) Give your draft proposal to a colleague **for review**.

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Completing and submitting a proposal

Erasmus+ official application form

- Specific data in proper fields

- Eligibility requirements

- Mandatory attachments

- Page limits

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Assessment process of your proposal

1. Eligibility
- Formal requirements

2. Quality
Award criteria:
- Relevance
- Project design and implementation
- Project team and the cooperation arrangements (only for KA2)
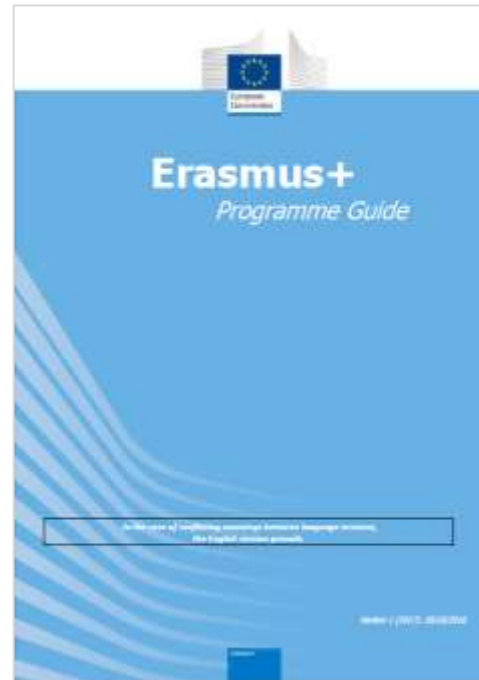- Impact and dissemination

3. Ranking
- Selection of as many top-ranked proposals as the budget can fund

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Launch of the Erasmus+ Call for Proposals 2020

Deadlines (decentralised actions)

- For KA1 applications: **5 February 2020**

- For KA2 applications: **24 March 2020**

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Looking for more inspiration or a partner?

eTwinning

The Erasmus+ eTwinning platform is the largest online community of schools in Europe.

www.etwinning.net

School Education Gateway

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

www.schooleducationgateway.eu

Erasmus+ Project Results Platform

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

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

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Conclusion

How can Erasmus+ help your school

- Help meet the objectives of inspection bodies and national education priorities

- Enhance professional practice for teachers and develop their leadership potential

- Help make staff feel valued and energised

- Inspire pupils and raise learning outcomes across the curriculum

- Expand pupils' horizons, raise their aspirations and boost their life-skills

- Foster tolerance, respect and understanding of other cultures

Make sure you ask for advice at the Erasmus+ NA in your country!

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Thank you!

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