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**Strategic Partnerships
in higher education
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Erasmus+ programme structure

- **Key Action 1: Mobility of Individuals** (e.g. mobility of learners and staff)
- **Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices**
- **Key Action 3: Support for Policy Reform** (e.g. initiatives for policy innovation, support to European policy tools)
- **Jean Monnet Activities**
- **Sport**



Aims and priorities of Strategic Partnerships

- Strategic Partnerships aim to support the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices as well as the implementation of joint initiatives promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience at European level.



Field-specific priorities: higher education

- Improve the quality and relevance of higher education;
- Strengthen quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation;
- Support activities that help attune curricula to current and emerging labour market needs
- Equip the young generation with transversal skills such as entrepreneurship, by developing active cooperation between HEI and partners from outside academia: enterprises, professional organisations, social partners, local/regional bodies etc.



Field-specific priorities: higher education

- Support virtual mobility
- Strengthen the links between education, research and business to promote excellence and regional development
- Aim at increasing the number of graduates, widening the participation and raising completion rates of underrepresented groups and non-traditional learners, enhancing lifelong learning via the creation of flexible learning paths, developing ways to increase the social responsibility of higher education institutions



Activities supported in Strategic Partnerships (examples)

- activities that strengthen the cooperation between organisations with a view to establishing **exchanges of practices**;
- activities that promote the development, testing and/or implementation of **innovative practices** in the field of education, training and youth;
- activities that facilitate the **recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and competences** acquired through formal, non-formal and informal learning;
- activities of **cooperation between regional authorities** to promote the development of education, training and youth systems and their integration in actions of local and regional development;



Activities supported in Strategic Partnerships (examples)

- Strategic Partnerships may also organise transnational **training, teaching or learning activities** of individuals, in so far as they bring added value in the achievement of the project's objectives (e.g. summer course).



Strategic Partnerships are expected to:

- bring **positive and long-lasting** effects on the participating organisations, on the policy systems in which such Actions are framed as well as on the persons directly or indirectly involved in the organised activities.
- result in the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices at organisational, local, regional, national or European levels.



Who can participate?

- Any type of organisation active in any field of education, training and youth or other socio-economic sectors
- Local and regional authorities
- Recognition and validation centres
- Trade organisations
- Guidance centres
- Cultural organisations

Depending on the priority addressed by the project, Strategic Partnerships should involve **the most appropriate and diverse range of partners** in order to benefit from their different experiences, profiles and specific expertise and to produce relevant and high quality project results.



Who can participate?

- **Programme Countries:** all EU member states, Norway, former Yugoslav, Macedonia, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Turkey



Who can participate?

- **Partner Countries:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Russia, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State, Switzerland, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala-la, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, South Africa, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cape Verde, Comoros, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Kinshasa), Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Republic of Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tanzania, East Timor, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, (Republic of) Korea, Macao, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, United States of America.



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Applicant

Only from Programme Countries



Number of project partners

- **Minimum 3** organisations from **3** different **Programme Countries**.
- There is **no maximum** number of partners. However, the budget for the management costs is capped (and equivalent to **10 partners**).
- All participating organisations must be identified at the time of applying for a grant.



Duration of the project

- 24-36 months



Where to apply?

- To the National Agency of the country in which the applicant organisation is established.
- In one call, the same consortium of partners can submit only one application and to one National Agency only.



When to apply?

- In 2016: **by 31st March** for project starting between 1 September and 31 December of the same year.



Eligible activities

- Blended mobility of learners combining short-term physical mobility (5 days to 2 months; excluding travel days) with virtual mobility;
- Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils (5 days to 2 months; excluding travel days);
- Intensive Study Programmes (5 days to 2 months; excluding travel days);
- Long-term study mobility of pupils (2 to 12 months);
- Long-term teaching or training assignments (2 to 12 months);
- Long-term mobility of youth workers (2 to 12 months);
- Short-term joint staff training events (5 days to 2 months; excluding travel days).



Eligible participants

- **Students registered in a participating HEI** and enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree or other recognised tertiary level qualification, up to and including the level of doctorate (in Intensive Study Programmes and blended mobility activities);
- Apprentices, VET students, adult learners, and young people in blended mobility;
- Pupils of any age, accompanied by school staff (in short-term exchanges of groups of pupils);
- Pupils aged 14 or older enrolled in full-time education at a school participating in the Strategic Partnership (in long-term study mobility of pupils);
- **Professors, teachers, trainers, educational and administrative staff working in the participating organisations** and youth workers.



Project budget

- Up to 300 000 EUR (for a 2 year project)
- Up to 450 000 EUR (for a 3 year project)



Budget categories:

1. Project management and implementation

- e.g. planning, finances, coordination, communication between partners etc.
- Unit rates: 500 EUR/month for the Coordinator, 250 EUR/month for each Partner
- Total: maximum 2750 EUR/month



Budget categories:

2. Transnational project meetings

- Participation in meetings between project partners and hosted by one of the participating organisations
- Contribution to travel and subsistence costs
- Unit rates: 575 EUR/person/meeting (distance <2000km), 760 EUR/person/meeting (distance \geq 2000km)
- Total: maximum 23000 EUR/year



Budget categories:

3. Intellectual outputs

- Intellectual outputs/tangible deliverables of the project (such as curricula, pedagogical materials, IT tools, analyses, studies, peer-learning methods, etc.)
- Unit rates/working day/person (74-241 EUR/day depending on the country).

Budget categories:

4. Multiplier events

- Organisation of national and transnational conferences, seminars, events sharing and disseminating the intellectual outputs of the project (excluding costs for travel and subsistence of representatives of participating organisations involved in the event).
- Unit rates: 100 EUR/local participant, 200 EUR/foreign participant
- Total: maximum 30000 EUR/project



Budget categories:

5. Exceptional costs

- Contribution to real costs related to subcontracting or purchase of goods and services
- Project covers up to 75% of costs
- Maximum 50000 EUR/project
- Conditional: subcontracting has to be related to services that cannot be provided directly by the participating organisations for duly justified reasons. Equipment cannot concern normal office equipment or equipment normally used by the participating organisations.

Budget categories:

6. Special needs support

- Additional costs directly related to participants with disabilities
- Project covers 100% of eligible costs
- Conditional: the request for these costs must be motivated in the application form



Budget categories:

7. Training/teaching/learning activities

- Travel: unit rates, 275 EUR/person (<2000km), 360 EUR (\geq 2000km)
- Subsistence: unit rates depending on the type of activity. E.g. in the intensive study programmes (summer courses) there is 100 EUR/day/teacher and 55 EUR/day/student (up to 14 days).
- Linguistic support (unit rate, 150 EUR/person for 2-12 months).

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