Workshop 1

Mobility opportunities under Erasmus+

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ProM modules

- Planning a project
- Financing mobility initiatives
- Managing and running a mobility project
1. The Erasmus+ budget is several million euros.

2. VET students can undertake a mobility period of 2 weeks.

3. Group training events for staff can be covered by a mobility budget.

4. Recently graduated students can have the status of Erasmus intern for one year.

5. Teachers can spend 2 months in a partner institution.

6. The 2015 deadline for Key Action 1 mobility applications has not yet been announced.

7. Mobility is possible under Key Action 2 of Erasmus+.

8. I can submit an individual application to the National Agency to undertake a mobility.


10. Teachers and students are the only categories which can take part in a mobility programme.
Erasmus+ 2014-2020

**Lifelong Learning programme:**
- Grundtvig
- Erasmus
- Leonardo
- Comenius

**International Higher Education programmes:**
- Erasmus Mundus
- Tempus
- Alfa
- Edulink
- Bilateral programmes

**Youth in Action**

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Erasmus+ 2014-2020

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**Specific Actions**
- Jean Monnet
- Sport
**Erasmus+: 2014-2020 budget**

**Budget:** €14.774 billion

75% to education and training
- 22% to VET
- 15% to school education

**Allocation of budget**

At least 63% for:
Learning mobility of individuals (KA1)

At least 28% for:
Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices (KA2)
Erasmus+: 2015 work programme
What’s new?

Brand name recognition

“Erasmus+ Comenius”
(school education)

“Erasmus+ Erasmus”
(higher education)

“Erasmus+ Leonardo da Vinci”
(VET)

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/awp/docs/c_2014_6856_en.pdf
Erasmus+: new in 2015
Reinforced focus on VET priorities

Promoting the development of high quality VET with a strong work-based learning component involving strong partnerships between education and employment.

Increasing the labour market relevance of VET provision and reducing skills mismatches and shortages in economic sectors.

Increasing transparency mutual trust between VET systems through streamlined and coherent implementation at national level of ECVET and EQAVET recommendations.

Promoting easily accessible and career-oriented continuing VET, including for the least likely to take part in such learning opportunities.

Supporting the development of skills and competences of teachers and trainers, with a particular focus on work-based teaching, partnerships between school teachers and in-company trainers, and training of in-company trainers.
Erasmus+: eligibility

VET

“Any public or private organisation active in the field of VET located in a programme country. Individuals cannot apply directly for a grant.”

School education

“Any organisation recognised as a school by the competent national authority and located in a programme country. A local or regional education authority or a school coordinating body can apply on behalf of a Consortium of schools.”
Erasmus+: Key Action 1

- Mobility for individuals
  - Student mobility
  - Teacher mobility
  - Staff mobility

- Higher education students and staff
- VET learners and staff
- School staff
- Adult education learners and staff
Secondary school graduates from VET sector and recently graduated apprentices can benefit from an Erasmus intern status up to one year following their graduation.
Applications for KA1 mobility must be submitted to the National Erasmus Agency. In 2015, the deadline will be 4th March.
KA1 roadmap

**Institutional roadmap**

- Familiarise yourself with programme guide for eligibility criteria
- Submit an application for an Erasmus+ charter for higher education after obtaining a PIC code
- If Erasmus+ charter granted, apply to national agency for mobility grants for institution 4 March 2015
- Forecast the budget for the upcoming year, number of mobilities
- Inform students and staff of mobility opportunities in partner institutions. Sign inter-institutional agreements
- Send intermediary and final reports to the national agency, prepare financial report for following year

**Individual roadmap**

- Find out if your school has the possibility of participating in Erasmus+
- Determine duration and category of mobility with your international officer
- Submit a request for mobility funding
- Complete the necessary paperwork
- Communicate with partner institution to best prepare mobility
- Share best practices upon your return
- Forecast the budget for the upcoming year.
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- Send intermediary and final reports to the national agency, prepare financial report for following year
Mobility: expected results?

On the individual

- More positive attitude towards European project and values
- Increased employment and improved career prospects
- Increased sense of initiative & entrepreneurship
- Improved learning performance
- Improved 2nd language knowledge
- Enhanced intercultural awareness
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Mobility: expected results?

On participating organisations

- Increased capacity to operate at EU / international level
- Innovative and improved way of operating towards their target group
- More modern, dynamic, committed and professional environment inside the organisation
Erasmus+: Key Action 2

What is it?
Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
- Strategic partnerships
- Capacity building (youth)
- Knowledge alliances
- Sector Skills Alliances

Award criteria
- Relevance of the project
- Quality of the project design and implementation
- Quality of the project team and cooperation arrangements
- Impact and dissemination
Focus on strategic partnership (KA2)

What activities are possible?

- Developing, testing and implementing innovative approaches and practices for VET trainees, staff and organisations,
- Recognition of skills and competences,
- Credit transfer (ECVET) and quality assurance (EQAVET)
- Training, teaching and learning activities such as blended mobility of trainees, joint staff training events, teaching & training assignments.

How many partners are needed?

- 3 partners from 3 different programme countries.
- Number of partners and funding varies depending on project’s aims and activities.
- Maximum of €150,000 in funding per year (2-3 year project)

Application form:
Strategic partnership for VET:
VET mobility as part of a strategic partnership KA2

A mobility initiative can be part of a strategic partnership as long as it is justified.

Examples:

- Pupil and apprentice mobility (virtual or physical) for less than 2 months for physical mobility
- Long-term mobility (61 days – 12 months) for staff mobility
- Staff mobility to participate in group training events for less than 2 months
Familiarise yourself with the programme guide and criteria
 Register on the European Commission’s Participant Portal
 Ensure you understand the quality criteria against which your application is assessed
 Identify a EU priority issue on which your institution wishes to work
 Identify partners

Preparatory meetings with partners to agree on objectives
 Each partner allocates key staff members to the project
 Allocate tasks to partners with their agreement
 Collaborate when writing the application drafts
 Validate budget with partners
Difficulties in identifying partners?

- Use existing institutional links
- Use European support organisations (Eurodesk)
- ADAM and EVE databases
- « Erasmus Plus Partner Finding » on LinkedIn
Strategic partnership selection procedure

1 - The coordinating partner submits the application to their National Agency 31/03/2015

2 - The National Agency evaluates the application

3 - The Agency announces the selection

4 - Signature of grant agreement between coordinator and Agency (coordinator has been mandated)

4(a) - Each school signs a contract with their National Agency and each one receives a grant

5 - The Agency transfers the grant to the coordinator

6 - The coordinator distributes the first instalment of the grant to consortium partners

7 - The coordinator sends progress report to their Agency on behalf of the consortium

7(b) - Each school sends a report to their National Agency

Classical strategic partnerships

Particularities of school to school partnerships
Erasmus+: new in 2015
VET mobility charter

A specific call for accreditation of bodies which organise VET students’ mobility will be launched in order for Charters to be awarded by National Agencies in time for the 2016 general programme call.

VET Mobility Charters build on Leonardo da Vinci certification and will be awarded to bodies with a strong record of successfully organising the high-quality mobility for VET students.

The goal of the Charter is to increase the overall quality level of organised mobility, with benefits for VET providers, learners and host workplaces.

Charter holders will benefit from a lighter mobility grant application and grant management process. The award of the VET Mobility Charter has no financial impact.
Where to find further information

• European Commission’s Erasmus+ website for education and training:
  http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.htm

• Find your national agency:

• Find the necessary documents for your application:

• How to obtain a PIC number:

• Europe 2020:
  http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm

• Education and Training:

• Eurodesk:
  http://www.eurodesk.org/edesk/EUToolbox.do?go=7

• Adam database:
  http://www.adam-europe.eu/adam/homepageView.htm#.VDGlzPlv6fa
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