Erasmus+ School Education

Funding opportunities for partnerships and in-service teacher training
Erasmus+ 2014-2020

The EU Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport

School Sector:

Key Action 1
Learning Mobility of individuals
Mobility project for school education staff

Key Action 2
Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practice
Strategic Partnerships
KA 1 and KA 2 are *decentralised* actions

General info: see Commission's website

[Image: Erasmus+ website]

Specific info: => your National Agency (NA)

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

list on Commission's website
Paris Declaration
of the EU's Education Ministers, March 2015

- Declaration on promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education
- Erasmus+ programme explicitly mentioned
- Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2016
  - Reference to the Paris Declaration
  - Inclusive education highlighted as priority for Key Action 2
Which countries participate in Erasmus+?

- **33 Programme Countries:**
  - 28 EU member states
  - Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

- **Partner Countries:**
  - all other countries worldwide
  - Possible participation in some restricted cases (not in KA 1 and not in KA 2 school partnerships)
Key Action 1 Mobility Projects for school education staff
Teaching or training abroad

- Teaching assignment
- Participation in structured courses or training events abroad
- Job shadowing / observation period abroad

- Duration of a mobility: 2 days – 2 months (+ travel time)
Who can apply?

- Applications of individual teachers not possible =>
- The school defines its needs and aims in terms of staff development for teaching and non-teaching staff (European Development Plan)
- and applies for a mobility project consisting of various individual mobilities
- A consortium of schools (lead by a local or regional school authority or a school coordinating body) can also apply
- Duration of a mobility project: between 12 and 24 months
Funding

Pre-defined unit costs

- Travel
  - Individual support (local travel, food, accommodation)
  - Organisational support (management + implementation of the project; 350€ per participant)
- Course fees
- Special needs support for participants with a disability
Where to find courses or opportunities for job shadowing?

**Course catalogue**

Catalogue of professional development courses for school teachers and staff.

See all

**Addressing Discrimination in School Matters**

18.05.2016 - 27.05.2016

United Kingdom

Mobility project for school education staff under Key Action 1 (teaching assignments and staff training). Read more

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**Mobility opportunities**

Opportunities for school staff to undertake teaching assignments and job shadowing in a host school/organization abroad.

See all

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SchoolEducationGateway

Some examples from the course catalogue
(keyword for search: "refugees"

- **Teaching children of conflict and war**
  - Dates: 11.06.2016 > 17.06.2016
  - Location: Ireland
  - Living Languages Ireland

- **Refugees or non-native pupils in pre-primary and primary education**
  - Location: Belgium
  - Eekhoutcentrum

- **Integrating Migrants and Refugees into European Schools**
  - Dates: 03.07.2016 > 10.07.2016
  - Location: United Kingdom
  - International Study Programmes

- **MIGRANT CULTURES IN SOUTHERN EUROPE: THE ART OF COMING TOGETHER**
  - Dates: 13.06.2016 > 17.06.2016
  - Location: Italy
  - Itaka Training

Application deadline

- As a rule: 1 application round per year (+ possibly a second round)

2016:
- **2 February** for projects starting between 1 June and 31 December, 2016
- Second round in some countries (including Germany):
  - **4 October** for projects starting between 1 January and 31 May, 2017
Key Action 2  Strategic Partnerships
Strategic Partnerships

Different kinds of partnerships: projects may vary widely in terms of size, complexity, experience, expected results, grant amount,…
Strategic Partnerships: Examples of activities

- Developing / testing / implementing innovative approaches and practices for pupils, staff and organisations
- Supporting teachers in dealing with diversified groups of learners
- Activities to promote the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and newly arrived migrants and raise awareness about the refugee crisis in Europe
- Cross-sectoral co-operation between schools and other organisations => curriculum development, reinforcing basic skills, combating violence in schools,…
- Encouragement of active citizenship and entrepreneurship
- Various kinds of mobilities for pupils and teachers
- …
Various types of mobilities within Strategic Partnerships

- Transnational project meetings
- Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils
- Long-term study mobility of pupils
- Short-term joint staff training events
- Long-term teaching assignments
Where to find examples?
Dissemination Platform on EU /

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

Various filters (key words, action type, country etc.)
## Results for keyword "citizenship"

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<td><strong>Create an International, Respectful, Collaborative and Universal Interdisciplinary Teaching in Sciences, the Environment, Sport Activities, Mathematics for European students</strong></td>
<td>Conscious of the economic and social difficulties to which all the countries are confronted, but also fortified with local resources and varied experiences, we wish to create a European federative...</td>
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<td><strong>Network of Democratic Citizenship Schools</strong></td>
<td>Early participation in decision making processes affecting the lives of young people is essential to their development into active citizens aware of their rights and duties and capable of exercising...</td>
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<td><strong>ПРАЗДНИЧНИ ПРОЕКТИ ПРАЗНИЦИ В ЕВРОПА</strong></td>
<td>This Project unites as partners educational institutions offering teaching in the Bulgarian language in France, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Ireland to everyone and mostly to children of Bulgarian...</td>
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<td><strong>Future Youth School Forums</strong></td>
<td>FY3-Forum is a cross-field strategic partnership creating a model for school led global citizenship youth forum responding to 4 key EU-wide needs: This will address 4 related school needs li...</td>
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<td><strong>Teacher Assessing Key Competences in School: authentic task based evaluation methodology</strong></td>
<td>With the Recommendation 18 December 2005 European Union has identified 8 Key Competences for lifelong learning: a combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for self realization and...</td>
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<td><strong>Online Online Learning Tool on Antisemitism and other forms of Discrimination</strong></td>
<td>Recent events show that antisemitism is a serious challenge to democratic societies in Europe. At a meeting of EU Education Ministers March 2015, a Declaration on Promoting citizenship and the to...</td>
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2 basic types of strategic partnerships:

**Partnerships supporting exchange of good practices**
- Exchange of ideas, methods, practices
- Supports organisations' capacity to cooperate on a transnational level
- sub-type: School-to-school partnerships (schools only, no other organisation involved)

**Partnerships supporting innovation**
- Development of innovative outputs with a high potential for wider use
- Intensive dissemination and exploitation activities for high-quality products or innovative ideas
- Additional budget for the development and dissemination of products available
General rules for a strategic partnership (1/2)

- **Duration**: between **12 and 36 months** (to be decided by applicants)
- **Multilateral**: at least 3 organisations from 3 different partner countries
  - **Exception**: school-to-school partnerships may also be bilateral
- **Multibeneficiary contracts**: The coordinating organisation receives the EU grant for the whole project and is responsible for the overall project management, reporting to the NA, and transferring their share of the budget to the partners
  - **Exception school-to-school-partnerships**: monobeneficiary contracts => each school has a contract with its own NA and is responsible for its own budget
General rules for a strategic partnership (2/2)

Who can apply?

- Any organisation established in a **Programme country** can be the applicant (on behalf of all other partners participating in the project), e.g.:
  - a university, a teacher training institution, a school, a non-profit organisation, an enterprise, a public body, a cultural organisation, an NGO, a library, …
  
  **Exception** school-to-school projects: only schools can be applicants + partners

- Under certain restricted conditions (substantial added value to the project as a whole), an organisation from a Partner Country can participate in the project
  - Exception: not possible in **school-to-school projects**
Funding rules

Menu of cost items depending on the type and scope of partnership

- Most cost items: unit costs (instead of real costs)
- Maximum grant amount: 450,000 € for a partnership of 36 months =
- Maximum 12,500 € per month for a project
Cost items that can be funded

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Priorities

- Each strategic partnership in the school sector must address
  - either at least one of the horizontal priorities
  - or at least one of the priorities specific for the school sector

- The priorities are described in the yearly Programme Guide
Horizontal Priorities

- Improve achievement in relevant and high-level basic and transversal competences in a lifelong learning perspective

- Inclusive education, training and youth
  
  Within this priority, projects involving refugees, asylum seekers and migrants and/or focussing on the topic of the refugees' crisis in Europe are explicitly mentioned

- Open and innovative education, training and youth, embedded in the digital era

- Strengthening the recruitment, selection and induction of educators

- Sustainable investment, performance and efficiency in education and training

- Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications to facilitate learning, employability and labour mobility
Priorities specific to the school sector

- Adressing underachievement in the basic skills of maths, science and literacy through more effective and innovative teaching methods
- Enhancing the quality of early childhood education and care
- Strengthening the profile of the teaching professions
- Supporting schools to tackle early school leaving and disadvantage; to address all pupils from the lowest to the highest end of the academic spectrum
Award criteria für Strategic Partnerships

- Relevance of the project: 30 Points
- Quality of the project design and implementation: 20 Points
- Quality of the project team and cooperation agreements: 20 Points
- Impact and dissemination: 30 Points

- Maximum: 100 points
- Minimum score to be considered for funding: 60 points
- At least 50% of the maximum score in each category must be reached
Yearly Programme Guide

- Contains all details for all actions within Erasmus+
- On Commission's website
- Usually appears in the autumn of the year previous to the application round
Application deadline

- 1 yearly application deadline (usually late March)
- 2016: 31st March
  - for projects starting between 1 September and 31st December 2016
  - Latest possible project termination: 31st August, 2019
  - Project duration: between 12 and 36 months

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- Similar dates for 2017 expected
Any questions (or comments)?

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