



Call for proposal Erasmus+ - Partnerships for Cooperation
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Framework and expectations of the Call for proposal Erasmus+ - Partnerships for Cooperation

Partnerships for Cooperation

Partnerships for cooperation are transnational projects designed to develop and share innovative practices and promote cooperation, peer learning, and exchanges of experiences in the fields of education, training, and youth.

Cooperation Partnerships aim at:

- Increasing quality in the work, activities and practices of organisations and institutions involved;
- Building capacity of organisations to work transnationally and across sectors;
- Addressing common needs and priorities in the fields of education, training, youth and sport;
- Enabling transformation and change (at individual, organisational or sectoral level), leading to improvements
- and new approaches, in proportion to the context of each organisation.

Partnerships for Cooperation

Who can apply?

Any public or private organization established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can either participate as the coordinator of the project or as a partner organisation.

Number and profile of participating organisations

A Cooperation Partnership is a transnational project and involves minimum three organisations from three different EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme.

There is no maximum number of participating organisations in one partnership.

Priorities addressed

To be considered for funding, Cooperation Partnerships must address either:

- at least one horizontal priority (Environmental sustainability; Inclusion and Diversity; Digital dimension)

and/or

- at least one specific priority relevant to the field of education, training, youth and sport that is mostly impacted.

Venue of the activities

All the activities of a Cooperation Partnership must take place in the countries of the organisations participating in the project, either as full or as associated partners.

Duration of project

Between 12 and 36 months.



How to apply?

Applications should generally be submitted to the National Agency in the Programme Country where the applicant/lead organisation is established.

When to apply?

Generally in March for projects starting between 1 September and 31 December of the same year.

At the end of the year, the new guide for 2023 with calendar and rules will be released.

All applicants (partners) must be registered

- To register in the Organisation Registration system of Erasmus+, the legal representative of the organization must carry out the following steps:
 - Create an EU Login account (unless the applicant has an account). New EU Login accounts can be created via the following website:
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>;
 - Access the Organisation Registration system for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc> and register (if applicable) on behalf of the organisation/group they represent. The applicants need to register only once. Once the registration is completed, the applicant will obtain an Organisation ID.

As part of the registration process, partners must also upload the following documents:

- the Legal Entity form (to be downloaded from the European Commission's website at: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/legal_entities/legal_entities_en.cfm). In case of consortium, **the Legal Entity Form should be provided by all members** of the consortium;
- the Financial Identification form (to be downloaded from the European Commission's website at: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/financial_id/financial_id_en.cfm). Please fill in the form relating to the country in which the bank is located, even if the applicant is officially registered in another country. **In case of consortium, the Financial Identification form should be provided only for the coordinator.** For grants exceeding 60 000 EUR, applicants may need to upload specific documents to give proof of their financial capacity.

- For EU grant requests exceeding 60 000 EUR, the lead applicant must submit, in addition to the declaration of honour, the following documents through the Funding & tender opportunities portal / Organisation Registration System:
 - The applicant's profit and loss account;
 - The balance sheet for the last financial year for which accounts were closed.
 - Other documents, if requested.

FUNDING RULES

The proposed funding model consists of a menu of **3 single lump sums**, corresponding to the total grant amount for the project: 120 000 EUR, 250 000 EUR and 400 000 EUR. Applicants will choose between the 3 pre-defined amounts according to the activities they want to undertake and the results they want to achieve.

An EU grant is based on the principle of **co-financing**. Co-financing implies that the EU grant may not finance the entire costs of the project; the project must be funded by sources of co-financing other than the EU grant (e.g. beneficiary's own resources, income generated by the action, financial contributions from third parties).

When the EU grant is provided in the form of a unit cost, a lump sum or a flat-rate financing the principles of no-profit and co-funding are ensured by the Commission for the Action as a whole in advance when it defines the rates or percentages of such units, lump sums and flat-rates. **Therefore, applicants do not have to provide information about sources of funding other than the EU grant, nor they have to justify the costs incurred by the project.**

AWARD CRITERIA

Relevance - (maximum score 25 points)

Quality of the project design and implementation - (maximum score 30 points)

Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements - (maximum score 20 points)

Impact - (maximum score 25 points)

Next steps

Until the release of the new Erasmus+ guide and call (December 2022)

- Partners – who wants to participate must express **interest until x of x**
- Gather inputs from potential partners for project development – partners share best practices and ideas for partnership profile, activities (...) **until x of x**
- State of the art and development of the project rationale and logframe- define needs, objectives, learning and project outcomes, activity formats, target groups; timetable, etc., until December 2022

After the release of the 2023 Erasmus+ Guide and calls:

- Identify the most suitable national agency/project leader
- Analyze new Erasmus+ guide and call from the national agency and adapt the project idea to the national agency call
- Development of the Project Work Breakdown Structure (work packages), activities scope and content

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