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The EU programme for
Education, Training, Youth and Sport
2014-2020
Erasmus+: Why a new approach?

- **Education, training and youth: a changing landscape**
  - Deep economic crisis and high youth unemployment
  - Vacancies exist, but skills gaps and low employability of graduates
  - Growing requirement for high skilled jobs
  - A global competition for talent: internationalisation of education
  - Extraordinary broadening of learning offer and potential of ICT
  - Complementarity between formal, informal and non formal learning
  - Need for closer links with world of work

=> New approach necessary
Erasmus+: a new approach

• **We need:**
  
  – Closer links between programme and policy objectives
  
  – More synergies and interaction between formal, informal and non-formal learning
  
  – More cross-sectoral partnerships with world of work
  
  – A streamlined, simpler architecture
  
  – Stronger focus on EU added value
Link to policy objectives (1)

• **Europe 2020 targets:**
  – Raising higher education attainment from 32% to 40%
  – Reducing the share of early school leavers from 14% to less than 10%

• **ET 2020 strategy**

• **The renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)**

• **The European dimension in Sport / The EU Work Plan on Sport**

• **The strong international dimension, particularly as regards higher education and youth**
Link to policy objectives (2)

- More opportunities for VET and HE students to increase their employability through traineeships
- Foster quality improvement in all sectors through staff mobility and strategic partnerships
- Strong emphasis on cross-sector strategic partnerships and ICT projects
- New innovative actions to enhance employability and entrepreneurship (Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances)
- New ways to trigger policy reform (Prospective Initiatives)
What's new? (1)

• A single integrated programme
  – Covering all education, training and youth sectors in a holistic manner, and adding sport
  – Bringing 7 existing programmes into a single coherent framework
  – Seeking to achieve greater systemic impact
What's new? (2)

- **Substantial simplications**
  - Fewer calls and large reduction in number of actions
  - More user friendly programme, easier to navigate round
  - Simplified financial management: greater use of unit costs

- **A substantial budget increase**
  - 40% increase, benefiting all sectors
  - Additional funding from external action instruments to support international dimension of higher education
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**Current Programmes**

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

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

- **Youth in Action**

**One integrated Programme**

1. **Learning mobility of individuals**
2. **Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices**
3. **Support for policy reform**

**Specific Actions:**
- Jean Monnet
- Sport
## 3 main types of Key Action

### Learning mobility of individuals (KA1)
- Staff mobility, in particular for teachers, lecturers, school leaders and youth workers
- Mobility for higher education students, vocational education and training students
- Student loan guarantee
- Joint Master degrees
- Mobility for higher education for EU and non-EU beneficiaries
- Volunteering and youth exchanges

### Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices (KA2)
- Strategic partnerships between education/training or youth organisations and other relevant actors
- Large scale partnerships between education and training establishments and business: Knowledge Alliances & Sector Skills alliances
- IT-Platforms including e-Twinning
- Cooperation with third countries and focus on neighbourhood countries

### Support for policy reform (KA3)
- Open method of Coordination
- Prospective initiatives
- EU recognition tools
- Dissemination & exploitation
- Policy dialogue with stakeholders, third countries and international organisations
Breakdown of Education, Training and Youth budget by Key Action 2014-2020

- KA1 (at least 63%)
- KA2 (at least 28%)
- KA3 (4.2%)
- Funds to be redistributed between KA1 and KA2 (4.80%)
Budget allocation 2014 - 2020

- Education and training (77.5%)
- Youth (10%)
- Student loan facility (3.5%)
- National agencies (3.4%)
- Administrative costs (1.9%)
- Jean Monnet (1.9%)
- Sport (1.8%)
Breakdown of Education and Training budget by sectors

Minimum allocation by sector

- Higher Education (43%)
- VET (22%)
- Schools (15%)
- Adult Education (5%)
- Remaining Funds for Allocation (15%)
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SOME FIGURES
Opportunities for individuals

- **2 million higher education students** will study and train abroad

- **650 000 vocational students** will spend part of their education and training abroad

- **200 000 Master’s students** will benefit from a new loan guarantee scheme and more than **25 000 scholarships** for Joint Master Degrees

- **500 000 young people** to volunteer abroad and take part in youth exchanges

- **800 000 lecturers, teachers, trainers, education staff and youth workers** to teach or train abroad
Opportunities for innovation projects and exchange of good practices

- **25 000 Strategic Partnerships**, involving **125 000 institutions/organisations**, to implement joint initiatives and promote exchange of experience and know-how and links with the world of work

- **Nearly 300 Knowledge Alliances** and **Sector Skills Alliances**, involving **3500 education institutions** and enterprises working together

- More than **200 000 teachers** collaborating on line and involving more than 100,000 schools through eTwinning
SCHOOL EDUCATION
School education: main objectives

The activities will focus on common priorities related to Europe 2020 strategy/Education & Training 2020 framework, in particular:

- Reducing early school leaving
- Improving attainment in basic skills
- Reinforcing quality in early childhood education and care
School education: main activities

• **learning mobility** for pre-school and school staff

• **strategic partnerships** for cooperation between schools, local / regional authorities and other sectors

• **eTwinning**: On-line community offering services to teachers, pupils and school leaders, teacher educators and student teachers
Key Action 1: Staff mobility

Aims:
- Develop school staff competences (languages, ICT, etc.)
- Offer professional development opportunities abroad

Main activities:
- Professional development
  - Participation in structured courses/training events abroad
  - Job shadowing/observation period abroad in a partner school/other relevant organisation in the field of school education
- Teaching assignments
Key Action 2: Strategic partnerships (1)

Aims:
- Schools, local/regional school authorities, teacher training institutions and departments, and other types of organisations in different countries to develop, transfer and implement innovative practices

Main activities:
- Cross-sectoral cooperation between schools and other organisations leading to i.e. curriculum development, reinforcing basic skills, combating violence in schools
- Local consortia between local/regional authorities and schools to i.e. improve the educational offer for young people
Key Action 2: Strategic partnerships (2)

Main activities:

- Exchanges of groups of pupils on study/training periods within a project aiming at reinforcing i.e. linguistic skills and inter-cultural awareness

- eTwinning for online exchanges for teachers/online workshops/professional development of teachers, student teachers, teacher educators, involving pupils
Key action 3: Support for policy reform

Aims:

- Peer learning between high level policy makers, practitioners, participating organisations, researchers and stakeholders groups
- Development of national policies and European dialogue

Main activities:

- Transnational experimentation with innovative policy measures and transfer to other systems
HIGHER EDUCATION
Higher education: main objectives

• Increase the **skills** and **employability** of students and contribute to the competitiveness of European economy

• Improve **quality** in **teaching** and **learning**

• Implement the **Higher Education Modernisation strategy** in programme countries and raise the capacity of partner countries

• Streamline the **international dimension** in Erasmus+

• Support the **Bologna process** and **policy dialogues with strategic partner countries**
Key Action 1: Student mobility in HE (1)

Aims:

• Provide more and better opportunities to increase skills and competences of HE students, attract the best talents from abroad

Main activities:

• Credit mobility, including traineeships abroad: mobility for studies opened to partner countries in both directions (NEW)

• Degree mobility: excellent Joint Master courses offered by universities from Europe and in some cases partner countries attracting the very best students worldwide

• Student loan guarantee (NEW): to boost Master's degree mobility within Europe
Key Action 1: Staff mobility in HE (2)

Aims:

- Provide more and better opportunities for an increased quality in teaching and learning

Main activities:

- **Teaching assignment**: to develop innovative teaching methods, mobility opened to partner countries in both directions (*NEW*)
- **Professional development**: to improve skills and competences of both academic and non-academic staff, opened to partner countries in both direction (*NEW*)
- **Invited staff from enterprise**: to increase the relevance of curricula
Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation (1)

HE strategic partnerships

Aims:
- To enhance stronger cooperation between HEI and with key stakeholders (enterprises, research organisations, social partners, local/regional authorities, other E&T or youth sectors) to foster quality and innovation in HE

Main activities:
- Develop, test, implement new joint curricula, joint study programmes, common modules, intensive programmes
- Develop project-based cooperation with enterprises to study real-life cases
- Exploit the potential of Open Educational Resources, collaborative and personalised learning
- Integrate various study modes (distance, part-time, modular)
Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation (1)
Knowledge alliances

Aims:
• To enhance structured and long-term cooperation between HEI and enterprises to develop innovative ways of producing and sharing knowledge in result-driven projects, particularly in emerging fields

Main activities:
• Delivery of new multidisciplinary curricula responding to business needs
• Stimulate entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial mind-set of students, academic and company staff
• Facilitate the exchange, flow and co-creation of knowledge between HEIs and enterprises
Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation (2)

Capacity building in HE

Main activities: 2 types of projects with Neighbouring and Enlargement countries, Russia, Asia, Latin America, Africa, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP)

- **Joint projects:** New curricula & degrees, learning and teaching methodologies, staff development, quality assurance, governance, Bologna tools

- **Structural projects:** Reforms at national level with support of authorities in Partner Countries (policy modernisation, Bologna policies, governance and management of higher education systems...)

+ **Additional mobility component** for ENP and Enlargement countries (without National Agency): students and staff, to and from EU, same rules as for credit mobility (max. 12 months)
Key Action 3: Support for policy reform

Aims:
• To support EU developments in HE Policy for a higher systemic impact

Main activities:
• Support the OMC, HE modernisation agenda, Bologna process
• Development and implementation of EU transparency tools (ECTS, ...)
• Recognition of qualifications (NARIC)
• Network of HE reform experts in Neighbouring and Enlargement countries
• International policy dialogue
• Worldwide alumni association
• International attractiveness and promotion
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
VET: main objectives

- Increasing the **employability** and **life skills** of VET learners and contributing to the competitiveness of the European economy
- Support the enhanced **European cooperation in VET** (objectives of Bruges Communiqué)
- Quality assurance
Key Action 1: VET mobility (1)

Aims:
• To increase training opportunities abroad of VET learners and to provide them with skills needed for the transition from education and training to work

Main activities:
• Traineeships abroad in a company, other workplace (public organization, NGO, etc.) or in a VET school with periods of work-based learning in a company
Key Action 1: VET mobility (2)

Aims:

- To update / acquire knowledge of work practices and/or refresh pedagogical skills of VET professionals (teachers, in-company trainers, also non-teaching staff, e.g. institution leaders, training managers, guidance counsellors)

Main activities:

- Work placement in an enterprise/training/teaching institution
- Teaching assignment at a partner institution
- Job shadowing in a teaching/training institution
Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation (1)

VET Strategic Partnerships

Aims:

• Transnational cooperation between VET providers and local/regional business communities

Main activities:

• Exchanging good practices and innovation in VET provisions, guidance, counselling
• Developing and delivering of new VET teaching/training materials and methods
Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation (2)

VET strategic partnerships

Main activities:

- To foster structured and long term cooperation among VET institutions with stakeholders (private enterprises, social partners, local/regional authorities, NGOs)

- Cross-sector cooperation to build bridges and share knowledge between different formal and informal E&T and youth sectors
Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation (3)

Sector Skills Alliances

Aim:
• To enhance the responsiveness of VET systems to sector-specific labour market needs, contributing to increased economic competitiveness of the concerned sector

Main activities:
• Designing and delivering curricula responding to the needs of labour market and of the learners in economic sectors
• Projects promoting work based learning
• Projects facilitating recognition of qualifications at EU level
Key action 3: Support for Policy Reform

Aims:
- To support EU policy developments and to respond to several of the specific policy objectives for VET systems

Main activities:
- Peer learning and mutual learning activities through thematic working groups
- Studies to increase quality and supply of apprenticeships (European Alliance for Apprenticeships)
- Support to EU tools (ECVET and EQAVET)
Adult Education: main objectives

- Modernising and improving adult education through cooperation with other sectors
- Validation of non-formal / informal education
- Guidance systems
- Quality assurance
Key Action 1: Staff mobility

Aims:
• To develop and broaden knowledge, skills and competences

Main activities:
• Participation in structured courses/training events abroad
• Job shadowing/observation period in an adult education or other sector relevant to the organisation abroad
• Teaching assignments
Key Action 2: Strategic partnerships (1)

Aims:
• To provide quality teaching and learning opportunities for adults and to strengthen the learning offer of AE providers (focus on basic skills, active citizenship and key competences for employability)

Main activities:
• Cross-sector cooperation for exchanging experiences and best practices between organisations
• Developing, testing and validating of new curricula, teaching methods or innovative pedagogical approaches
Key Action 2: Strategic partnerships (2)

Main activities:

• Projects addressing the acquisition of basic skills (literacy, numeracy and ICT) and the provision of second chance opportunities/learning in later life

• Improving the accessibility of learning opportunities for adults

• Developing strategic cooperation between AE providers and local/regional authorities
Key action 3: Support for policy reform

Aims:
• To contribute to the development of national policies and European dialogue on AE systems and practices

Main activities:
• Support national policy reforms (e.g. building national networks and coalitions of interested groups)
• Support to awareness campaigns promoting the benefits of learning both for individuals, the economy, and society
• Peer learning activities between high level policy makers, practitioners, relevant organisations, researchers and stakeholders groups
Youth: general aspects

- To improve the level of **key competences and skills of young people**, including those **with fewer opportunities**, and youth workers, as well as to promote **participation in democratic life** in Europe and the labour market, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity

- To foster **quality improvements in youth work**, in particular through enhanced cooperation between organisations in the youth field and/or other stakeholders

- To complement **policy reforms** at local, regional and national level and to support the development of knowledge and evidence-based youth policy as well as the **recognition of non-formal and informal learning**

- To enhance the **international dimension** of youth activities
Main activities:

- **Youth Mobility projects** (young people and youth workers)
  - Youth Exchanges
  - European Voluntary Service
  - Structured courses: training courses, contact-making events, study visits abroad
  - Job shadowing or observation period in a youth organisation abroad (at youth organisations, education and training institutions, companies, etc.)

- Mobility projects submitted by **national/regional public bodies** and by organisations active in Corporate Social Responsibility

- Large Scale **European Voluntary Service** Events
Key Action 2: Cooperation and innovation for good practices (1)

Strategic Partnerships

Main activities:

- Strengthened cross-sectoral cooperation between organisations for exchanges of practice

- Development, testing and/or implementation of innovative practices in the field of youth, education and training

- Validation of competences acquired through non-formal and in-formal learning at national level by referencing them to EU frameworks and using EU documentation instruments (such as Europass and Youthpass)
Key Action 2: Cooperation and innovation for good practices (2)

Strategic Partnerships

Main activities:

- Cooperation between regional authorities to promote the development of education, training and youth systems and their integration in actions of local and regional development

- Transnational initiatives fostering entrepreneurial mind-sets and skills, to encourage active citizenship and new social enterprise creation
Key Action 2: Cooperation and innovation for good practices (3)

Capacity Building

Aims:
• To foster cooperation and exchanges in the field of youth between Programme Countries and Partner Countries from different regions of the world (ACP, Latin America, Asia, Industrialised Countries)

Main activities:
• Strategic cooperation between youth organisations on the one hand and public authorities on the other hand in Partner Countries
• Cooperation between youth organisations and organisations in the education and training fields as well as with representatives of business and labour market, as well as with NGOs
Key Action 2 : Cooperation and innovation for good practices (4)

Capacity Building

Main activities:

• Raise the capacities of youth councils, youth platforms and national, regional and local authorities dealing with youth in Partner Countries
• Enhance the management, governance, innovation capacity and internationalisation of youth organisations
• Launch, test and implement youth work practices
• Implement youth mobility activities from/to Partner Countries (Youth Exchanges, European Voluntary Service, youth workers' mobility)
Key Action 3: Support for policy reform (1)

Aims:
- To develop youth policy cooperation at European level, promote the EU Youth Strategy and encourage structured dialogue

Main activities:
- Support to the Open Method of Coordination (peer learning, evidence-gathering)
- Support to Structured Dialogue in the field of youth (meetings between young people and decision-makers; support to SD National Working Groups)
Key Action 3 : Support for policy reform(2)

Main activities:

- Support to European Youth Forum and civil society partnerships with European Youth NGOs
- Implementation of Union transparency and recognition tools: Youthpass
- European Youth Week
JEAN MONNET
JEAN MONNET activities

Aims:
• To promote excellence in European integration studies in higher education

Main activities:
• Teaching and research (Chairs, Modules & Centres of excellence)
• Policy debate with academic world and exchanges (networks and projects)
• Support to institutions or associations activities
• The creation of a Jean Monnet label
• Jean Monnet also provides operating grants to specified institutions
JEAN MONNET activities
Teaching and research

Aims to support:
- Modules: 40h teaching programme in the field of European Union studies
- Chairs: 90h teaching post with a specialisation in European Union studies
- Centres of Excellence: Focal points of competence & knowledge on European Union subjects

Main activities:
- Teaching in European integration studies embodied in an official curriculum
- Conduct, monitor and supervise research on EU subjects
- Organise and coordinate human and documentary resources related to European Union studies
JEAN MONNET activities
Policy debate and exchanges

Aims to support:

- Enhance cooperation and promote results on high level research
- Explore different methodologies, promote discussion and reflection

Main activities:

- Foster the exchange of knowledge and expertise with a view to mutually enhancing good practices
- Enhance cooperation and create a knowledge exchange platform with public actors and the Commission services on highly relevant EU subjects
- Development of academic content and tools for specific target groups
- Joint development of content and co-teaching
JEAN MONNET activities  
Support to institutions or associations

**Aims to support:**

**Institutions**
To enhance teacher and training activities on EU subject areas

**Associations**
Contributing to the study of the European integration process

**Main activities:**

*For Institutions:*
- Collect, elaborate analyse and disseminate European Union facts and knowledge
- Organise Master level courses on European Union issues or professional advanced training

*For Associations:*
- Organise and carry out statutory activities of associations dealing with European Union studies
- Publicize European Union facts among a wider public enhancing active citizenship
Erasmus+ contribution to Sport

Aims:

• To tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport (doping, match-fixing, violence, intolerance, discrimination)

• To promote and support good governance in sport and dual career of athletes

• To promote voluntary activities, social inclusion and equal opportunities, together with the awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA), and equal access to sport for all
Sport Action

Main activities supporting grassroots sport:

- Support for collaborative **partnerships**
- **Non-profit European sport events**, involving several countries, relating to social inclusion, HEPA, etc.
- Strengthening the **evidence base for policy making**
- **Dialogue** with relevant European stakeholders
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