

Erasmus+ 2021-2027

Enriching lives, opening minds

through the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport

Erasmus+ has an estimated budget of

€26.2 billion[1],

nearly doubling the funding compared to its predecessor programme (2014-2020), complemented by around

€2.2 billion

from the EU external cooperation instrument[2].

70% of the budget will support mobility

opportunities for all, in a lifelong learning perspective.

Erasmus+ mobility has positive effects on educational, social, personal and professional development, in that it enhances knowledge, skills and attitudes, improves employability, helps confidence-building and independence, stimulates curiosity and innovation, fosters the understanding of other people, and builds a sense of European belonging.

30% of the budget will be invested in cooperation projects and policy development activities

where organisations gain experience in international cooperation, strengthen their capacities, produce innovative approaches, exchange good practices and network. Through these actions, Erasmus+ will play an important role in strengthening resilience and supporting recovery and innovation in the fields of education, training, youth and sport.

[1] The Erasmus+ programme budget is made of €24.574 billion in current prices as part of the new MFF (2021-2027) and an additional top-up of €1.7 billion in 2018 prices.

[2] Neighbourhood, Development and Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA III)

In a nutshell

Supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and in the European Skills Agenda. Helps make European Pillar of Social Rights a reality, implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 and develops the European dimension in sport.

Offers mobility and cooperation opportunities in higher education, vocational education and training, adult and school education (including early childhood education and care), youth and sport staff.

Places a strong focus on **social inclusion**, the **green** and **digital transitions**, as well as on promoting young people's participation in democratic life.

Provides a programme for all: more inclusive for people with fewer opportunities and more accessible for small organisations.

Invests in forward-looking study fields such as climate change, digital skills, clean energy, artificial intelligence, health sciences, etc.

Supports flagship initiatives such as European Universities, Vocational Centres of Excellence and DiscoverEU.

Promotes a **healthy lifestyle** by supporting grassroots sport projects.

Expands mobility and cooperation opportunities beyond Europe.

Provides cooperation, capacity building, exchanges, networking and policy support for organisations, and reforms in education, training, youth and sport.



Inclusion and diversity

The new programme seeks to increase the qualitative impact of its actions and to ensure equal opportunities. To this end, the programme will reach out to people of different ages and from diverse cultural, social and economic backgrounds. It will focus on people with fewer opportunities, including those with disabilities, educational difficulties, or a migrant background, as well as those living in rural and remote areas.

Digital Erasmus+

In line with the Digital Education Action Plan's priorities, the programme will develop accessible and high-quality digital learning, foster the capacity of teachers, trainers and youth workers, etc. to use digital tools and content, test and promote distance, as well as blended learning. The mobility actions of the programme will provide an increased number of opportunities to acquire and develop digital skills through initiatives such as the Digital Opportunity Traineeships scheme.

The implementation of the programme will be significantly digitalised and simplified for participants, in particular through the European Student Card initiative and a revamped IT architecture for beneficiaries and implementing bodies.

Green Erasmus+

In line with the European Green Deal, the programme will lead by example, by encouraging participants to use lower-carbon transport as an alternative to flying. Erasmus funding will also be channelled into building up knowledge and understanding of sustainability and climate action, so that Europeans acquire the world-leading competences needed to create sustainable societies, lifestyles and economies.

Mobility opportunities

Mobility of learners and staff is the flagship activity of Erasmus+. About 10 million individuals, including students, learners, professors, teachers and trainers in all sectors, are expected to participate in mobility activities abroad during the course of the programme. Through the unique experience of living, studying, training or travelling abroad, participants gain self-confidence and soft skills, discover different cultures and build networks of interpersonal and professional relationships with people from other countries. This fosters their employability and active participation in society, and contributes to greater social inclusion and a strengthened European identity.

With more flexible mobility format and duration, higher-education students will have even more opportunities to study or to carry out a traineeship in Europe and beyond. The new Erasmus+ mobile app will support them in every step of their journey.





New

- In higher education, Blended Intensive Programmes will combine online learning and teamwork with short-term physical mobility abroad.
- The new programme doubles the number of opportunities offered to vocational training learners for short-term learning mobility and long-term mobility ('ErasmusPro'), and opens up these opportunities **to countries outside Europe**.
- Erasmus+ will also fund the short-term and long-term learning mobility of school pupils, offering experiences abroad both to individuals and entire classes.
- The programme will also support the mobility of adult learners: It will offer tailored training and education opportunities for adults who would benefit from personal development or substantial improvement of key competences.
- To promote **participation in democratic life**, the programme will support youth-led local and transnational initiatives run by informal groups of young people or youth organisations to engage and learn to participate in civic society through Youth Participation Activities.
- After a successful pilot phase, DiscoverEU will be an integral part of the Erasmus+ youth strand. 18 year olds will get the chance to travel across Europe for up to one month, ideally by rail. DiscoverEU connects young Europeans and enables them to discover Europe's rich cultural heritage. It also equips them with key competences and life skills, and encourages young people to embrace sustainable travel habits.
- Mobility activities will be complemented with language learning opportunities via the Erasmus+ Online Language Support (OLS) tool or other additional forms of linguistic support.

Cooperation projects

Erasmus+ will increase the support for projects that foster cooperation and exchange of practices, allowing key actors to make better use of new technologies, develop innovative teaching, training and learning methods, promote non-formal learning and develop common tools and activities.

New

- Thanks to the new Small-scale Partnerships, a wider range of stakeholders will be able to benefit from the programme. Low grant amounts, short duration and simple requirements can be the point of entry for newcomers and small organisations.
- The full roll out of the European Universities initiative will enable in-depth and systemic cooperation between higher-education institutions, increasing the quality and the competitiveness of European higher education.
- The platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence will be fully rolled out under the new programme. They will provide high-quality vocational skills, support entrepreneurial activities and foster inclusion and innovation.
- The launch of Erasmus Teachers Academies will pool expertise and provide training to teachers and trainers, including on online and distance learning, and ensure the inclusion of pupils and learners with fewer opportunities.
- The Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters will have new features to boost the participation of higher education institutions of partner countries and create unique opportunities for student mobility both within and beyond Europe.
- To foster innovation, creativity and participation, the new programme will promote Forward-Looking Partnerships, large-scale projects that aim to identify, develop, test and/or assess innovative approaches with the potential of becoming mainstream and improving education and training systems.
- Capacity Building with institutions in partner countries around the world in the fields of vocational education and training, and sport will complement already existing capacity building activities in higher education and youth.
- The sport dimension of the programme will be enhanced through the promotion of cooperation partnerships and not-for-profit sport events to raise awareness of the role of sport in diverse areas, such as social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancing physical activities.

Support to policy development and cooperation

The programme provides support to policy development and cooperation at EU level, contributing to national reforms and modernisation in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. These goals are pursued through peer learning and exchanges, analytical work, surveys, studies, and cooperation with other international organisations, among other actions.

European Youth Together projects will support the development of more transnational structured cooperation – online and offline – between different youth organisations to build or strengthen partnerships focusing on solidarity and inclusive democratic participation of all.


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Jean Monnet Actions

Jean Monnet actions will continue to make a significant contribution to reflections on European integration by fostering knowledge and awareness of EU matters. The new programme increases opportunities for teaching, learning and debating about the EU.

New

Jean Monnet for schools will expand the actions beyond universities to schools and other education and training institutions.

Want to know more?

Check the Erasmus+ website to explore all the opportunities it offers, and the Erasmus+ results platform to know more about funded projects.

The European Commission, National Agencies and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency manage and implement the programme.

Use the following platforms to start your Erasmus+ journey!

eTwinning platform for school teachers and staff;

School Education Gateway for teachers, policymakers, education researchers.

EPALE platform for adult education professionals.

European youth Portal and **Youthpass** for young people and youth organisations.

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