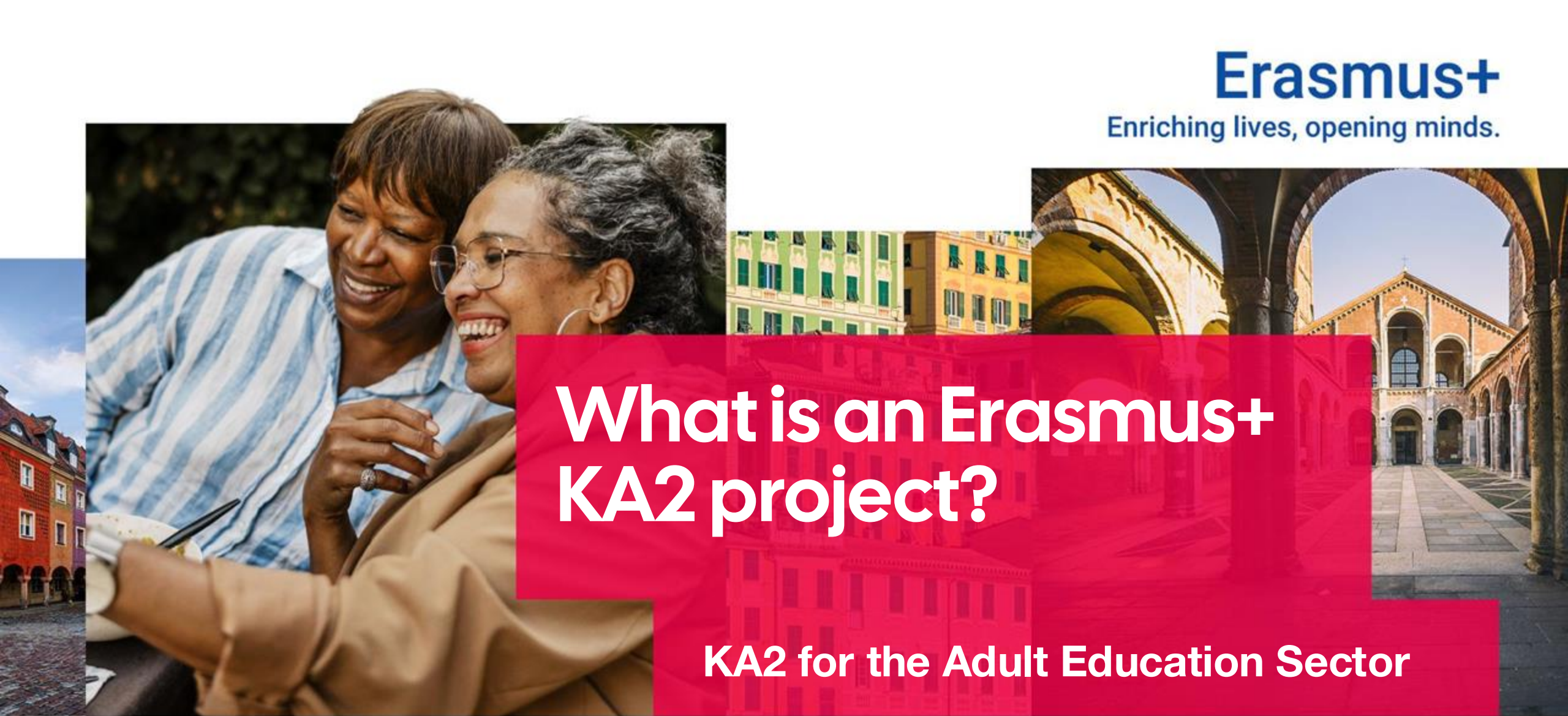


Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.



What is an Erasmus+ KA2 project?

KA2 for the Adult Education Sector

Today's agenda:

- ❖ Erasmus+ quick programme overview
- ❖ Adult Education – scope & eligibility
- ❖ Small scale & Cooperation partnerships
- ❖ A reminder of what's funded
- ❖ Benefits
- ❖ Case studies
- ❖ Defining next steps
- ❖ Resources
- ❖ Q&A



Housekeeping

We will have a Q&A session at the end - in the meantime please add your questions in the chat function.

If you see a question in the chat you would also like to be answered, please react to the question, this will help us to see the most popular questions.

Erasmus+ overview

EU flagship programme for education, training, youth and sport – divided into 6 sectors:

- Adult Education
- Higher Education (HE)
- Schools
- Sport
- Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Youth

Increased budget for UK in 2027 from €200m in 2019 to **€436million** in 2027

4 horizontal priorities: Inclusion and diversity,
Environment and fight against climate change,
Digital transformation, Participation in democratic life



The Adult Education Sector in 2027

'All forms of non-vocational adult education, whether of a formal, non-formal or informal nature'

Eligible applicants include :

- Voluntary sector providers, charities
- Adult day, evening & residential colleges
- Local authorities and their adult ed and community learning teams
- Social enterprises, CICs
- Private training providers

Plus many more, check eligibility guide



Two quick questions:

Who's here today?

What are your plans?



KA2 – Cooperation and Collaboration

- KA2 is all about **partnerships**
- Focus is on sharing, developing and transferring **innovative practices**
- Partnerships for Cooperation: You and your European partners design a shared project: think of this as **shared study or work**.
- Organisations in the UK team up with people and groups in Europe to make something new and/or share proven best practices, build new tools, swap ideas.
- Your organisation can apply for Erasmus+ KA2 funding to manage this collaborative project on behalf of the whole partnership.
- Erasmus+ funding pays for meetings, travel, and the work done to create and share the final project.

KA2 - what is funded

Small-scale partnerships:

- Designed for grassroots, smaller organisations or those new to Erasmus
- Small and simple to run
- Partnerships run from 6-24 months
- Minimum two organisations from 2 different countries.
- Lump sum funding – either **€30,000** or **€60,000**
- Partners work on a joint project - very flexible, partners decide activities
- Example activities: partnership meetings (online and face to face), training activities, joint events, site visits, national event, pilot an activity
- Eligibility: any public or private organisation (not sole traders)
- Priorities: must address either a horizontal or a sector-specific priority

Example: small-scale partnership – budget*

Two organisations in UK and NL partner to share best practice in adult wellbeing
They each develop a training course to deliver to the others' staff/learners
They plan an event each in the UK and NL to encourage participation.

Project management and coordination	€8,500
Development of training courses	€6,000
Delivering training to each other (UK to NL, NL to UK)	€8,000
Raising awareness campaign	€3,500
Disseminating and documenting the project	€4,000
Total	€30,000

KA2 - what is funded

Cooperation partnerships:

- Larger scale partnerships involve at least 3 organisations & 3 countries
- Partnerships focus on creating something that did not exist before: curricula, tools, research and other results that can be used by others
- Projects should run for between 12-36 months
- Funding tiers of **€120,000, €250,000 or €400,000**
- As above, partners work on a joint project, structured into work packages, producing substantial outputs that can be widely used
- Eligibility: legally constituted public or private organisations active in education and training
- Priorities: must address either a horizontal or a sector-specific priority

Example: cooperation partnership – budget*

Four partners in UK, IT, AT, RO: project to design and test a low-barrier digital literacy training programme for adults using sustainable everyday tools, such as online banking to reduce paper, smart heating apps & green travel apps

Partners: an adult education college, a sustainable training charity, a city community service supporting vulnerable adults and a national Adult Literacy & Numeracy network

Work package	Total	P1 College (Coordinator)	P2 Charity (curriculum lead)	P3 Community Service (piloting lead)	P4 Network (advocacy lead)
WP1 Project Management	€50,000	€20,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
WP2 Design Eco curriculum	€70,000	€15,000	€35,000	€10,000	€10,000
WP3 Educator training/pilots	€70,000	€10,000	€10,000	€35,000	€15,000
WP4 Policy advocacy/event	€60,000	€12,000	€10,000	€10,000	€28,000
Total:	€250,000	€57,000	€65,000	€65,000	€63,000

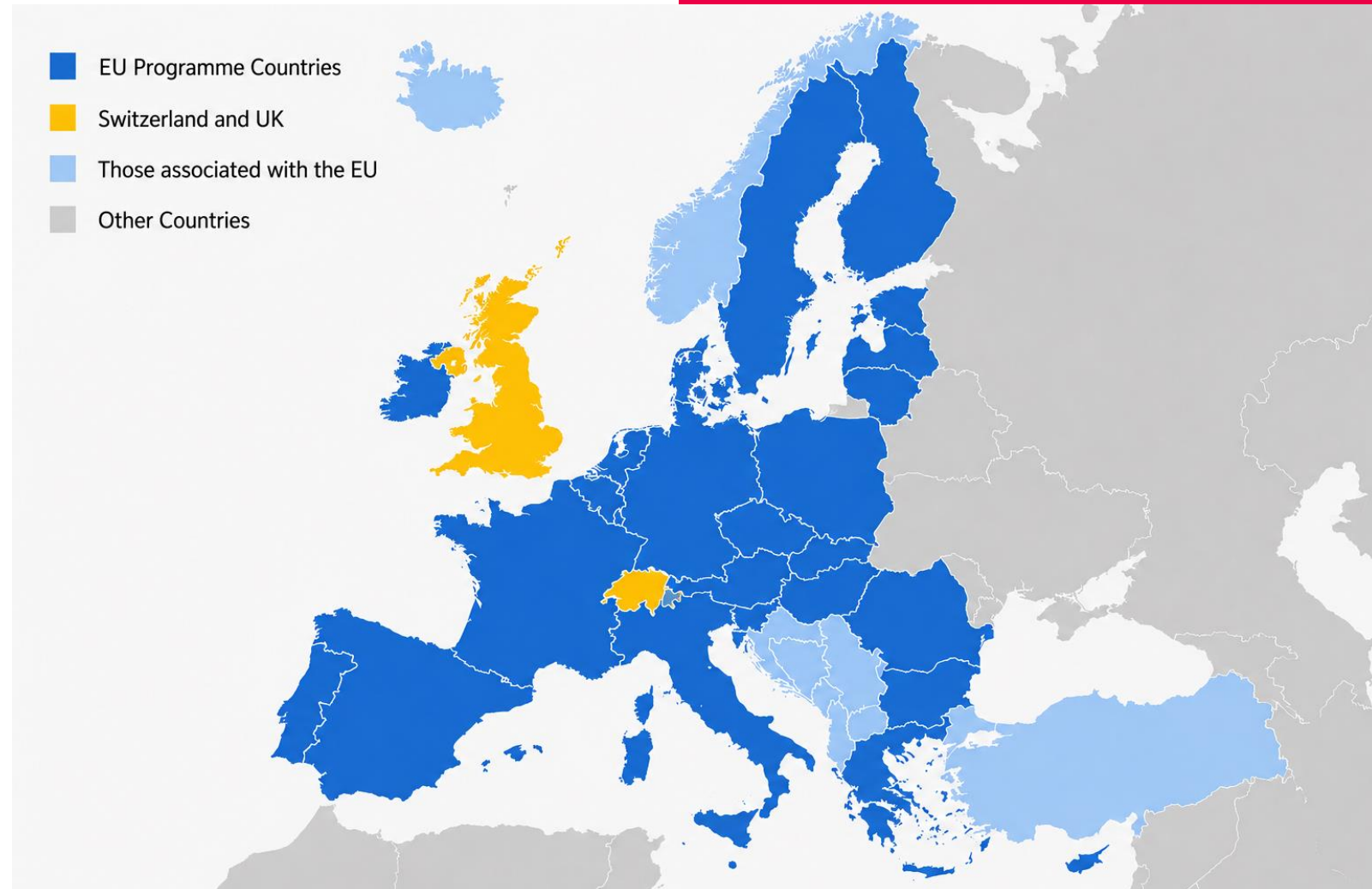
Eligible partner countries

The 27 EU member states

Plus third countries associated to the programme:

Iceland
Liechtenstein
North Macedonia
Norway
Serbia
Turkiye

Some eligibility outside of Europe



How are KA2 projects assessed?

Applications are considered against four criteria, weighted to reflect its importance to the Erasmus+ objectives. Understanding these is essential for designing your partnership project and writing your application.

Criteria	Small-scale	Coop Partnership	What to think about
Relevance	30	25	A clearly evidenced need; a defined target group; how it addresses Erasmus+ and NA priorities; why it requires a European partnership to work
Quality of Project Design	30	30	SMART objectives, activities and outputs, workplan, timing, budget for activities
Quality of Project Team	20	20	Each partner's expertise and role in the project, experience within the partnership
Impact	20	25	Expected outcomes, reach, events, what will happen after the project ends

Adult - Key Action 2 case studies

Let's look at some examples of previous projects based on official Erasmus+ criteria, project structure and strategic priorities before moving to what you can do to be application ready.



Project 'BREATH'. Art therapy for socio-economic resilience

Organisation: Lead: Creative Minds NGO (Germany). Partner Organisations from Greece, Portugal, and Romania.

Participants: 24 Adult education specialists, mental health trainers, and over 120 local adult learners during testing phases.

Mobility Type: Transnational Project Meetings and Joint Staff Training Events.

Host Organisation: Various partners hosted alternating modules; the primary innovation testing was hosted by Art-Therapy Association Porto (Portugal).

Objectives: To develop a non-formal educational framework utilising art therapy to help unemployed, low-skilled adults re-enter the workforce by building soft skills.

Activities: Collaborative design of an open-access 'Art Therapy Toolkit' through holding 3 development workshops, pilot testing sessions with adult learners and publication of an online training manual on EPALE.



Erasmus+ Priorities Addressed:

Enhancing accessibility of high-quality learning opportunities for adults

Building capacity of adult education providers

Inclusion and diversity

Project 'FIN-LIT'. Financial literacy for marginalised families

Organisation: Lead: National Association of Citizen Advice Bureaus (Czechia). Partners from Austria, Slovakia, and Sweden.

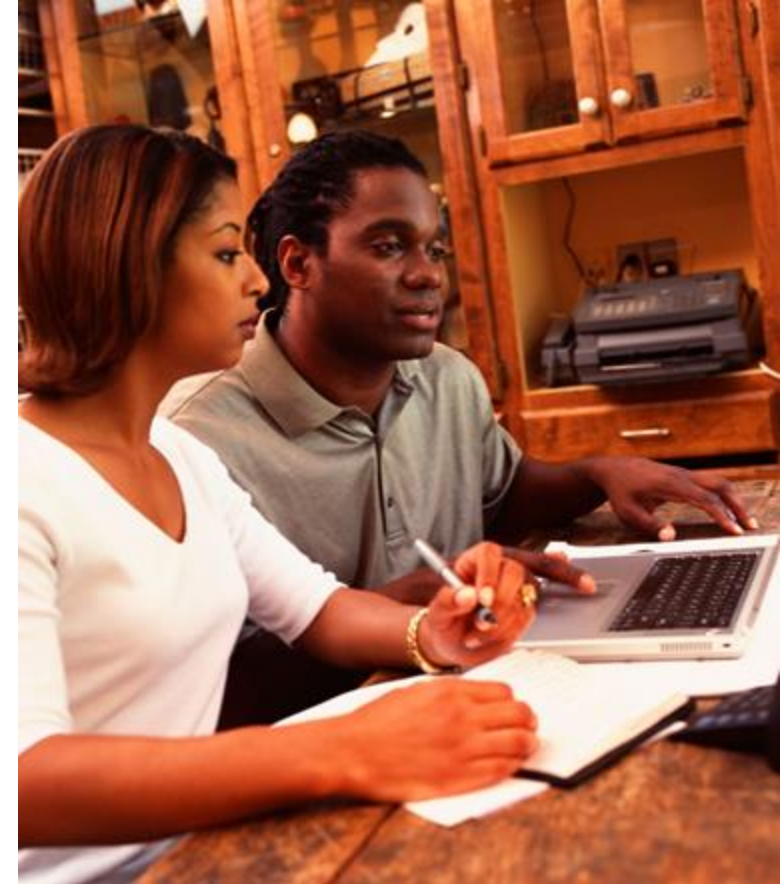
Participants: 15 Financial educators, social workers, and 80 pilot testing participants.

Mobility Type: Blended mobility of adult learners and project development workshops.

Host Organisation: Volkshochschule Wien (Austria)

Objectives: To build a micro-learning digital app and localised curriculum helping low-income adult learners manage household debt, understand digital banking, and avoid predatory lending.

Activities: Transnational peer-learning sessions, programming and design sprints for the 'FIN-LIT App', training social workers to implement the app in community centres.



Erasmus+ Priorities Addressed:

Digital transformation and building capacity of adult education providers

Combating poverty and social exclusion

Project 'ACT-LOCAL'. Democratic engagement in rural communities

Organisation: Lead: Rural Development Agency (Latvia). Partners from Finland, Spain, and Croatia.

Participants: 18 Municipal educators and community organisers.

Mobility Type: Cooperation partnerships – new staff training course

Host Organisation: Rural Hub Aragon (Spain).

Objectives: To counter political alienation in isolated rural areas by empowering adult educators to teach modules on European democracy, climate advocacy, and local municipal budget tracking.

Activities: Field research on rural engagement, development of the 'ACT-LOCAL' curriculum, creation of a hybrid online training course for rural community facilitators.



Erasmus+ Priorities Addressed:

Participation in democratic life

Supporting the development of forward-looking learning systems

Next steps – decide what you will do

- ❖ Talk to colleagues and peers about ideas and opportunities
- ❖ How can E+ further your organisation's aims?
- ❖ Who will benefit from your project and how will they be involved?
- ❖ Small scale partnership or larger partnership for cooperation?
- ❖ What is the main objective of your project? How does it align to cross-cutting and/or sector priorities?
- ❖ How will you show need of the project? (e.g. data, consultation)
- ❖ Project duration - how best to overcome challenges and boost participation?
- ❖ Supporting those with fewer opportunities is at the heart of Erasmus+ 
- ❖ Think about practicalities such as safeguarding and any visas/passports that may be needed

Next steps - European partner/ matchmaking

Six years on from 2019 and post Brexit, connections may have been lost with European E+ partners.

Re-engage with your informal networks and past connections to explore potential projects.

Align to partners that match to your organisation's goals.

Read about previous projects for inspiration and see what is possible

Lots of British Council partner finding & matchmaking events coming soon!

Next steps – finding European partners

Remember partners can be from EU member states or associated eligible countries including: Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland or Türkiye.

- ❖ Reach out to an already established partner
- ❖ Use the British Council's **“Partner Finder Tool”**
- ❖ Use the Erasmus+ EPALE **“European Platform for Adult Learning in Europe”**
- ❖ Training and Cooperation activities – **SALTO Education and Training TCA Resource Centre**
- ❖ **Erasmobility** – Work placement exchanges Platform
- ❖ Utilise your own professional networks – ask any existing partners who they work with
- ❖ There are some Facebook/LinkedIn Groups dedicated to finding Partners
- ❖ Attend one of the British Council's dedicated Partner Finding Sessions

Next steps - application readiness

Autumn 2026:

- ❖ British Council applicant helpdesk, webinars and clinics
- ❖ National Agency guidance for applicants
- ❖ New Erasmus+ Programme Guide

Until then:

- ❖ Consider the eligibility rules in current PG for your organisation
- ❖ Register on EU Funding & Tenders portal for your Organisation ID (OID)

Resources - Erasmus+ programme

- ❖ **2026 Programme Guide:** the new Programme Guide applicable to the 2027 funding call will be out in Autumn 2026.

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>

- ❖ **E+ Resources include:** Example application forms (note: 2026 and subject to change), distance calculator and online language support.

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools>

- ❖ **Example Past Projects:** Use the approved projects list detailing all past projects including best practice

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects>

Resources - stay informed!

- ❖ Website: www.erasmusplus.org.uk/
- ❖ Events Website: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmusplus>
- ❖ X: <https://x.com/ErasmusPlusUK>
- ❖ Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/erasmusplus.uk/>
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