

Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.

Welcome back to
Erasmus+!

For adult education providers



Today's agenda:

- Erasmus+ overview
- What has changed in 2027
- Key Actions 1 & 2
- Next steps
- How to stay in touch
- Partner finding & useful resources
- Q&A – via chat function
- Close



House Keeping

- ❖ Please put your questions in the chat.
- ❖ If you see a question in the chat you would like to be answered, please react to the question . It will help us to see the most popular questions.

What is Erasmus+

- ❖ EU flagship programme for education, training, youth and sport
- ❖ Budget: approximately €26.2 billion for 2021–2027
- ❖ Supports learning mobility and international cooperation
- ❖ Available to adult education providers, FE colleges, training providers, local authorities, voluntary organisations...
- ❖ Focus on skills, employability and internationalisation



Erasmus+ funding opportunities are organised by sector:

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

Organisations supporting more than one sector can submit multiple applications





E+ definition of Adult Education Sector

Adult Education defined as:

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

Adult learner defined as:

"Any adult who, having completed or being no longer involved in initial education or training, returns to some form of non-vocational continuing learning (formal, non-formal or informal)"

What types of organisations can apply?

| | Examples |
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| Education providers | e.g. adult learning centres, evening training institutes, FE colleges providing non vocational adult education, independent training providers |
| Public and cultural bodies | e.g. local authorities, mayoral combined authorities, libraries, museums, prisons, community health organisations |
| Civil society, voluntary and community sector | e.g. social enterprises, voluntary organisations and community support groups delivering formal and informal education and learning programmes, support, counselling and guidance services |

What is possible with Erasmus+ for Adults?

- ❖ Study visits, peer learning and work based learning mobilities
- ❖ Job shadowing and staff professional development, including training and language courses
- ❖ The chance to collaborate and learn with partner organisations through partnership cooperation projects

Benefits of Erasmus+ include:

- ❖ Build learner confidence, develop independence, open new doors
- ❖ Inspire staff, learn new approaches, gain international professional development
- ❖ Drive organisational innovation and develop quality resources through partnership collaborations



What has changed?

Erasmus+ 2021-2027 is bigger, more inclusive and more flexible than the 2014-2020 programme.

Significantly increased budget for UK:

- 2019 - allocated grants approx. €200,000,000
- 2027- indicative grant value: €436,000,000



Erasmus+ Priorities

The European Commission has four main crosscutting focus areas for Erasmus +
These areas are important to consider when designing a project.

- ❖ Inclusion and diversity
- ❖ Digital transformation
- ❖ Environment and the fight against climate change
- ❖ Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement

For adult education – an additional priority for learner mobility:

- ❖ Development of Key Competences – details [here](#).



What are the Key Actions?

Mobility Projects (Key Action 1)

Opportunities for Learners

- **Group mobility:** A group (minimum 2) of learners can travel abroad to benefit from innovative learning in a host organisation.
This can be from **2 to 30 days**, can also include virtual learning activities.
Learners must be accompanied by qualified staff.
- **Individual mobility:** An individual learner can travel abroad to a host organisation to improve their knowledge and skills.
This can be short-term from **2 days to 29 days**, or long-term from **1 month to 1 year**.
- Key difference between the above: require either a collective learning programme or individual learning programmes (with differing levels of associated organisational support)

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Mobility Projects (Key Action 1)

Opportunities for staff

- **Job shadowing:** Staff can visit a provider in another Erasmus+ country to learn new practices. This can be from **2 days to 2 months**.
- **Teaching abroad:** Staff can teach in a partner organisation. This can be anything from **2 days to 1 year**.
- **Training courses:** Staff can attend training courses in another Erasmus+ country (from **2 to 10 days**). Max 3 people from same sending organisation for the same course together.
- **Adult education staff mobilities can be up to 100% of an application**
- Note: if also applying for VET, these staff mobilities are limited to 50%
- Participants could include staff, external experts, volunteers, board members...

Key Action 1 – How projects are funded

Erasmus+ provides unit-cost funding for:

- ❖ Travel
- ❖ Individual support (subsistence)
- ❖ Organisational support
- ❖ Inclusion support
- ❖ Green travel
- ❖ Exceptional costs

Funding is designed to reduce financial barriers to participation.

Preparatory visits can also be funded



Key Action 1



Digital Skills for Older Adults

Organisation: Community adult learning provider.

Participants: 15 adult learners aged 55+, learners with low digital confidence, participants from socially isolated or disadvantaged backgrounds

Mobility Type: Group Learner Mobility (10 days)

Host Organisation: Adult education centre in Finland

Objectives: Improve digital literacy and confidence, Learn how technology can support independent living, Reduce social isolation, Build intercultural awareness

Activities: Digital communication workshops, online banking and digital safety sessions, introduction to AI and emerging technologies, collaborative projects with Finnish adult learners, cultural visits and language activities

Erasmus+ Priorities Addressed:

Inclusion (8 participants identified as having fewer opportunities)

Digital Transformation

Active Citizenship

Key Action 1



Green Communities Across Europe

Organisation: Adult and community education centre

Participants: 20 adult learners, mix of unemployed adults, community volunteers and adult returners to education

Mobility Type: Group Learner Mobility (12 days)

Host Organisation: Adult learning organisation in Denmark.

Objectives: Increase environmental awareness, develop community leadership skills, explore sustainable lifestyles and local action projects, promote active citizenship

Activities: Workshops on circular economy principles, community gardening projects, visits to sustainable businesses, climate action discussions, collaborative learner projects

Erasmus+ Priorities Addressed:

- Environment and climate action
- Democratic participation
- Inclusion and diversity (12 participants identified as having fewer opportunities)



Key Action 1



Structured Course for Staff – Community Engagement and Active Citizenship

Organisation: Community education and adult learning centre.

Participants: 2 Adult Education Tutors, 1 Programme Manager

Mobility Type: Courses and Training (7 days)

Host Organisation: Training provider in Spain delivering Erasmus+ staff courses on active citizenship and learner engagement

Objectives: Learn innovative approaches to community-based adult learning, Improve delivery of citizenship and sustainability programmes. Develop methods for engaging hard-to-reach learners. Exchange practices with adult educators from across Europe.

Activities: Attend workshops on participatory learning. Explore project-based learning methods. Share case studies with educators from other countries. Develop action plans for implementation at home.

Erasmus+ Priorities Addressed

- Democratic participation
- Environmental sustainability
- Inclusion and diversity

Partnerships (Key Action 2)

Small-scale partnerships

Designed for smaller organisations or those new to Erasmus. Partnerships run from between six months to two years and involve at least two organisations from different countries. Erasmus+ offers lump sum funding of **€30,000 or €60,000**.

Co-operation partnerships

These partnerships involve at least three organisations from different countries. These partnerships focus on innovative approaches, peer learning, knowledge exchange and results that can also be used by others. The projects should run for between one and three years. Grant options are **€120,000, €250,000 or €400,000**.

Applications for Small-scale and Cooperation partnerships are made through the National Agency.

Key Action 2



Interweaving

The goal of the project was to allow adult trainers teaching willow work and basket weaving to participate, collect, test and develop good practices and teaching methods aimed at promoting the **social inclusion of adults with disabilities**.

The project produced **teaching materials** as tangible results. Activities included: participation in **workshop experiences, visits and exchanges with other instructors**. In addition to developing the basketry skills, the project also improved the participant's activities as adult educators.

330 learners with disabilities benefited from the project in the 3 countries concerned. Completed basket weaving workshops and organised **2 Handcraft Adventure Days**. The participating adult trainers studied each other's good practices throughout integrated mobilities (meetings in every partner's country) and supported an eco-conscious course programme.

Countries covered: Denmark, Hungary, Norway

Period: 2022-23

Funding: €30,000

Type: Small-scale partnerships in adult education

Next Steps

| | Actions |
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| Now- November | <p>Identify theme of a project, think about the Key Action you would like to develop, ask colleagues to get involved!</p> <p>Attend some further webinars for example: KA1, KA2, Partner finding, application process</p> <p>Start to identify partners and start preparing your application with your partners</p> <p>Create an <u>EU login account</u> and access the <u>organisation registration system</u> for Erasmus+ and obtain an Organisation ID (OID).</p> |
| November 2026 | Applications open with detailed adult education guidance |
| February/March 2027 | Funding deadlines |
| Summer 2027 | Funding outcomes communicated |

How to find a partner organisation/course?

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

July webinars planned: Partner Finding, Key Actions 1 & 2

Useful Resources

| | Links |
|------------------------------|--|
| 2026 Programme Guide | <p>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide</p> <p>Note – the new Programme Guide applicable to the 2027 funding call will be out in Autumn 2026.</p> |
| E+ Resources | <p>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Example application forms (note: 2026 and subject to change)• Distance calculator• Online Language Support |
| Example Past Projects | <p>Use the approved projects list detailing all past projects including best practice</p> |



What else do we know – June 2026

- ❖ Accreditation is not going ahead this year. We recognise the impact this has and will be in touch with more details
- ❖ Inclusion is at the heart – supporting those learners with fewer opportunities
- ❖ We expect multiple sector bids – particularly from the FE Colleges where Adult, HE and VET learning takes place
- ❖ We anticipate a new Erasmus+ Programme Guide will be issued in Autumn 2026
- ❖ Funded activities potentially could start in Autumn 2027
- ❖ We will be sharing details of further webinars on social media pages

We will keep you informed via social media and stakeholder channels – sign up for newsletter!



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Any Questions?