

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME – STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2013 – EAC/S11/13

Objectives

Strategic Partnerships aim to support the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices at organizational, local, regional, national or European levels with the aim of:

- Enhancing the quality and relevance of the learning offer in education, training and youth work by developing new and innovative approaches and supporting the dissemination of best practices;
- Fostering the provision and the assessment of key competences, including basic skills and transversal skills particularly entrepreneurship, languages and digital skills;
- Increasing labour market relevance of learning provision and qualifications and reinforcing links between education, training or the youth fields with the world of work;
- Promoting take-up of innovative practices in education, training and youth by supporting personalized learning approaches, collaborative learning and critical thinking, strategic use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), open educational resources (OER), open and flexible learning, virtual mobility and other innovative learning methods;
- Promoting structure inter-regional and cross-border cooperation
- Enhancing the professional development of those working or active in the education, training and youth fields by innovating and increasing the quality and range of initial and continuing training including new pedagogies, ICT-based methodologies and use of OER;
- Improving the capacities of organizations active in the fields of education, training and youth, notably in areas of strategic development, organizational management, leadership, quality of learning provision, internationalization, equity and inclusion, qualitative and targeted activities for specific groups;
- Fostering equity and inclusion in education, training and youth, to enable quality learning for all as well as to prevent drop-out and promote participation of disadvantaged groups in society;
- Promote entrepreneurship education to develop active citizenship, employability and new business creation (including social entrepreneurship), supporting future learning and career paths for individuals in line with their personal and professional development;

- Increasing participation in learning and employability by developing quality career guidance, counselling and support services;
- Facilitating the transition of learners through different levels and types of formal/non-formal education and training through the use of European reference tools for the recognition, validation and transparency of competences and qualifications.

Activities

These may involve a broad range of activities, such as activities strengthening the cooperation between organizations with a view to establishing exchanges of practices; activities that promote the development, testing and/or implementation of innovative practices in the field of education, training and youth; activities that facilitate the recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and competences acquired through formal, non-formal and informal learning; activities of 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 entrepreneurship (including social entrepreneurship).

Eligible Countries

The Erasmus+ programme is open to the participation of the following countries:

- The 28 Member States of the European Union
- The EFTA/EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway
- The EU candidate countries: Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- The Swiss Confederation.

In addition, certain Erasmus+ programme actions are open to organizations from partner countries.

Eligibility Criteria

Participating organizations include any public or private organization, including higher education institutions, enterprises, public bodies, social partners, research institutes, foundations, cultural organizations and others. The Partnership should consist of a minimum three organizations from three different Programme Countries.

Budget

The maximum grant awarded is 150 000 EUR per year (i.e. total grant in the range of 300 000-450 000 EUR).

Project duration

2 or 3 years

Deadlines

The submission deadline is on 30 April 2014 (midday Brussels time) for projects starting as of 1 September 2014.