Erasmus+
Virtual Exchange
INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIEN

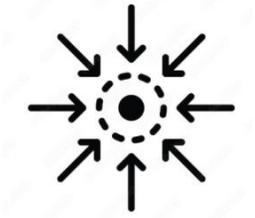# *Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth (EVE 2023)*

Infoday on Erasmus+ International dimension: Special focus on newcomers

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What are 'virtual exchanges'?

Online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. They make it possible for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education (both formal and non-formal) without physical mobility.

They take place in **small groups** and are always **moderated by a trained facilitator.**

They should be **easily integrated into youth (non-formal education) projects or higher education courses** – involve participants from either only one or from both sectors.

Participant organisations must arrange **virtual exchanges for people in the 13-30 age range.**

Specific objectives of the call

➤ Encourage **intercultural dialogue** with third countries not associated to the Programme and increase tolerance through online people-to-people interactions

➤ Promote various types of virtual exchanges, allowing more young people to **benefit from intercultural and international experience**

➤ Enhance **critical thinking and media literacy,** particularly in the use of internet and social media

➤ Foster the **digital and soft skills development** of students, young people and youth workers (*including practice of foreign languages, teamwork, enhance employability*)

➤ Promote **citizenship and the common values** of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education

➤ Strengthen the **youth dimension** in the relations of the EU with third countries

gender

socially and economically vulnerable

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Activities and expected outcomes

Wide variety of activities and topics possible, but all projects are expected to have a **learning dimension** and to report on it
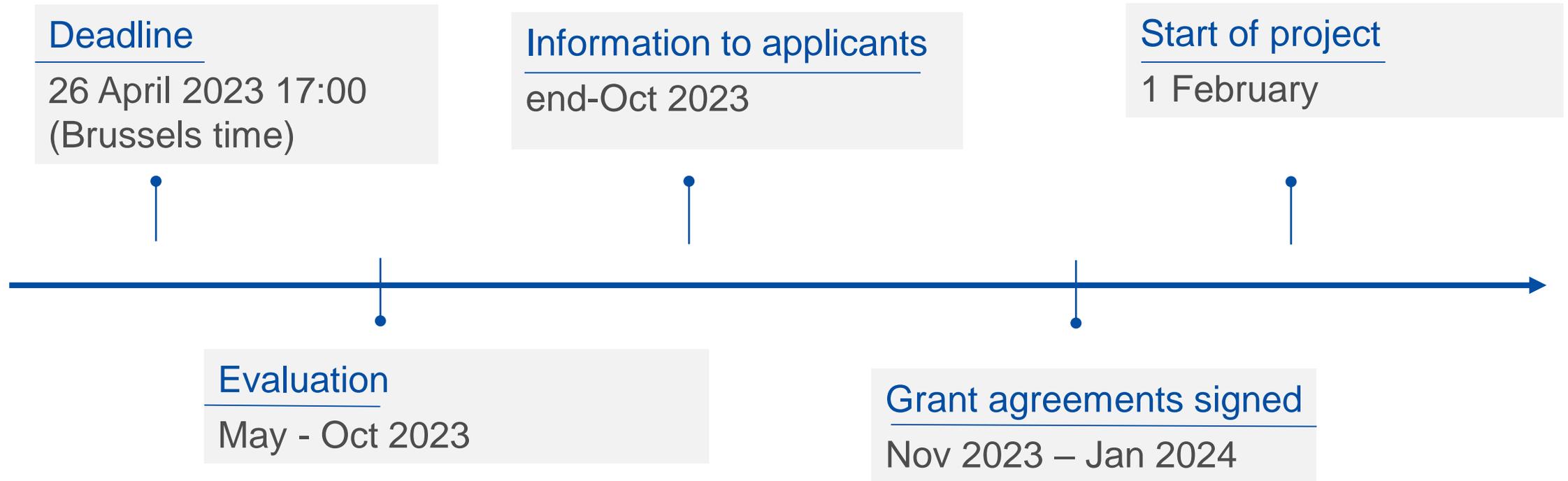
- ➢ On-line facilitated discussions (as part of youth projects)
- ➢ On-line facilitates discussions (as part of higher education courses)
- ➢ Training of youth workers for virtual exchanges
- ➢ Training for university professors/staff for virtual exchanges
- ➢ Interactive open on-line courses (community interactions among participants)

Rely as much as possible on existing tools and platforms!

Foresee a method of recognition of participation!

Participants must be based on the countries of the organisations!

Timetable - *ERASMUS-EDU-2023-VIRT-EXCH*

Deadline
26 April 2023 17:00
(Brussels time)

Information to applicants
end-Oct 2023

Start of project
1 February

Evaluation
May - Oct 2023

Grant agreements signed
Nov 2023 – Jan 2024

Duration of Virtual exchanges projects:
3 years - 36 months

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Budget

Lump sum based

MAX. EU GRANT PER PROJECT
500 000 €
(reach out to at least 2500 participants)

MAX. EU CO-FINANCING
95%

Budget available
6,3 mio EUR

❑ *Financial support to third parties is not allowed*
❑ *Volunteer and SME costs are allowed*
❑ *See section Eligible direct costs in the Programme Guide*

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What is the role of participating organisations

- **Coordinator:** A participating organisation that submits the project proposal on behalf of all the partners.

- **Full partners:** Participating organisations which contribute actively to the accomplishment of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges. They are listed in the financial table (budget).

- **Associated partners**: Organisations which contribute to the activities of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange but for contractual management reasons aspects are not considered to be beneficiaries. They do not receive any funding from the Programme (they do not have the right to charge any costs). They are not included in any way in the financial budget table.

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Eligibility Criteria: Which regions of the world can participate?

- EU Member States + Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme (EU Member States + Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey). Organisations from these countries can be coordinator.

✓ Western Balkans (Region 1)

✓ Neighbourhood East (Region 2)

> Organisation and participants from **_one_** of the eligible regions

✓ South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)

✓ Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9): *geographical target priority to least developed countries and special emphasis on migration priority countries in this region*

Nb. list of the countries in these regions can be found in the Call text (Programme Guide)

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Eligibility Criteria: Who can apply as coordinator?

- Public or private organisations active in the field of higher education or youth (non-formal education)

- Higher education institutions, associations or organisations of higher education institutions, as well as legally recognised national or international rector, teacher or student organisations

established in EU Member States
or third countries associated to the Programme

Eligibility Criteria: Who can participate as partner?

Participating organisations may be established either in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or in an eligible third country not associated to the Programme.

Participating organisations may fall under the following categories:

Organisation and participants from **_one_** of the eligible regions

- Youth organisations

- Higher education institutions, associations or organisations of higher education institutions, as well as legally recognised national or international rector, teacher or student organisations

- Vectors of change in the education system (university managers, international departments, deans, quality agencies, etc.); public or private organisations active in the fields of higher education or youth

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc. Affiliated entities are not eligible for funding.

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Eligibility Criteria: Compulsory partnership composition – at least 4 organisations

Minimum of 2 higher education institutions
or youth organisations
from 2 EU Member States and third countries
associated to the Programme

and

Minimum of 2 higher education institutions
or youth organisations
from 2 eligible third countries not associated to the
Programme *belonging to the same eligible region*

The number of organisations from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme may not be higher than the number of organisations from third countries not associated to the Programme

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Stay tuned!

- [Virtual Exchanges in higher education and youth | Erasmus+ (europa.eu)](#) – Erasmus+ website

- [Online info session: Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges funding opportunity (europa.eu)](#) – news item to be published on EVE 2023

- [Erasmus+ virtual exchanges (EVE) - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu)](#) – new leaflet to be published in EN and FR

- [TheErasmus+ Programme Guide 2023 | Erasmus+ (europa.eu)](#)

- [Search Funding & Tenders (europa.eu)](#) – publication/submission portal

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Questions?

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