Erasmus+ KA3
European policy experimentations

Connection of participants

Online Info Session, 6 February 2024

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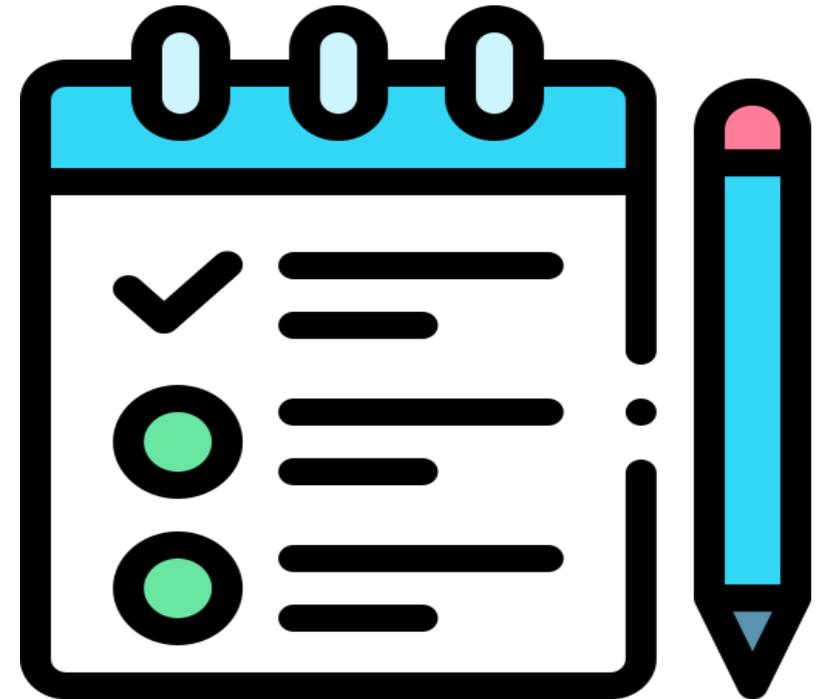
Agenda

9:30   Welcome

9:35   How to Prepare an Application

Admissibility, Eligibility, Award Criteria
and Do's and Don'ts

10:30 Q&A

12:00 End of the meeting

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How would you describe your mood right now? Feel free to use an emoji or a few words!

Wordcloud Poll   131 responses   131 participants

tired but curious 😊

Curious

interested

Good

Relaxed

Happy

excited

Tired

motivated

curious

motivated and interested

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Which country are you joining us from?

Wordcloud Poll   148 responses   148 participants

Iceland

Switzerland

Sweden   Bulgaria

Romania

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The Netherlands

Malta

Italy π

Finland

France   Belgium

Latvia

Poland

Austria

Greece   Spain   Hungary   Croatia

Italy   Germany

UK   Türkiye

Autria   Serbia

Slovenia   The Czech Republic

Ireland   Norway   Netherlands

Denmark

Belgium representing Europe   Czechia

Write in one word what do you expect from this Information Session

Wordcloud Poll   123 responses   123 participants

help for beginners

Inspiration

new opportunities

finance   Learning   Information 🙂   eligibility   happiness

hints   insights   Tips   Advice   Fun

insight   tipps

inputs   Opportunities   Information   Clarity   Opportunity

recommendations   Clarification   news and clarification

Examples   tips and insights

success stories

General information

expectations

more knowledge

application info

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Which type of organisation do you represent?

Multiple Choice Poll   ☑ 144 votes   👥 144 participants

School, VET or HE institution - 55 votes

38%

Local, regional or national public authority - 42 votes

29%

Registered partner of existing Pact for Skills regional partnerships - 5 votes

3%

Adult Education Provider - 10 votes

7%

Other - 32 votes
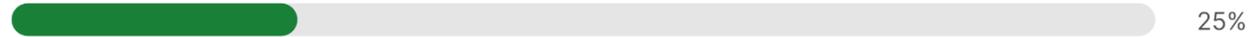
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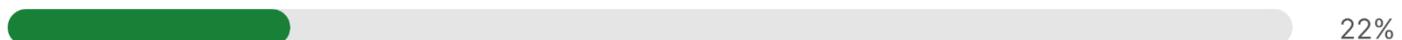
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Under which topic do you plan on submitting your project proposal?

Multiple Choice Poll — 135 votes — 135 participants
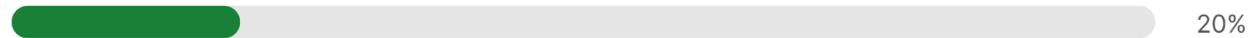
TOPIC 1: Digital Education - 27 votes
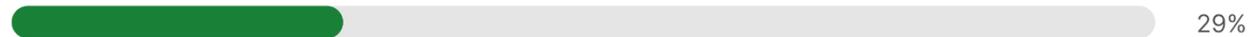
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TOPIC 2: Vocational Education and Training - 34 votes

25%

TOPIC 3: Adult Education - 13 votes

10%
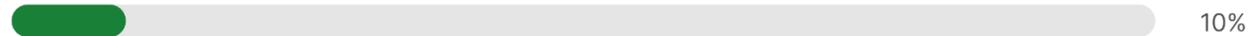
TOPIC 4: School Education - 27 votes

20%

TOPIC 5: Micro-credentials - 39 votes

29%

TOPIC 6: Higher Education - 30 votes

22%

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European policy experimentations - Aims

The call is aimed at supporting evidence-informed policy by:

Identifying and developing innovative (policy) approaches that have the potential of becoming mainstreamed

Testing theoretical assumptions and assessing their potential

European policy experimentations – Topics and priorities

Topic 1: Digital Education (cross-sectoral)

- Priority 1: Building a teaching framework and policy intervention aiming to boost gender balance in pursuing ICT related studies and professions
- Priority 2: Digital well-being: Putting into practice what works
- Priority 3: Data literacy strategies in primary and secondary education

Topic 2: Vocational Education and Training

- Priority 4: Women in GreenTech
- Priority 5: Support structures and networks for apprentices' mobility

Topic 3: Adult Education

- Priority 6: Joining forces to reskill workers
- Priority 7: Supporting the Pact for Skills

Topic 4: School Education

- Priority 8: Pathways to school success
- Priority 9: Building sustainability competences
- Priority 10: Support structures and mechanisms for enhancing mobility of teachers

Topic 5: Micro-credentials

- Priority 11: Micro-credentials Eco-systems
- Priority 12: Micro-credentials for the digital and green transitions

Topic 6: Higher Education

- Priority 13: National/regional support to European Universities alliances

Evaluation timeline

Call opening	28 November 2023
Deadline for submission	4 June 2024 – 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)
Evaluation	June 2024 - September 2024
Information on evaluation results	November 2024
GA signature	January 2025
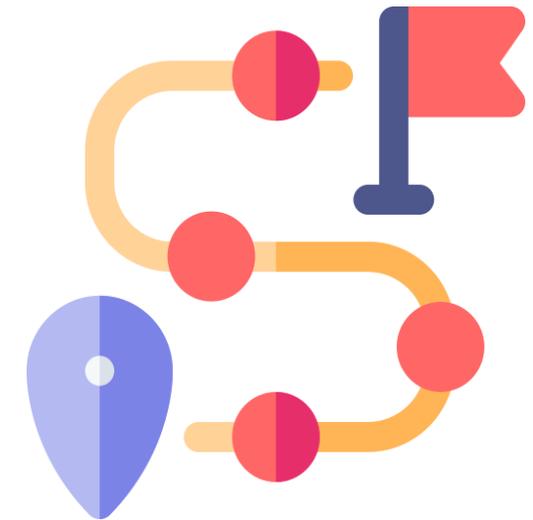
Key sources of information

- ✓ **Call information** (not in the E+ Programme guide!)

- ✓ **Funding & Tenders Opportunities portal**

- ✓ **Info session page**

European policy experimentations – Available Budget

Total: 47 million €
Maximum grant amount: 1 million €
EU cofinancing: 80%

Topic	Topic Indicative Budget
1 - Digital Education	EUR 15 000 000
2 - Vocational Education and Training	EUR 10 000 000
3 - Adult Education	EUR 10 000 000
4 - School Education	EUR 7 000 000
5 - Micro-credentials	EUR 4 000 000
6 - Higher education	EUR 1 000 000

Admissibility criteria

Where to apply

Funding and Tenders opportunities portal

Deadline

4 June 2024 at 17:00:00 (CET)

Admissibility criteria – How to submit a proposal

✓ **Application Form part A** – administrative information about the participants

✓ **Application Form part B** – description of the project (max 70 pages)

✓ **Detailed budget table/calculator**

We also invite you to consult the following documents:

- How to submit a proposal
- How to manage your lump sum grants ⊕
- Toolkit – How to fill in the detailed budget table

14 DECEMBER 2023

Presentation: How to fill in the detailed budget table - European policy experimentations 2024

English (949.89 KB - PDF)

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Link to Online Info session event page

What is the role of participating organisations?

Compulsory roles:

- **Coordinator:** a participating organisation that submits the project proposal on behalf of all the partners (only 1)

- **(Full) Partners:** participating organisations which contribute actively to the accomplishment of the project (several)

Note: when the Call refers to "applicants" it means both the coordinator and the full partners

What is the role of participating organisations?

<u>Optional roles:</u>

- **Affiliated entities**: organisations that have a legal or capital link with a beneficiary and that contribute to the achievement of project objectives and activities under the responsibility of the beneficiary concerned. They are <u>not</u> counted for the minimum number of partners and partnership composition. *They receive a grant and are listed in the financial table (budget)*

- **Associated partners**: organisations which contribute to the implementation of specific activities of the project (*i.e* promotion and sustainability of the project). They are <u>not</u> counted for the minimum number of partners and partnership composition. *They do not receive a grant and are not listed in the financial table (budget)*

Eligibility criteria

Consortium composition

*at least **3 applicants** from a minimum of **3 EU Member States** or third countries associated to the Programme*

Activities

Priority specific

Location

In Eligible countries

Duration

Topic 1-5: between 24 and 36 months

Topic 6: between 36 and 48 months

Eligible participants

The **applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities)** must be

✓ **legal entities** (public or private bodies) **active in the fields of education and training, research and innovation or in the world of work**

✓ **established in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme** *(Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye)*

Exception: *Under topic 6 Higher Education applicants from Erasmus+ partner countries from* **Western Balkans** *(Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro) are also eligible.*

✓ Countries *currently* negotiating association agreements *are eligible if the negotiations are concluded before grant agreement signature (Faroe Islands, Switzerland)*

Additional eligibility requirements

Topic 3 Adult Education – Priority 7 'Supporting the Pact for Skills':

- ✓ the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must be registered partners of existing Pact for Skills regional partnerships

Topic 4 School Education:

- ✓ the coordinator must be a public educational authority (national, regional, or local level)

Topic 5 Micro-credentials:

- ✓ each project must include at least one public authority at national, regional, and/or local level as applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities)

Topic 6 National/regional support to European Universities alliances:

applicants must be

- ✓ relevant public authorities, which higher education institutions are involved in the European Universities initiative, or other similar longstanding institutionalised cooperation models, and/or
- ✓ bodies with a mandate from their country related to quality assurance, funding of alliances of higher education institutions, or other specific fields relevant to the success of the European Universities initiative

Additional eligibility criteria

✓ **Higher education institutions** established in a EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme must hold a valid *Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)*

✓ Organisations from **third countries not associated to the Programme** can be involved as associated partners (not as applicants)

Exception Topic 6: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro also eligible as applicants

OPERATIONAL CAPACITY Appropriate professional competencies and qualifications	FINANCIAL CAPACITY Stable and sufficient sources of funding
Insert in **Part B of application form**: • Description of relevant skills and experience of project staff (<u>no</u> CVs) • Description of the consortium participants • List of previous and running EU-funded projects	Provide **upon request** and upload in Funding and Tender Opportunities portal: • Profit and loss account • Balance sheet • Other documents if requested • Normally only for the coordinators

Does not apply to public organisations

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Exclusion

Exclusion situations linked to legal issues

(defined in articles 136-141 of the Financial Regulation)

Fields to **tick in application form Part A, section Declarations + declaration on honour** if selected

Award criteria and scoring system

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance of the project	15	30
Quality of the project design and implementation	10	20
Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements	10	20
Impact	15	30
Total score: Maximum 100 points. To be considered for funding: **1. Minimum total score 70 points AND** **2. Minimum pass score**		

1. Relevance

1. **Link to EU policy and initiatives**

2. **Purpose** ➔ *objectives of the Action and specific objectives of topic and priority*

3. **Scope** ➔ *specific to the addressed priority. Note of additional specificities for priorities 6, 7 and 13*

4. **Innovation** ➔ *innovative results and solutions*

5. **Consistency** ➔ *between the call, the proposal's objectives and the needs identified*

6. **EU values** ➔ *promotion of shared EU values*

7. **European added value** ➔ *transnational cooperation and transferability potential*

2. Quality of the project design and implementation

1. **Coherence** ➔ *between project objectives, activities, budget, duration*

2. **Structure** ➔ *clear work programme +* **ex-ante & ex-post analysis of the innovation**

3. **Methodology** ➔ *its feasibility, quality and appropriateness for addressing the needs*

4. **Management** ➔ *clear and realistic organization and balanced responsibilities*

5. **Contributing to systemic education, training and social policy** ➔ *link to policy development in Education and Training or world of work*

6. **Budget** ➔ *appropriate resources clearly linked to proposal activities*

7. **Financial and quality control** ➔ *via control measures (external evaluations at mid term and before end of project) & quality indicators*

3. Quality of the partnership and the cooperation agreements

1. **Configuration** ➔ *mix of partners (necessary profiles, experience, expertise, sector or cross-sectoral representation)*

2. **Commitment** ➔ *contributions from partners, distribution of responsibilities*

3. **Tasks** ➔ *quality management/coordination, allocation of tasks based on know-how*

4. **Collaboration** ➔ *efficient partnership cooperation*

5. **Geographical dimension** ➔ *partners from the geographical areas described in the Call*

4. Impact, dissemination and sustainability

1. **Exploitation** ➔ *measures **how outcomes are mainstreamed** at system level (sector/countries)*

2. **Dissemination** ➔ ***clear and complete plan** incl. targets, activities, timing, responsibilities…*

3. **Open access** ➔ *results to be made as open educational resources (OER)*

4. **Impact** ➔ ***measures & targets/indicators** of the (short/long-term) impact, at various levels (system, also from local to EU) and on targeted groups/sectors*

5. **Sustainability** ➔ *further developments at different levels, **long-term action plan** (roll-out after implementation) based on **sustained partnerships***

Lump sum and concept of work packages

Simplification ! Lump sum system:

- focuses on **performance, content and quality of the project** and not on detailed financial reporting

- converts **several budget categories into a simple lump sum** (fixed) amount per work package (WP) and per partner

WP :	**WP is NOT :**
• Is a major sub-division of the project	• A single activity (e.g. conference)
• Has objectives, milestones and activities	• A period of time (e.g. first half year of your project)
• Has multiple deliverables	

Lump sum and concept of work package

Minimum **3** WP - maximum should be manageable (e.g.10): *(see part B-section 4.2)*

- WP1 "Management and coordination activities"

- WP2 and following "Project activities"

- Last WP "Impact and dissemination"

TIPS

TIP 1! Prepare your budget with all actual costs and then convert it per WP/partner in the lump sum system

TIP 2! For travel/subsistence costs, use the unit cost system (see Annotated Grant Agreement)

TIP 3! To fill in: **Subcontracting** costs (Budget excel) + **Tables** (Part B: at the end of Sections 4.2 and 2.1.3)

TIP 4! Dissemination level of deliverables = public or sensitive (Part B)

Tips for writing a good project proposal

- Clarify with your partners the **project definition and aim**

- **Do not wait** until the last moment to submit your application

- Make sure you **read carefully** all parts of the Call

- Make sure you **apply under the correct Topic** and the correct priority-select only one

- Make sure you include the **correct number and profile** of participating organisations (check eligibility per priority carefully)

- ❗Be aware of **plagiarism**

Tips for writing a good project proposal

- **Coherent** in its entirety; avoid contradictions, avoid "patchwork"
- **Concrete**: use examples, justify your statements, bring evidence
- **Clear**: follow the questions and answer them in the right order
- **Simple language**: Keep sentences short and language simple
- **Explicit:** do not take anything for granted; avoid abbreviations or explain them the 1st time
- **Focused:** stick to what is asked (max 70 pages)
- **Complete:** ensure that the proposal fulfils all the mandatory requirements and that all mandatory annexes are included

Tips for writing a good project proposal

1. Download the template of part B (Technical description) of the application form today. Read it and when filling it in, **refer to the Call**.

2. How do the award criteria translate into your project reality?

<u>Part B of your application should provide us with answers to all the points listed in the Call under each of the 4 award criteria. They need to be linked to your specific project!</u>

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✓**Orally** (raise your hand)
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