

A photograph of two female athletes running on a track. The athlete in the foreground is wearing a red and yellow jersey and blue jeans, running towards the right. The athlete behind her is wearing a blue and yellow jersey. The background is a blurred green field and a blue sky.

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Erasmus+ evaluation

Preliminary results from external evaluation study

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Erasmus+ external evaluation - preliminary findings (1/2)

Effectiveness

- Strong performance against the **outputs, results, and impacts** in intervention logic
- Consistent **programme architecture**
- Effective implementation of four **horizontal priorities**
- Progress to enhance the programme's **inclusivity** over the two programming periods.

Efficiency

- High **cost-effectiveness** of KA1
- Need for **additional funding** to fully reach programme's objectives & engage Few Opp participants
- Improved **monitoring** arrangements
- **Simplification** measures are well appreciated, but need to further simplify some procedures and improve IT landscape for indirect management actions

Erasmus+ external evaluation - preliminary findings (2/2)

Coherence

- **Internal coherence:** good alignment of objectives and programme structure, clear architecture and appropriate organisation into key action
- High **external coherence** at the EU level, but some overlaps with European Solidarity Corps
- Further reinforce synergies through e.g. sharing good practices

Relevance

- **Socio-economic needs & challenges** well reflected in objectives, priorities, actions
- Good alignment with both European and national priorities
- High relevance for **needs of individuals & organisations**
- Further efforts needed to facilitate accessibility for small and newcomer organisations and FO people

EU added value

- **Unique and consistent framework** for mobility, cooperation, & policy development
- Significant added value for individuals and organisations
- Essential role in promoting shared **EU values**
- **International** added value

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Erasmus+ post 2027

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Erasmus+ 2021-2027 at midpoint

- The groundwork for the subsequent programming period has started.
- Two key phases to shape the lead-up to the launch of the new programme:
 - first phase, 2024-2025: focus on the preparation of the legislative package;
 - second phase, until end of 2027: interinstitutional negotiations and preparations for implementation.
- Upcoming consultation activities – a specific stakeholders' event on 18 February 2025, public consultation and other activities to come

Towards the post 2027 programme

- Horizontal & sector-specific consultations with National Agencies
- Consultations with institutional stakeholders
- Open public consultation
- Stakeholders events

Planting phase

PHASE I – Preparation of the Legislative Packages

Growing phase

Blooming phase

PHASE II – From the draft legal base to the Call

Concept papers

Main deliverable:
Draft legal base

Main deliverables by end 2027:
Adoption of legal base, 2028 Annual Work Programme, General Call and Programme Guide

Political guidelines

- Political momentum to align the future direction of Erasmus+ with the broader goals of the Commission and further enhance its impact in the years beyond 2027
- President von der Leyen has expressed **a strong commitment to strengthening the Erasmus+ programme**
- Recognise the significant contribution to the acquisition of skills and social cohesion.
- The role of Erasmus+ to address the challenges EU is facing is also underlined both in the **Letta** and the **Draghi** reports.

Boost skills development

- Focus on **better equipping all individuals** to meet the demand of the evolving workplace;
- Address **skills mismatch, shortage of skills** and **basic skills deficit**;
- Contribute to a robust EU **innovation ecosystem** and strengthening **competitiveness** on the global scene;
- Enable all individuals to develop the skills necessary to thrive in a **transforming** world;
- Contribute to strengthen **societal resilience** and **healthy democracies**.

Support EU values, democracy and participation

- Internal and external pressures to social cohesion, democratic values and citizen participation.
- Tensions in the geopolitical scene, demographic changes, economic challenges, socio-economic inequalities.
- Evolving European political landscape, political polarisation, abstention rates, disinformation and fake news.
- **Reinforcing support to EU values, strengthening European identity, active citizenship is crucial**

What more for post 2027?

- The programme should further ensure that everyone has **equal access** to mobility opportunities.
- The next generation should offer an even **more user-friendly and streamlined** programme.
- In the field of sport, **opportunities for cooperation** could be optimised to better concentrate on key priorities and support to grassroots sport organisations.
- Unlock the potential of the field for **fostering transversal skills development** and **mental and physical well-being** for all.

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Methodology of the survey

- The analysis is based on the information you provided during the registration phase
- **251** feedback comments for 575 registrations
- Two open questions:

What aspects you think are working well

What areas you believe need improvement



Strengths of Erasmus+ Sport 2021-2027

- Generate a **positive impact** and facilitate change in the European sports landscape
- Promote and facilitate cross-border **cooperation** in sports
- **Raise awareness** on health, equal opportunities, and civic engagement
- Improve **innovation** in the field of sport
- Increase **participation** in physical activity
- Provide individual **mobility** to sport stakeholders



Areas of improvement for the future

Accessibility and simplification

- Simplify the application process
- Encourage more participation from smaller organisations

Networking

- More opportunities to strengthen cross-project collaboration

Sustainability

- More focus on project continuity and environmental aspects

Funding and framework

- OK lump-sum
- Further funding flexibility

Monitoring, technology and evaluation

- Standardised impact measurement indicators
- More focused on cross-sharing of project data



1. Accessibility and simplification



- Provide more guidance and support to **smaller organisations** to make the more program accessible
- A simpler and more **user-friendly online portal** would allow more time for executing projects
- Streamlining access to **information and resources** would encourage more newcomers
- **Simplification** would decrease frustrations and more partners would remain
- Adjust the application and reporting procedures **based on the size of grant**

2. Funding and framework



- The sum of the **budget is a limitation** for large-scale projects
- The **scope of the 36 months** is too short
- Introducing **more flexible funding** options will support the innovation of new partnership structures and encourage involvement of more organisations

3. Networking



- Introduce a permanent EU **networking forum**
- Improved **dissemination** of projects to avoid duplicates and improve **collaboration**
- **Facilitation of meetings** with previous, present, and future project coordinators
- **Increased visibility** of participants profiles and information about their projects

4. Monitoring, technology, and evaluation



- There is a need for more **results orientation**.
- Introduce **impact goals** and measurement indicators to improve consistency and comparability across projects.
- Increase focus on **data collection** and cross-sharing for future projects. Implement an improved data management system.
- Provide further guidance and **support for evaluators** of project proposals to ensure consistency.

5. Sustainability



- Further focus on sustainability will increase **the long-term impact** of the project
- Projects should provide plans for continuation or dissemination for **replication** to ensure long term impact
- Sustainability considerations should be a specific **evaluation** criteria for new project proposals
- Introduction of **qualitative measurements** of sustainability for projects
- Provide support on how to integrate **sustainability measures** in project execution

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