

**Erasmus+**

Virtual Exchange

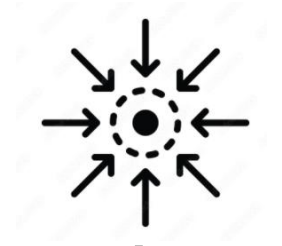
INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE



# *Erasmus+* *Virtual Exchanges (EVE)* *2024*

*European Education and Culture  
Executive Agency (EACEA)*

# 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 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.**

*\*If a project involves people under 18, participating organisations are required to obtain prior authorisation for participation from their parents or those acting on their behalf.*

# 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

# Activities and expected outcomes



Wide variety of activities and topics possible, but all projects are expected to have **learning outcomes** 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!*

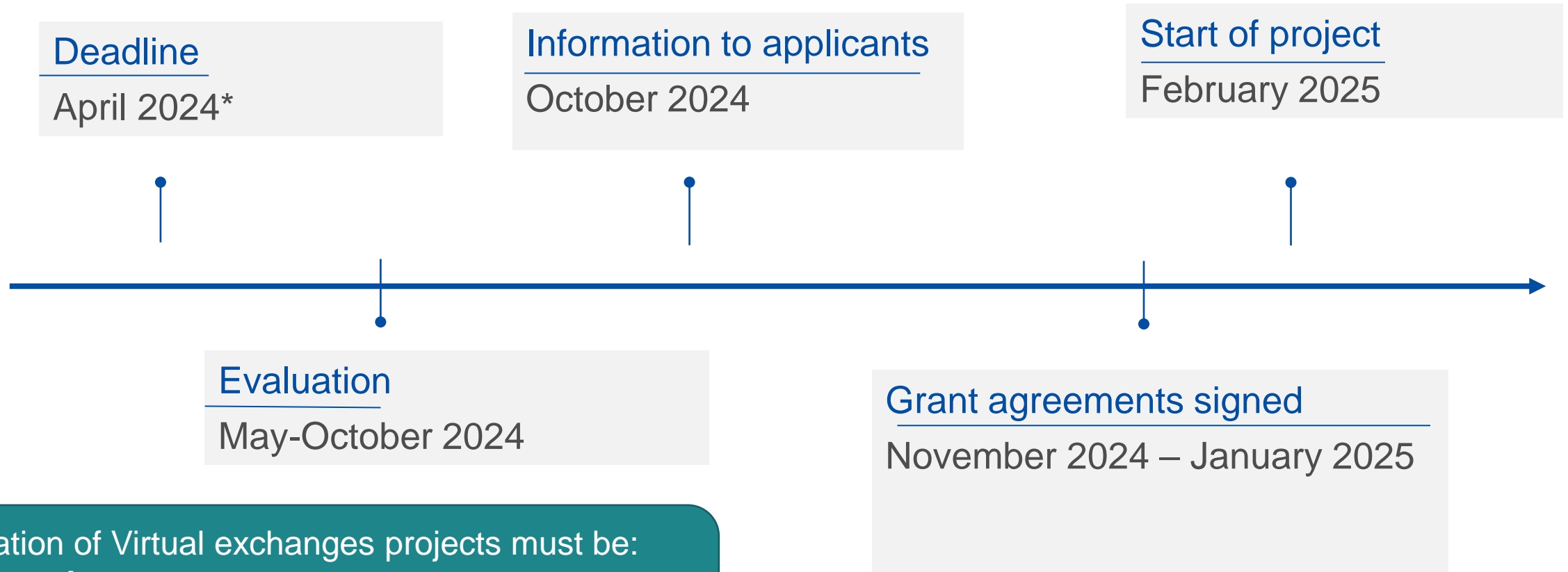
*Foresee a method of recognition of participation!*

*Participants must be based in the countries of the organisations!*

*Activities must take place in in the countries of the participating organisations!*

# Indicative timetable

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Duration of Virtual exchanges projects must be:  
**36 months**

*(extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment of the grant agreement)*

\* Please refer to the latest version of the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2024](#) for the exact deadline

# Budget

Lump sum  
based

MAX. EU GRANT PER  
PROJECT  
500 000 €

*(with 200 € as maximum investment per  
participant, i.e. a project of 500,000 € would  
have to reach at least 2,500 participants)*



MAX. EU CO-  
FINANCING  
95%

Budget available  
5,9 mio EUR

- ❑ Financial support to third parties in the form of grants or prizes is not allowed
  - ❑ Volunteer costs and SME unit costs for SME owners are allowed
  - ❑ See section Eligible costs in the Programme Guide Part C

# Which regions of the world can participate

- EU Member States + Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme (i.e. Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey). Organisations from these countries can be coordinator.
- ✓ Western Balkans (Region 1)
- ✓ Neighbourhood East (Region 2)
- ✓ 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*

Organisation and participants from one of the eligible regions

Nb. list of the countries in these regions can be found in the Programme Guide

# Who can apply as coordinator

- Youth organisation
- Higher education institution



**established in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme (i.e. Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)**



# 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.

The applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities, if applicable) must be legal entities (public or private bodies) and may fall under the following categories:

Organisation and participants from one of the eligible regions

- Entities active in the field of higher education or youth (non-formal education),
- 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.

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners.

# 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 virtual exchanges. They are listed in the financial table (budget).
- **Associated partners:** Organisations which contribute to the activities of the virtual exchanges 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.

# Compulsory partnership composition

- Minimum 4 independent entities (no affiliated entities) from 4 different eligible countries

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

Affiliated entities and associated partners do not count towards the minimum eligibility criteria for the consortium composition.

# Stay tuned!

- [Virtual Exchanges in higher education and youth | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#) - Erasmus+ website on EVE
- [The Erasmus+ Programme Guide | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#) - Programme Guide 2024
- [Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal - EVE 2024](#) – FTOP single entry point for applicants, link to EVE 2024 (selected projects to be published, but also on the FTOP Projects and Results page, FTOP [Projects and Results](#))
- EVE 2023 – selected projects: [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
- EVE 2022 – selected projects
  - NDICI [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
  - IPA [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
- EVE 2021 – selected projects
  - NDICI [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
  - IPA [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange | European Youth Portal \(europa.eu\)](#) - Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange pilot project 2018-2020 with focus to South-Mediterranean countries

# Questions?

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