

Erasmus+ Programme

Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth (EVE)

How to find a coordinator¹ or partner?

Advice to potential EVE partners from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme² when searching for a coordinator or partner:

- 1. If you already have contacts with higher education institutions or youth organisations in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme, get in touch with them to check if they plan to apply for this action.
- 2. Get inspired by the results of:
 - a. the <u>Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange 2018-2020</u> that was a flagship pilot project enabling youth in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean to engage in meaningful intercultural experiences online, as part of their formal or non-formal education;
 - b. the selected projects under the EVE 2021 call that are available on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal: <u>IPA & NDICI</u>;
 - c. the selected projects under the EVE 2022 call that are available on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal: <u>IPA & NDICI</u>;
 - d. the selected projects under the <u>EVE 2023 call</u> that are available on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal.
- 3. Look at Erasmus+ projects supported both over the last and the current programming period (2014-2020 & 2021-2027) on the <u>Erasmus+ Project Results Platform</u>. Please use the 'advanced search', selecting Erasmus+ Programme and within the different actions please focus on higher education and youth. You can see project descriptions and involved higher education institutions and youth organisations, which you could contact (Excel list can be extracted from the Platform).
- 4. Use the section "<u>Partner search announcements</u>" in the Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal (FTOP).
- 5. Contact the International Erasmus+ Contact Point (ICPs) in the <u>National Agencies</u> based in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme, which may have received requests for cooperation from potential EVE applicants.
- 6. As for Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East and South-Mediterranean countries: contact your National Erasmus+ Office (see the list <u>here</u>), which may have received requests for cooperation from potential EVE applicants.
- 7. As for Sub-Saharan Africa countries: contact your Erasmus+ National Focal Points (see the list <u>here</u>), which may have received requests for cooperation from potential EVE applicants.

¹ An application should be submitted by an organisation from an EU Member State (i.e. Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden) or a third country associated to the Erasmus+ Programme (i.e. North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey).

² Third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme from the following eligible regions (see <u>Programme Guide</u>): Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East, South-Mediterranean countries, Sub-Saharan Africa.

Higher education

- 8. You could also contact European networks that represent higher education institutions (e.g. <u>EURASHE</u>, <u>EUCEN</u>). These networks could help you identify potential partners in Europe. Please be precise in your request, for example linked to fields of cooperation, preferred country or language capacities.
- 9. In case of searching for an organisation active in lifelong guidance, counselling, learning mobility and career management you can contact the European network <u>Euroguidance</u>.
- 10. You might post a research item/news for a possible applicant/partner via the <u>EPALE (Electronic</u> <u>Platform for Adult Learning in Europe) platform</u> and/or you could register/join one of the <u>Communities of Practice</u> online groups.
- 11. The <u>Katapult Network</u> includes a network and matchmaking tool to find new partners. The direct link to the matchmaking tool is <u>here</u>. <u>How does it work?</u>
- 12. Look for suitable organisations within the selected projects under the latest Erasmus+ call for proposals on higher education, such as Capacity Building in Higher Education (relevant regions in view of EVE: Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East, South-Mediterranean countries and Sub-Saharan Africa) <u>Strand 1</u>, <u>Strand 2</u>, <u>Strand 3</u>.
- 13. Search in the database of <u>higher education institutions holding an Erasmus Charter for Higher</u> Education (ECHE).
- 14. Get in touch with the <u>Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Alliance</u> that brings together all EU-funded exchange students and alumni and offers a dynamic platform for networking, professional development and intercultural learning while promoting European higher education and worldwide cooperation. Or get in touch with the <u>African Students and Alumni Forum</u>, which is a platform of African students, alumni and professionals who have benefited from international mobility scholarships funded by the EU and the African Union and offers opportunities for exchange, collaboration and capacity building.

Youth

- 15. Salto-Youth is a network of seven Resource Centres working on European priority areas within the youth field. Consult the Salto-Youth Resource Centres (link <u>here</u>), relevant for some of the eligible regions for EVE. Furthermore, you could also look at <u>Otlas</u> the partner-finding tool for organisations in the youth field.
- 16. Contact the <u>Eurodesk</u> network, which is a European youth information network. With a network of 39 Eurodesk Centres connected to local information providers in 37 European countries, Eurodesk raises awareness of European opportunities and encourages young people to become active citizens.
- 17. Get in touch with European networks and contact points, such as the <u>European Youth Forum</u>, the respective <u>National Youth Councils</u> or the <u>EU Youth Dialogue national contact points</u>.
- 18. Look for suitable organisations within the selected projects under the latest Erasmus+ call for proposals in youth, such as <u>Capacity building in youth</u> (relevant regions in view of EVE: Western Balkans and South-Mediterranean countries) or European Youth Together (in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme) 2022 Lot 1 (Small), Lot 2 & 2023.

Please consult the latest version of the <u>Erasmus+ Programme Guide</u> for details on this action, including the deadline for submission of applications

For any further questions you may have on this action, please contact <u>EACEA-EPLUS-VIRTUAL-</u> <u>EXCHANGES@ec.europa.eu</u>