Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation

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Eligibility criteria, Admissibility criteria, Exclusion criteria, Selection criteria and Award criteria

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Eligibility Criteria

- Role of participating organisation

- Who can apply/participate

- Types of organisations

- Number and profile of participating organisations

- Eligible sectors (only for LOT 2)

- Duration of the project

- Where to apply?

- Deadline

What is the role of participating organisations

- **Applicant** (compulsory) - a participating organisation that submits the project proposal on behalf of all the partners

- **Full partners** (compulsory) participating organisations which contribute actively to the accomplishment of the Innovation Alliance

- **Affiliated entities** (optional): organisations which contribute to the achievement of project objectives and activities. They are not counted for the minimum number of partners and partnership composition. *They are receiving a grant and are listed in the financial table (budget)*

- **Associated partners** (optional): organisations which contribute to the activities of the Innovation Alliance. They are not counted for the minimum number of partners and partnership composition. *They are not receiving a grant and*
- *are not listed in the financial table (budget)*

Who can apply/participate in the Alliances?

APPLICANT	PARTICIPANT
Erasmus+ Programme country: EU Member states (27) + Republic of North Macedonia Serbia Iceland Liechtenstein Norway Turkey	**Erasmus + Programme country** + **Partner country** (see section eligible countries in Part A of the E+ Programme guide)

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What types of organisations can participate?

For LOT 1 and LOT 2

- Higher education institutions
- VET providers
- Networks of VET providers
- Small and medium-sized or large enterprises (including social enterprises)
- Research institutes
- Non-governmental organisations
- Public bodies at local, regional or national level
- Organisations active in education, training and youth
- Intermediaries that represent education, training or youth organisations or enterprises
- Accreditation, certification, recognition or qualification bodies
- Chambers of commerce, industry or labour, chambers of skilled crafts
- European or national social partners
- Hospitals or other care institutions, including long-term care
- Authorities responsible for education, training or employment at regional or national level
- Employment services
- National statistics offices
- Economic development agencies
- Sectoral or professional associations
- Sector skills councils
- Bodies providing career guidance, professional counselling, information services and employment services

HE institutions established in a Programme country must hold a valid **ECHE**

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Number and profile of participating organisations
LOT 1 (minimum requirements)

4
Programme countries

8
Full partners

3 **Labour market actors** **+** **3** **Education and training providers**

1 **HE institution** **+** **1** **VET provider**

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Number and profile of participating organisations LOT 2 (minimum requirements)

8 Programme countries	**12** Full partners
5 Labour market actors **+** **5** Education and training providers	**1** HE institution **+** **1** VET provider

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Eligible sectors (eco-systems)
! Only for LOT 2

Mobility-Transport-Automotive

Aerospace & Defence

Tourism

Proximity & Social Economy

Construction

Retail

Eligible sectors (eco-systems)

Agri-food

Electronics

Low-carbon energy Intensive Industries

Renewable energy

Textile

Digital

Creative & Cultural Industries

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Duration

LOT 1 – 2 or 3 years

LOT 2 – 4 years

Budget

LOT 1
1 million € (2 yrs)
1,5 million € (3 yrs)

LOT 2 – 4 million €

Where to apply

Funding and Tenders opportunities portal

Call ID lot1:
ERASMUS-EDU-2021-PI-ALL-INNO-EDU-ENTERP

Call ID lot2:
ERASMUS-EDU-2021-PI-ALL-INNO-BLUEPRINT

Deadline

7 September 2021 at 17:00:00
(Brussels time)

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Admissibility Criteria

✓The applications must be readable and accessible

✓Applications must be complete containing all parts and mandatory annexes.

✓Only clerical errors can be corrected after the submission deadline upon request of the Agency

Exclusion criteria

- Exclusion situations linked to legal issues

Fields to **tick in application form + declaration on honour** if selected

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Selection criteria

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 (no CVs) • List of previous and running projects	Provide **upon request** and upload in Funding and Tender Opportunities portal: • Profit and loss account • Balance sheet • Other documents if requested

Does not apply to public organisations

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TIPS

- Do not wait until the last hour/day to submit your application

- Make sure you read all parts of the Programme guide

- Make sure you apply under the correct Call ID (Lot 1 ID ≠ Lot 2 ID)

- Make sure you include the right number and profile of participating organisations

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Award Criteria

✓Scoring system

✓All 4 award criteria

✓Novelties + Tips

Award criteria

Criteria	Maximum points	Minimum pass points
Relevance of the project	25	13
Quality of project design and implementation	30	16
Quality of project consortium and cooperation arrangements	25	13
Impact	20	11
Total score: Maximum 100 points **To be considered for funding:** 1. **Minimum total score 70 points AND** 2. **Minimum pass points**		

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Award criteria

Equal quality of applications

Lot 1

The ex aequo proposals within the <u>same topic</u> will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the award criterion "**Relevance**" and then "**Impact**"

Lot 2

At equal quality, a proposal covering an ecosystem or part of an ecosystem that is not covered by an ongoing Blueprint Alliance will be more relevant

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Relevance Lot 1 + Lot 2

- Link to EU policy and initiatives

- Purpose

- Consistency

- Innovation

- European added value

- Education & training representation

- Green skills

Example – Lot 1

Relevance of the project (maximum score 25 points)	• **Link to EU policy and initiatives**: the proposal takes into account and contributes to achieving the European objectives in the fields of VET and higher education; the proposal takes into account and contributes to giving visibility to existing EU tools and initiatives for skills development; • **Purpose**: the proposal is relevant to the objectives and activities of the Action; • **Consistency**: the objectives are based on a sound needs analysis; they are clearly defined, realistic and address issues relevant to the participating organisations and to the Action; • **Innovation**: the proposal considers state-of-the-art methods and techniques, and leads to project-specific innovative results and solutions; • **European added value**: the proposal demonstrates clearly the added value generated through its trans-nationality and potential transferability; • **Education & training representation**: the Alliance includes partners that adequately represent education & training providers; • **Digital skills**: extent to which the proposal integrates digital skills in the training content for one, or several related occupational profiles; • **Green skills**: the proposal integrates skills linked to the transition to a circular and greener economy in the training content for one, or several related occupational profiles; • **Resilience skills**: extent to which the proposal integrates skills linked to the capacity to adapt, manage change, and care for each other as a community.

Only Lot 1:

*Digital skills

*Resilience skills

Only Lot 2:

*Digital skills and key-enabling technologies (KETs), including Artificial Intelligence (AI) skills

*Sector/area representation

*Both levels EQF 3-5 and 6-8

Quality of project design and implementation
Lot 1 + Lot 2

- Coherence

- Structure

- Methodology

- Management

- Work plan

- Quality of arrangements for the recognition and validation of qualifications
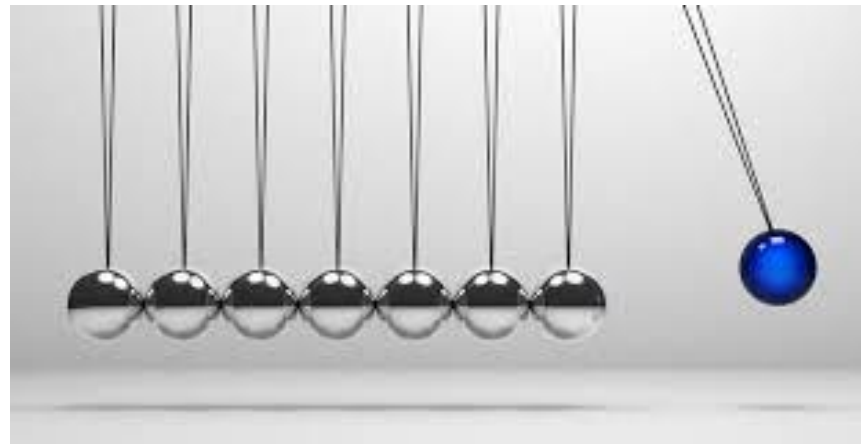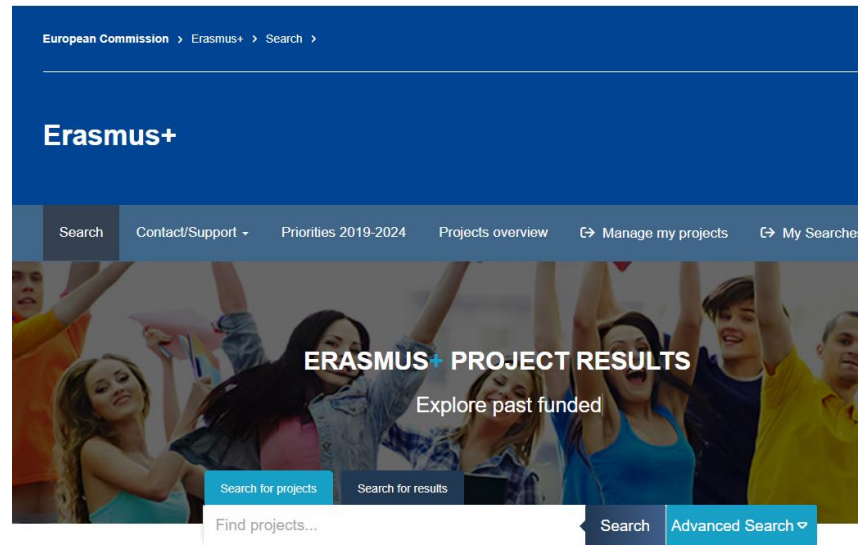
- Budget

- Financial and quality control

More details on each bullet point in Programme Guide (version 3) page 239 – 240 (lot 1) and 241 – 243 (lot 2)

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Quality of partnership and cooperation arrangements Lot 1 + Lot 2

- Configuration

- Commitment

- Tasks

- Collaboration/Team spirit

- Reward

- Involvement of Partner countries

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Impact Lot 1 + Lot 2

- Exploitation

- Dissemination

- Impact

- Open access

- Sustainability

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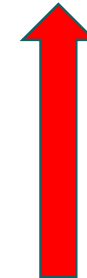
Tips

- **Consider** - Lot 1 and Lot 2 have similar, but **not identical** Award criteria

- **Fill in** your application having next to you the Programme guide

- **Answer** to all points listed under each Award criterion

- **Pay attention** – impact has a specific section in the Programme guide

- **Check** finished and ongoing projects in the [Erasmus+ project results platform](#)

Thank you

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