

**Erasmus+**

Virtual Exchange

INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

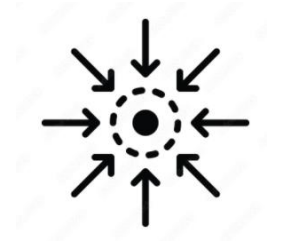


# *Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth (EVE 2023)*

*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 (both formal and non-formal) 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.**

# 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

gender

socially and  
economically  
vulnerable

# Activities and expected outcomes



Wide variety of activities and topics possible, but all projects are expected to have a **learning dimension** and to report on it

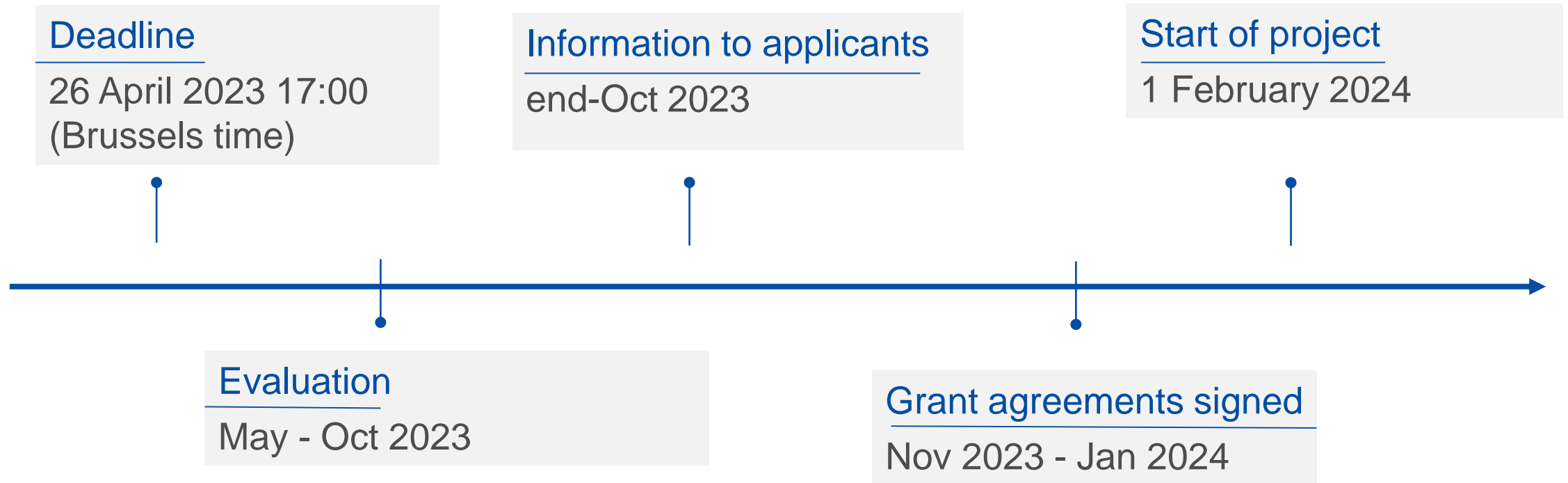
- On-line facilitated discussions (as part of youth projects)
- On-line facilitates discussions (as part of higher education courses)
- Training of youth workers for virtual exchanges
- Training for university professors/staff for virtual exchanges
- Interactive open on-line courses (community interactions among participants)

*Rely as much as possible on existing tools and platforms!*

*Foresee a method of recognition of participation!*

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

# Indicative timetable - *ERASMUS-EDU-2023-VIRT-EXCH*



Duration of Virtual exchanges projects:  
**3 years - 36 months**

# 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  
6,3 mio EUR

- Financial support to third parties is not allowed
  - Volunteer and SME costs are allowed
- See section *Eligible direct costs in the Programme Guide*

# 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

# 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.



# Who can apply as coordinator

- Public or private organisations active in the field of higher education or youth (non-formal education)
- Higher education institutions, associations or organisations of higher education institutions, as well as legally recognised national or international rector, teacher or student organisations



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.

Participating organisations may fall under the following categories:

Organisation and participants from one of the eligible regions

- 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
- Vectors of change in the education system (university managers, international departments, deans, quality agencies, etc.); public or private organisations active in the fields of higher education or youth

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc. Affiliated entities are not eligible for funding.

# Compulsory partnership composition

- at least 4 organisations

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

# Questions?

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