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### How to apply?

For projects under Key Action 1 and 3, applications are submitted by organisations or informal groups of young people to the Erasmus+ National Agency of the country in which they are established. For projects under Key Action 2, applications are submitted to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels.

For more information on Actions and activity formats and further details on the application procedure, please have a look at the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, contact details for Erasmus+ National Agencies, and more on Erasmus+: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus>

The website of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) is: <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>



### EU Youth Strategy

To learn more about the EU Youth Strategy to which the Erasmus+ youth part closely relates and which provides you with important information about the policy context, please have a look at: [http://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/youth\\_strategy](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/youth_strategy)

### Support for the regions neighbouring the European Union

SALTO Youth Resource Centres support youth work and youth organisations in the regions neighbouring the European Union e.g. by providing training or offering training tools.

Further information on the SALTOs is available at: [www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net)

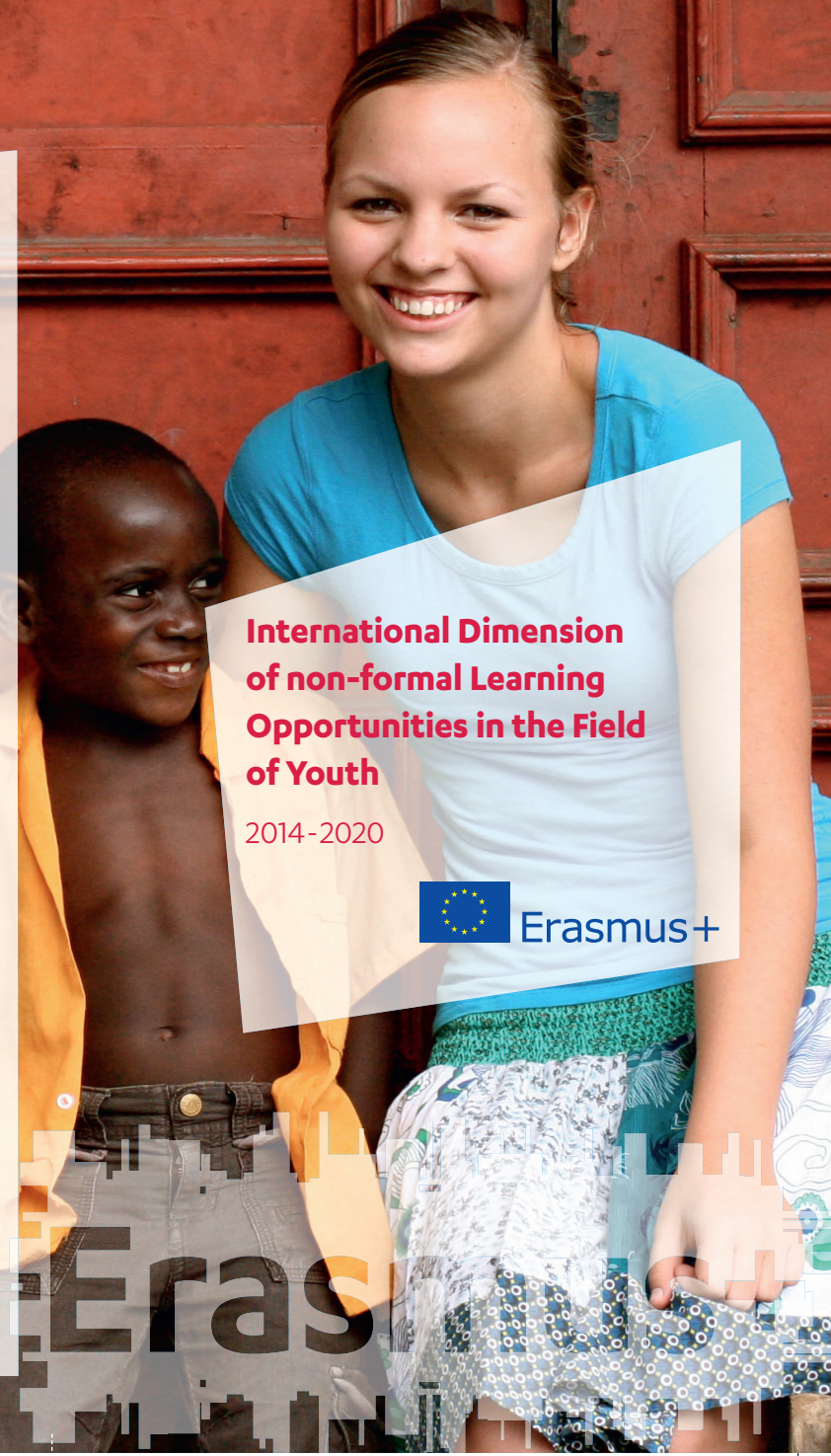
European Youth Portal: [europa.eu/youth](http://europa.eu/youth)

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International Dimension  
of non-formal Learning  
Opportunities in the Field  
of Youth

2014-2020



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**Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020.**

### **What is in it for me?**

**In line with the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018, the EU supports international non-formal learning activities of young people and youth workers to foster young people's participation in democratic life and the labour market, to develop the quality of youth work and to complement policy reforms.**



**The Erasmus+ programme offers the following Actions and activity formats:**

#### **Key Action 1 – Mobility of individuals**

**Youth Exchanges**, in which groups of young people from different countries work together on relevant topics while discovering new cultures, habits and lifestyles. Youth Exchanges can last up to 21 days.

The **European Voluntary Service** allows young people either individually or in groups to express their personal commitment through unpaid and full-time voluntary service in another country in fields such as culture, social care, civil protection or environment. The European Voluntary Service can last up to 12 months.

**Mobility of youth workers** enhances the professional development of youth workers through seminars, trainings, job shadowing and other mobility opportunities. The activity can last up to 2 months.

#### **Key Action 2 – Cooperation for innovation**

**Capacity building projects** are transnational cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of youth in Programme and Partner Countries. Projects aim at fostering cooperation and exchange in the field of youth, improve the quality and recognition of youth work, non-formal learning and volunteering in Partner Countries and promote transnational non-formal learning mobility between Programme and Partner Countries. These projects can integrate mobility activities like Youth Exchanges, European Voluntary Service placements and Mobility of youth workers.

#### **Key Action 3 – Support for policy reform**

**Meetings between young people and decision makers** in the field of youth foster active participation in democratic life and focus on the priorities set by the Structured Dialogue between young people and decision makers.



#### **Who is it for?**

The non-formal learning activities within the context of Erasmus+ target mainly young people within the age range of 13–30. For the European Voluntary Service, the age range 17–30 applies. There is no age limit for youth workers and decision makers. Young people with fewer opportunities get specific support.

#### **Which countries can participate?**

All activities are open to participants from the Erasmus+ Programme Countries, that is: the 28 Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

The non-formal learning activities for young people and youth workers in Key Actions 1 and 3 are, in addition, open for Partner Countries neighbouring the EU, that means: the Eastern Partnership countries, the Southern Mediterranean countries, the Western Balkans and the Russian Federation.

Youth Capacity Building projects in Key Action 2 are open to more than 100 Partner Countries in the world.