



## Lifelong Learning Programme



# Cooperation projects between higher education institutions across Europe

## How to apply for Erasmus centralised actions?

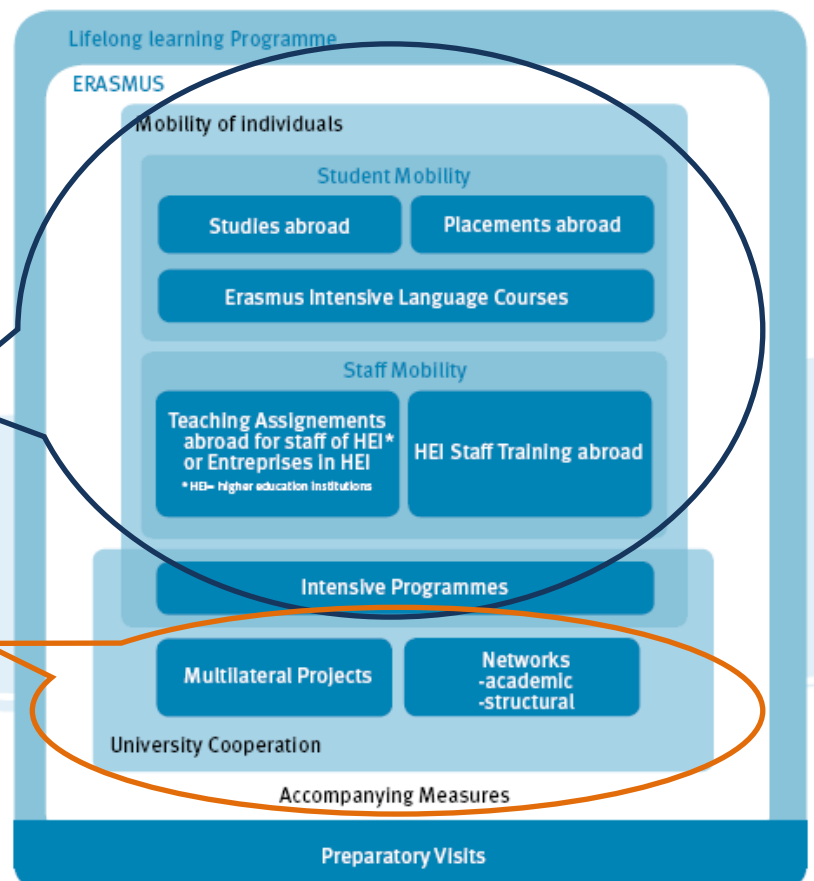
### What is the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)?

The Lifelong Learning Programme is a funding programme of the EU designed to support learning opportunities from childhood to old age in every single life situation. It is an umbrella programme integrating various educational and training initiatives. LLP is divided in four sectoral sub-programmes, one 'transversal' programme, and the Jean Monnet Programme.



### What is the Erasmus sub-programme?

Erasmus is the EU's flagship programme in the field of higher education. The Erasmus programme not only supports mobility (for students, professors, or other higher education staff / enterprises wishing to study, teach and work abroad), but also provides co-funding to higher education institutions (HEI) working together through transnational cooperation projects.



**Student & staff mobility**  
→ **Decentralised actions**  
Managed by LLP National Agencies

**Cooperation projects**  
→ **Centralised actions**  
Managed by the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)



## Yearly LLP general call for proposals

2012 call for proposals published in August 2011: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call\\_lifelong\\_learning\\_2012.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call_lifelong_learning_2012.php)

**Deadline for applying:** 2 February 2012



## Who can apply?

Higher education institutions holding an Erasmus University Charter, public bodies, enterprises, associations and other relevant organisations active in relation to higher education, from LLP eligible countries.

### LLP eligible countries (2011):

- the 27 Member States of the European Union,
- the EEA/EFTA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland,
- candidate countries: Croatia, Turkey.
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia\*

\* provided that the formal steps for participation for each country are completed in due time

### Participation of third countries:

Since 2010 applicants have the opportunity to include in their applications an option for collaboration with organisations established in third countries (NB: not possible under Erasmus Accompanying Measures).



## Erasmus project funding under the 2012 call for proposals

### Erasmus Multilateral Projects

3 institutions from at least 3 LLP countries (of which at least one must be an EU Member State); 2 to 3 years

#### Cooperation between higher education institutions (HEIs) and enterprises

*Supports activities bringing together HEIs and partners from outside academia*

Developing educational services; reinforcing link between educational activities and employment needs; etc.

#### Social dimension of higher education

*Widening access for underrepresented groups and non-traditional learners*

Developing flexible provision; developing policies to increase completion rates; developing the social responsibility of HEIs; etc.

#### Mobility strategies and removal of barriers to mobility in higher education

Developing strategies to boost learning mobility; analysing and tackling barriers to mobility; facilitating availability of information; providing open educational resources for virtual campuses; strengthening virtual mobility; etc.

#### Support to the modernisation agenda of higher education

*Curriculum reform*

Initiatives and tools to assess and promote graduate employability; designing integrated programmes and curricula

*Governance reform*

Facilitating European cooperation in quality assurance; enhancing autonomy and accountability for HEIs; promoting transparency

*Funding reform*

Developing strategies to increase efficiency; promoting funding diversification; assessing and promoting HE return to investment

#### Fostering the excellence and innovation in higher education

*Supporting activities addressing the knowledge triangle of education-research-innovation*

Linking teaching and ongoing research; providing opportunities for students to work in research settings; stimulating innovative and entrepreneurial mindsets for students; etc.

### Erasmus Networks

New since 2011: minimum 25 partners from 25 LLP eligible countries; 3 years

*Gathering the widest and most advanced set of specific competencies in a given subject area*

Enhancing quality of teaching in higher education, defining and developing a European dimension within a given academic discipline, furthering innovation and exchanging methodologies and good practices.

### Erasmus Accompanying Measures

One or several institutions from LLP countries; 1 year

*Supporting innovative, self-standing projects which would otherwise not be eligible under the main Erasmus programme*

Projects may have clear relevance to the modernisation agenda; enhance the implementation of Erasmus mobility; focus on dissemination of project results; enhance trans-sectoral synergies; implement activities concerning transversal policies

## More information

EACEA website: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/erasmus/erasmus\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/erasmus/erasmus_en.php)

Europa website: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc80\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc80_en.htm)

2012 call for proposals: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call\\_lifelong\\_learning\\_2012.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call_lifelong_learning_2012.php)

LLP Infodays: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/events/events\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/events/events_en.php)

EVE – European Commission repository of projects results: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/eve/](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/eve/)

Projects compendia: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results\\_projects/project\\_compendia\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results_projects/project_compendia_en.php)

Projects activity reports:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/project\\_reports/project\\_reports\\_erasmus\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/project_reports/project_reports_erasmus_en.php)



### Individual grants and scholarships

Contact your LLP National Agency:

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm)

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