



# The new Erasmus Programme 2021-27

## Main features

*Online webinar for the pact for Skills members*

# State of play of the new programme launch



- Agreement on the **Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027**
- Negotiations on the **Programme's legal basis**  
Council – Parliament political agreement
- Planned timing of the **launch** (spring 2021)

# New programme structure

## Key Action 1

Mobility of  
learners and  
staff

## Key Action 2

Partnerships for  
cooperation and  
exchange of  
practices

## Key Action 3

Support to  
policy  
development  
and cooperation


# Priorities of the new Erasmus (+) programme

## Inclusion and diversity



an **overall strategy** and not only “ad-hoc” measures

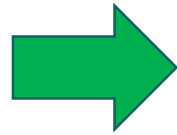
- **Equal opportunities and access** of underrepresented organisations/participants
- **Dismantling barriers** related to e.g.: disabilities, socio-economic status, discrimination, geographical location
- **Creating / reinforcing mechanisms** to translate into practice the fundamental principles of equality and inclusiveness

- **Stimulating innovation** and bridging Europe's knowledge, skills and competences gap
  - Take up of **digital technologies** and of **innovative and open pedagogies** in education, training, youth and sport
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## Digital transformations

# Priorities of the new Erasmus (+) programme

Participation in democratic life



- Knowledge and awareness about European matters
- Active citizenship and ethics in lifelong learning
- Social and intercultural competences, **critical thinking** and media literacy

- Awareness-raising about environmental / climate-change challenges
- **Competences** in various environmental sustainability-relevant sectors
- **Guidance and training** to facilitate exchange of good practices



Environmental sustainability and climate goals

# Key Action 1 – Supporting VET learners and staff mobility



# Erasmus accreditation – what is it?

A form of 'membership'  
in the new Programme  
Key Action 1  
for VET, AE and School

A guarantee  
of QUALITY

## Accredited organisations can:

- Use a minimalist application form and 'fast-track' assessment process and apply for funding each year
- Apply for higher amounts and more participants than non-accredited organisations



First call  
launched in  
2020  
There will be one  
every year !

# Short-term projects

**Purpose:** entry point for a first project, or an option for organisations interested in occasional small-scale participation

## Key features

- **Project duration:** 6-18 months
- **Smaller scope**  
*(e.g. limited number of participants and/or number of projects over multiple years)*
- Priority for **newcomers** to the action
- Not available to accredited organisations



# International mobility for VET learners and staff

## Applicants

- are located in Erasmus Programme Countries
- must be Erasmus **Accredited** VET Organisations
- will integrate international mobility flows in their annual budget requests in parallel to Intra-European mobilities with **budget ceiling**

From 2021 call onwards

Managed by Erasmus National Agencies

Financed with Intra-European credits (Heading 2)



Outgoing mobilities

# Mobility of adult learners in Key Action 1

Tailored programmes adapted to mobility of adult learners  
with specific learning needs

# How to join to Key Action 2? - National Agencies

Erasmus  
National  
Agencies

Partnerships for  
Cooperation

Small-Scale Partnerships

Cooperation Partnerships

# Small Scale Partnerships— general features

**New opportunities in form of small-scale partnerships**

Easier access for grass-root organisations and newcomers

**Formats will be common across all fields of the programme**

**Easier application process and simpler projects' implementation**

More flexibility in designing the project (and the budget)

# Partnerships for Cooperation – general features

Quality and internationalisation of activities and practices of organisations and institutions involved

Promote cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience at European level

Support and promote the development, transfer and implementation of innovative practices

# How to join to Key Action 2? - Executive Agency

## Partnerships for Excellence

with a long-term sustainable perspective

Centres of Vocational Excellence

European Universities

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master

Erasmus Teacher Academies

## Partnerships for Innovation

to achieve systemic impact at European level

Alliances

Online platforms:

eTwinning, SEG, EPALE

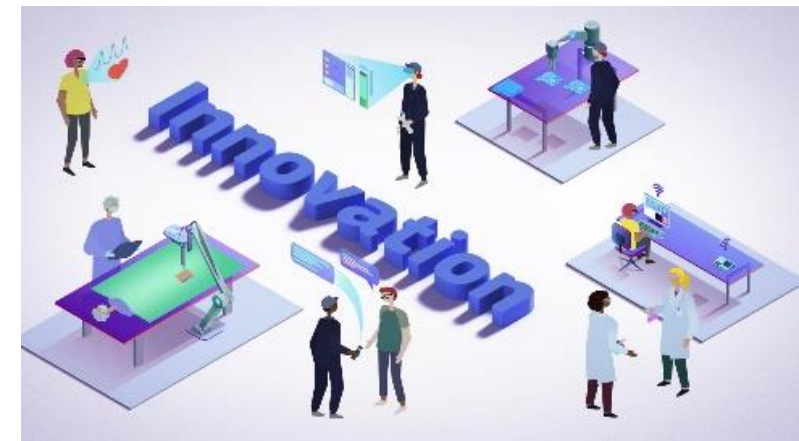
Education  
and Culture  
Executive  
Agency



# What is “Vocational excellence” ...

It is characterised by a holistic learner-centred approach in which VET:

- Is an integrative part of skills ecosystems
- Is part of **knowledge triangles**
- Enables learners to acquire both vocational and key competences through high-quality provision
- Approach allows for variation across countries



# The Centres of Vocational Excellence –

Foster Vocational Excellence at two levels



## National

Through Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)

Operating in a **given local context**

embedding them closely in the local innovation and skills ecosystems, working with businesses, chambers, tertiary education, research institutions, public authorities, etc.

## Transnational

Through Platforms of CoVEs bringing together partners around:

- **Specific sectors** – aeronautics, ICT, e-mobility, green technologies, healthcare...
- **Societal challenges** – climate change, integration of migrants, digitalisation, Sustainable Development Goals, Up- and reskilling...



# The Centres of Vocational Excellence –

Key activities

Activities clustered in three groups:

- 1) Teaching and learning
- 2) Cooperation and partnerships
- 3) Governance and funding



# Piloting the initiative ...

First step towards the establishment of CoVEs

## First Pilot 2019

### Sector Skills Alliances Call

- 15 applications
- **Sectoral approaches** for design and delivery of VET content combined with a strategic approach to development of skills-ecosystems at local level
- **5 pilot projects** selected, running for 2 years, as from November 2019 –

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/selection-results/sector-skills-alliances-2019\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/selection-results/sector-skills-alliances-2019_en)

## Second Pilot 2020

### specific KA3 Call

- 53 applications
- Support fully-fledged Platforms which closely resemble the future model
- **7 new projects** running for 4 years, as from November 2020

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