



Greater Manchester
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Briefing: Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the European programme in support of education and training. With a budget of €14.7bn, the programme is open to a wide range of organisations across all sectors. Any UK organisation actively involved in these areas is able to apply for funding. Erasmus+ covers all levels of education – schools, vocational training (VET), higher education, adult and youth. All projects require transnational partners.

Next calls will be published in autumn 2016. **Most calls will have a deadline in spring 2017.**

Programme Overall Structure

The programme is structured around five Actions:

- Key Action 1 - mobility schemes for all levels of learners and educational staff, as well as for young people and youth workers.
- Key Action 2 - strategic partnerships and knowledge and skills alliance.
- Key Action 3 - policy reform.
- Jean Monnet Activities - EU integration.
- Sport Actions - social inclusion and sports.

There are two methods of management:

- **Decentralised Actions** - [UK National Agency – Ecorys \(for VET, adult, KA2 and KA3\) and British Council \(schools, HE, Youth KA1\)](#)
- **Centralised Actions** - [European Education and Culture Executive Agency](#)

KA1 Mobility – Decentralised Action

What is it for:

- HE students – study period of 3 to 12 months; and traineeship of 2 to 12 months.
- HE staff – delivering teaching; training/job shadowing (from 2 days to 2 months).
- VET and training students – traineeship/work placement (from 2 weeks to 12 months).
- VET staff – teaching and non-teaching staff; work placement/job shadowing of 2 days to 2 months.
- School staff - delivering teaching; training/job shadowing (from 2 days to 2 months).
- Adult educational staff - teaching; work placement /job shadowing (2 days to 2 months).
- Youth – exchanges of 5 to 21 days
- Youth organisation staff – attending training; events; shadowing (2 days and 2 months)

Funding: Based on number of participants – travel + accommodation + subsistence + admin cost (€350 per participant up to 100, then €200 per additional participant).

KA2 Strategic Partnerships - Decentralised Action

What is it for: Exchange of best practices; development and testing new innovative practices; improving provision of learners; etc. Some mobility actions can be included in the project.

Funding: Up to 3 years to a maximum of €150K per year. Majority of the cost is based on unit cost per participant or/and organisation involved.

KA3 Policy Reform (only for youth actions) - Decentralised Action

What is it for: Funding for structural dialogue: seminars on youth issues, consultation with young people, meetings bringing young people and decision makers together, events, etc.

Funding: Up to 2 years to a maximum of €50K per project.

Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances – Centralised Action

What is it for: To address a skills / educational imbalance within specific economic sectors where EC policies need to respond. Knowledge Alliances will bring together HE institutions and enterprises with the aim to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity, employability, knowledge exchange and/or multidisciplinary teaching and learning (min of 6 partners from 3 diff MS). Sector Skills Alliances will bring together enterprises and VET providers (min of 9 partners from 3 diff MS).

Funding: Up to €700K for a 2 year project. Up to €1m for a 3 year project

Knowledge Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees – Centralised Action

What is it for: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees programmes funds scholarships for students, as well as grants for academics or guest lecturers to teach or research in a Master degree programme. Bids are put together by a consortium of organisations to fund an integrated post-graduate course.

Funding: Up to €3m per project: cost of the scholarships + management cost for the preparatory year and the subsequent three annual intakes of students and academics.

Master's Student Loan Guarantee – Centralised Action

What is it for: These loans aim to help master's students with their living and tuition costs when studying abroad. It does not replace Erasmus+ mobility grants. The terms of the loan include special conditions designed to make repayment easier: 1) no need to provide collateral to be approved for a loan; 2) an interest rate lower than the market rate; 3) a 'grace period' of up to one year before repayments begin; 4) a further 'payment holiday' of up to one year.

How much: Students can apply for up to €12K for a one year master or up to €18K for a two year master. Banks and Students Loan Organisations can apply to EC to manage Erasmus+ Student Loans.

Master's Student Loan Guarantee – Centralised Action

What is it for: To support EU studies that promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process in various disciplines.

How much: Up to €300K over three years for Jean Monnet Networks. There are also smaller grants for other type of actions.

Sport Actions – Centralised Action

What is it for: To support European partnerships on grassroots sport in order to pursue the following objectives: tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport, such as doping, match fixing or intolerance and discrimination; promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes; to promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity, through increased participation in, and equal access to sport for all.

How much: Up to €500K over three years. 80% intervention rate.

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