

What's in it for us with Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth, and sport in Europe, it has an estimated budget of €26.2 billion for the period 2021-2027. Erasmus+ is managed by the European Commission (the EU's executive body), the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), National Agencies in Programme countries, and by National Offices in some Partner countries.

As a Programme, Erasmus+ is a powerful tool that is creating change across Europe and beyond. Indeed, Erasmus+ has opportunities for all, from students, staff, trainees, teachers to volunteers. The focus of Erasmus+ is to increase the quality of education and skills for the job market and to continue investing in non-formal learning by enabling young people to participate in exchanges and activities in an informal setting across the EU. This continues to show the stern belief from the EU that Erasmus+ is a success and that it can provide high quality, inclusive education, and training, as well as informal and non-formal learning. European citizens need to be better equipped with the knowledge, skills and competences needed in a dynamically changing society that is increasingly mobile, multicultural, and digital and this is what Erasmus+ aims to achieve.

Erasmus+ also presents opportunities for organisations that want to explore development and networking opportunities with universities, education and training

providers, research organisations, and private businesses that want to create transnational cooperation partnerships in order to produce innovative outputs or exchange best practices. There is also the

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opportunity for organisations to create projects supporting the overall EU policy agenda, the Education and Training 2020 cooperation framework, and the Youth Strategy.

For the period 2021-2027, Erasmus+ has four horizontal priorities and Erasmus+ projects and activities should connect with one or more of these priorities across all sectors.

- **Inclusion and diversity;** aiming to support people with fewer economic, social, and cultural opportunities.

- **Digital Transformation;** aiming to address digital transformation through the development of digital readiness, resilience, and capacity in the educational sector.

- **Environment and fight for climate change;** aiming to raise awareness about global warming and how to develop skills in sustainability-relevant sectors.

- **Participation in democratic participation;** aiming at promoting EU common values, civic engagement, and active citizenship.

Erasmus+ allows for individuals to participate in the programme through their organisations. Numerous projects are granted annually, and these projects fall under six sectors: School Education, Adult Education, Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training,

Youth and Sport. As of 2023, organisations active in the field of sport can also submit projects for mobility of sport staff which aims to support professional development of coaches and other sport staff.

Thousands of projects are taking place across the EU, supporting millions of individuals to participate in the programme. Several projects are selected annually both at National and European level as good practice projects and success stories, having Inspiration, and achieving remarkable results over the course of their project. Two such projects recognised as good practice



Malta is active in the Erasmus+ EU programme through the EUPA, the Maltese national agency.

projects in 2022 on a national level were 'NObesity' by Creative Youth and 'Active children, Technological Innovations, Varied Environments' by Gozo College Secondary School.

'NObesity', was a youth exchange that enabled 6 youths from Malta to participate in an Erasmus+ Project with 30 other youths from Portugal, Hungary, Turkey, Poland and Lithuania and it focused on developing youngsters' understanding of obesity, generate ideas to improve healthy lifestyle, raise awareness of how unhealthy lifestyle leads to psychological issues, and promote healthy dishes inspired from participating countries. The beneficiary institution was Creative Youth, a fast-growing youth group in Malta, which aims to prepare Maltese youth to succeed in the modern professional world and become socially active in volunteering initiatives. The project had a profound impact on participants,

helping them become more competent and open-minded. It also built the international experience and recognition profile of all parties involved and created stronger bonds with other members of the consortium.

Another successful project recognised as a good practice in 2022, was 'Active children, Technological Innovations, Varied Environments' by Gozo College Secondary School. The project was a collaboration between six schools from Denmark, Iceland, England, Finland, Turkey and Malta and it enabled 4 students and 2 teachers from Gozo College to participate in a mobility abroad amongst other activities. The objectives of this project were to encourage active learning, where pupils move both mind and body, and use ICT actively in their learning in collaboration with peers across borders. The project aimed to help pupils become active/passive learners, learn about growth mindset, and to help

them be resilient in terms of their goals. By participating in this project, students have gained the skills of active mind, active body, active learner with a focus on life-long learning.

Erasmus+ is indeed a powerful programme that has touched and changed many lives and it will continue to do so over the coming years. Millions of individuals, through their organisations, are experiencing mobilities abroad, further developing their skills, exploring new cultures, making new friends, and undergoing a life changing experience that will continue to empower them and support their growth. Explore what opportunities are out there for you and be part of the Erasmus+ world. For more information contact the European Union Programmes Agency on eupa@gov.mt or 25552326.



The KA229 project



The Nobesity Project