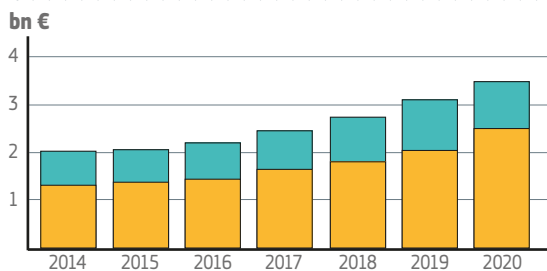




European
Commission

ERASMUS+

The EU programme for education, training, youth and sport (2014-2020)



Source: see Erasmus+ 2014 annual report

€14.7 BN BUDGET

2/3 of budget: learning opportunities abroad for individuals
1/3 of budget: partnerships + reforms of the education and youth sectors

WHAT DOES IT OFFER?

- More opportunities for millions of Europeans to study, train, volunteer or gain professional experience abroad
- Funding for actions in the field of sport
- Stronger international dimension with more opportunities for participants to study worldwide
- Language learning support for all participants

WHAT'S BETTER?

- A 40% increase in funding compared to its predecessor programmes = €14.7 billion in grants over 7 years = opportunities for 3.7% of young people in the EU (i.e. around 3.3 million young people over the period)
- A stronger focus on improving young people's job prospects to tackle youth unemployment
- A more inclusive programme supporting people with fewer opportunities

WHAT'S THE FUTURE?

- The European Commission has proposed to increase the Erasmus budget to €30 billion for the EU's next long-term budget 2021-2027, allowing up to 12 million people to have a learning experience abroad.



MOBILITY EXCHANGES: WHO CAN BENEFIT?

Students in higher education:

Up to 2 million students, including 450 000 trainees, are expected to benefit from grants to study and train abroad. This more than doubles the opportunities offered in the past 30 years. More than 135 000 students and staff can come to Europe – or go outside Europe. Master students can apply for an Erasmus-backed loan with more affordable conditions to complete a full degree (this is already available in Croatia, Cyprus, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Turkey). Scholarships are available for students worldwide to take part in the 'Erasmus Mundus joint master degrees': study programmes run by institutions in at least two different countries.

Vocational training students and apprentices:

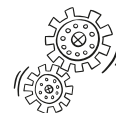
Up to 650 000 grants offered for vocational studies or apprenticeships abroad.

Young people taking part in youth exchanges and volunteering:

About 540 000 young people can go abroad as part of youth exchanges. More than 50 000 volunteers have been supported through Erasmus+ since 2014. From mid-2018 onwards, organisations can receive funding for volunteering opportunities through the European Solidarity Corps.

Teachers, youth trainers and other staff:

Opportunities for 800 000 teachers, lecturers, trainers, education staff and youth workers to gain new skills abroad.



COOPERATION PROJECTS: WORKING ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Facilitating the transition between education and work:

Funding for more than 25 000 partnerships across 125 000 education, training and youth organisations and enterprises. These organisations work with peers in other countries in their own sector and other sectors to develop, transfer and implement innovative education, training and youth practices. For example, they develop new teaching practices or curricula, or allow students to study real-life cases in business and industry.

Boosting employment and entrepreneurship:

Support for more than 300 large partnerships among education institutions and enterprises to tackle skills gaps and foster start-ups.



EMBRACING SPORT: IMPROVING THE GAME, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Erasmus+ promotes a range of sports events and collaborative partnerships, with funding for up to 1 200 projects. Erasmus+ supports transnational projects involving grassroots sport organisations, and promotes – among other things – good governance, social inclusion, the fight against racism, dual careers, and physical activity for all.

EXAMPLES OF ERASMUS+ PROJECTS:

Online CVs for university students

This two-year project that ended in 2017 brought together universities and student networks from seven countries. They created a digital tool - the Digital Portfolio Portal - to help students create a kind of online Curriculum Vitae, which enables them to present their experiences and qualifications in a professional way and so enhance their employability. Participants in the project developed a database of digital portfolios to engage employers and encourage them to use this tool when selecting future employees.

Education on green entrepreneurship in secondary schools

Partners from five participating countries ran a strategic partnership for school education between 2015 and 2017, which dealt with green entrepreneurship. They developed a set of teaching materials, syllabuses and methodologies for school teachers. The aim was to better support teachers in helping pupils acquire entrepreneurial skills as well as competences needed in the green economy, and making young people aware of the importance of sustainability.



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Adult learning: creating resilient communities through social leadership

Through this Erasmus+ adult education project that ran in 2016-2017, 40 staff from a British consortium of mainly black and minority ethnic community organisations visited partner organisations in Greece and Germany to receive training in social leadership skills. They gained new knowledge, learnt about good practices and created connections, which helped them set up new projects in their home organisations to promote community building in their towns and cities.

Fighting social exclusion through street-based youth work

Three EU-based non-governmental organisations and six similar organisations from the rest of the world are using innovative 'social street work' methods to help make policies designed to reach out to young people in vulnerable and isolated conditions more effective. The project, which is running until autumn 2019, will provide training for 700 street-based youth workers, help create and reinforce local, national and international networks of street workers, and develop an awareness campaign to make policy makers more aware of the role of social street work for youth in their respective countries.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

... More and more young people are using Erasmus+ exchanges to gain valuable work experience abroad (4% increase in 2017 compared to 2016)

... Five years after graduation, the unemployment rate of young people who studied or trained abroad is 23% lower than that of their non-mobile peers

... 1 in 3 Erasmus+ trainees are offered a position by the company they trained in

... From the start of Erasmus+ (2014) until the end of 2017, about 2.8 million people have participated in the programme

... 1 in 3 youth mobility participants comes from a disadvantaged background

... Erasmus+ is helping to address match-fixing in sports