

National Call 2018

Preparatory measures for the Erasmus+ Programme in Serbia

1. Introduction and background

This call for proposals refers to the support to pilot projects in 2018 in the framework of preparatory measures which have been put in place in order to prepare Serbia for the full participation in the Erasmus+ Programme as a Programme Country.

It is based on the following legal instruments:

- Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance II (IPA II) fund; Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 9422 of 11.12.2014 adopting an Annual Country Action Programme for Serbia for the year 2014;
- Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport.

The Agency "the Foundation Tempus" (hereinafter called "the Agency") established in Serbia is responsible for implementing this call.

The implementation of this call for proposals is based on the grant contract concluded between the European Commission and the Agency for the operational implementation of the preparatory measures for the Erasmus+ Programme.

2. Objectives and priorities of Erasmus+ Programme

The general objectives stated in the above-mentioned Regulations establishing the Erasmus+ Programme are the following²:

- the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy, including the headline education target;
- the objectives of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ('ET 2020'), including the corresponding benchmarks;
- the sustainable development of partner countries in the field of higher education;
- the overall objectives of the renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018);
- the objective of developing the European dimension in sport, in particular grassroots sport, in line with the Union work plan for sport; and
- the promotion of European values in accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

¹ Reference to the legal basis serves as the explanatory how the projects/actions should be implemented/carried out.


² Article 4 - (*General objective of the Programme*) of the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+

In line with the general objectives of the Programme as specified above, in particular the objectives of ET 2020, as well as in support of the sustainable development of partner countries in the field of higher education, the Programme shall pursue the following specific objectives³:

- to improve the level of key competences and skills, with particular regard to their relevance for the labour market and their contribution to a cohesive society, in particular through increased opportunities for learning mobility and through strengthened cooperation between the world of education and training and the world of work;
- to foster quality improvements, innovation excellence and internationalisation at the level of education and training institutions, in particular through enhanced transnational cooperation between education and training providers and other stakeholders;
- to promote the emergence and raise awareness of a European lifelong learning area designed to complement policy reforms at national level and to support the modernisation of education and training systems, in particular through enhanced policy cooperation, better use of Union transparency and recognition tools and the dissemination of good practices;
- to enhance the international dimension of education and training, in particular through cooperation between Union and partner-country institutions in the field of VET and in higher education, by increasing the attractiveness of European higher education institutions and supporting the Union's external action, including its development objectives, through the promotion of mobility and cooperation between the Union and partner-country higher education institutions and targeted capacity-building in partner countries;
- to improve the teaching and learning of languages and to promote the Union's broad linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness;
- to promote excellence in teaching and research activities in European integration through the Jean Monnet activities worldwide.

3. Scope of the call

This call for proposals covers the following preparatory measures for the Erasmus+ programme:

- Key Action 1 (KA1) — Learning mobility of individuals:
Mobility of individuals in the field of school education, adult education, vocational education and training and youth,
- Key Action 2 (KA2) — Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices:
Strategic partnerships in the field of:
 -  school education excluding school to school partnerships,

³ Article 5 - (*Specific objectives*) of the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+

- ✚ vocational education and training,
- ✚ higher education,
- ✚ adult education,
- ✚ youth.

4. Eligibility

The eligible participating organisations, applicants and activities per actions are listed and described in Annex 1.

5. Budget and duration of projects

The total budget earmarked for this call for proposals is estimated at **EUR 1.727.962,00** and it is divided amongst the actions as follows:

Key Action 1

- School Education: EUR 341.177,00
- Vocational Education and Training: EUR 150.000,00
- Adult Education: EUR 85.000,00
- Youth: EUR 180.000,00

Key Action 2

- School Education: EUR 210.000,00
- Vocational Education and Training: EUR 204.785,00
- Higher Education: EUR 250.000,00
- Adult Education: EUR 140.000, 00
- Youth: EUR 167.000, 00

The total budget earmarked for the call for proposals as well as its repartition is indicative and may be modified subject to an amendment of the IPA II funds. Potential applicants are invited to regularly consult the level of the fund at the Agency.

The level of grants awarded as well as the duration of projects vary depending on factors such as the type of project and the number of partners involved.

6. Deadline for the submission of applications

All deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

Key Action 1

- Mobility of individuals in the field of youth 1 February 2018
- Mobility of individuals in the field of education and training 1 February 2018

Key Action 2

- Strategic partnerships in the field of education and training 21 March 2018
- Strategic partnerships in the field of youth 26 April 2018

7. Information complementary to this call

Important information for applicants is included in Annex 1⁴ and Annex 2⁵.

8. Full details concerning the Erasmus+ actions

More details on Erasmus+ Programme within the 2018 general call, including priorities, can be found in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide at the following internet address:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en

⁴Actions, sectors, eligible participating organisations, applicants and activities per actions, eligibility and award criteria

⁵Information for applicants