



**National Agency Erasmus+ Education**  
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## **Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships**

Cooperation opportunities KA 2

## SP in Higher Education (Austria)

### 2014

- 16 applications
- **4 projects approved**
- EU + national funding : 1.104.388 €

### 2015

- 24 applications
- **3 projects approved**
- EU + national funding : 856.425 €

### 2016

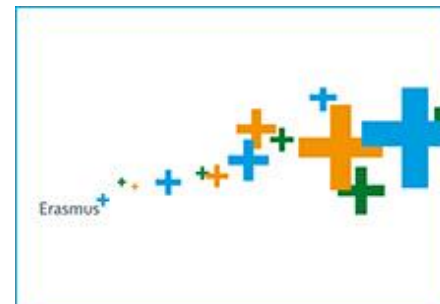
- 21 applications
- **3 projects approved**

## Relevant Strategy Papers

### Clear targeting on political priorities (EU 2020)

- Europe 2020: [http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm)
- Education and Training 2020: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/index_en.htm)
- Agenda for the modernisation of Europe's higher education systems: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/policy/modernisation\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/policy/modernisation_en.pdf)

### Increased focus on the European added value, impact, output, distribution as an essential element



# Strategic Partnerships

To be funded, projects must address...

- at least one horizontal priority

OR

- at least one specific priority

**that is mostly impacted.**



# Strategic Partnerships

## Horizontal priorities



- Improve achievement in relevant and high-level basic and transversal competence
- Actions addressing diversity in (formal and non-formal) education and training, developing social, civic, intercultural competences and media literacy
- Enhancing the access, participation and performance of disadvantaged learners and facilitating their transitions
- Contribution to disseminating learning outcomes of formal and non-formal learning activities as well as to mainstreaming and spreading the utilisation of open and innovative education, training and youth pedagogy
- Strengthening the recruitment, selection and induction of the best and most suitable candidates for the teaching profession

# Strategic Partnerships

## Priorities specific to the field of Higher Education



- As outlined in the 2011 EU Modernisation Agenda
- As outlined in the 2013 Communication on Opening up Education

# Strategic Partnerships

## Strategic Goals

- **European added value** through transnational cooperation
- Support of political objectives of **internationalisation and modernisation** of higher education
- Quality improvement through the development of innovative approaches
- Promoting European key competences
  - Especially language skills
  - Entrepreneurship
  - IT skills



# Strategic Partnerships

## Strategic Goals

- Strengthening of labour market relevant content → **Employability**
- Promotion and integration of people with different **education biographies** and promoting **equal opportunities** as well as inclusion of disadvantaged groups
- Widespread involvement and networking with stakeholders
- Development of **sustainable project results** /Dissemination

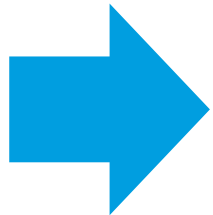




# Strategic Partnerships

## Strategic Aims

To sum up, strategic partnerships should strengthen



the **Development**,  
the **Transfer** and/or  
the **Implementation**

of innovative approaches to education in order to contribute to

**high quality learning, teaching and training**

as well as

**institutional modernisation and social innovation.**

# Strategic Partnerships

## Possible Objectives

- Development of joint degrees
- (Further) development of existing or new curricula
- Development of modules
- Development of Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Development of specific training programmes and platforms
- Development of new teaching methods and materials
- Long-term partnerships with enterprises
- Development / implementation of approaches for the recognition of already acquired education
- etc.

# Erasmus+

## Programme Countries

- EU Member States
- EFTA States (IS, LI, NO)
- Turkey, FYR Macedonia

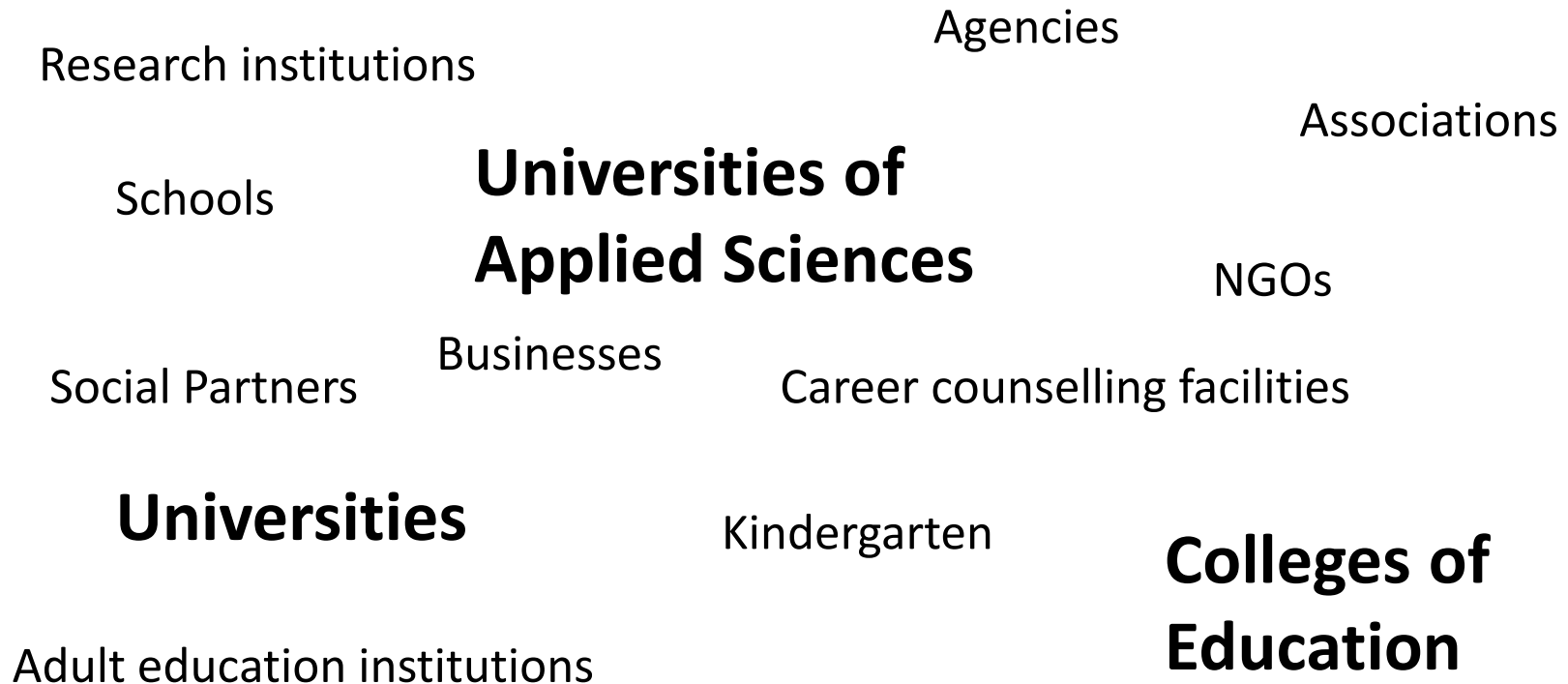
## Partner Countries (=„Third Countries“)

- Countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy in the framework of agreements
- Other third countries in individual programme areas
- EFTA-State (CH)



# Strategic Partnerships

## Which institutions can participate? (Selection)



# Strategic Partnerships

## Basics

- Duration: 24 to 36 months
- Legal entities entitled to apply
- Higher Education Institutions established in Programme Countries must also hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
- Applications must be coordinated by an organization established in a Programme Country and must generally involve **at least three organizations** from different Programme Countries
- Further Partner Countries → bring essential added value



# Strategic Partnerships

## Application Procedure

- Registration in URF before application
- PIC Generation
- Deadline for application: **NEW March 29, 2017-12:00**
- Advice and final checks
- Project start: from September 1, 2017 onwards
- Only the coordinating institution submits the application to its National Agency
- Electronic application via e -form



# Strategic Partnerships

## What a good application must include

- Sufficient and comprehensive information
- Relevance of the project idea („needs analysis“)
- Project design and project implementation
- Composition of international project teams
- Sustainability and dissemination of project results

**= evaluation criteria with regard to content**

# Strategic Partnerships

## Funding

- Max. EU contribution awarded
- 2 years: 300.000 €
- 3 years: 450.000 €

## Consortium

- Min. 3 partners from at least 3 Programme Countries

## Budget

- Modular financing logic



# Strategic Partnerships

## 7 cost categories

- Project management and implementation
- Transnational project meetings
- „Intellectual Outputs“
- Learning/Teaching/Training Activities
- Multiplier events
- Exceptional costs
- Special need support



# Strategic Partnerships

## Project management and implementation

- Project management
- Local project activities
- Staff costs
- Contribution to unit costs
  - 500 EUR per month for coordinating organization
  - 250 EUR per month for partner organization
  - Maximum 2,750 EUR per month

# Strategic Partnerships

## Transnational project meetings

- Participation in meetings between project partners hosted by one of the participating organizations for implementation and coordination purposes
- Contribution to unit costs per person
  - Distance 100 to 1,999 km: 575 EUR
  - Distance of 2,000 km or more: 760 EUR

→ **Distance calculator by the European Commission.**

# Strategic Partnerships

## „Intellectual Outputs“ (1)

- Intellectual outputs - tangible deliverables (e.g. curricula, pedagogical materials, etc.)
- Activities with considerable employment of staff
- Documentation with time-sheets
- Lump sum per day per person (Unit costs) with distinction to
  - Country
  - Staff category (Manager, Teacher/Trainer/ Researcher, Technician, Administrative Staff)

# Strategic Partnerships

## „Intellectual Outputs“ (2)

- Scale is not crucial for a good evaluation
- Legitimate to produce very few outputs, to meet specific needs
- Important: adjust duration of the project

# Strategic Partnerships

## Multiplier Events

- Contribution to the costs linked to national and transnational conferences, seminars
- Events sharing and disseminating the intellectual outputs realized by the project
- Basis of calculation: lump sum per participant (unit costs)
  - 100 EUR per local participant (no border crossing)
  - 200 EUR per international participant (border crossing)
  - Max. 30.000 EUR per project

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## Learning/Teaching/Training Activities (1)

- Transnational mobility activities with a direct contribution to the objective of the strategic partnership:
  - Long-term staff training 2 - 12 months
  - Short term training mobilities and / or learning events (intensive programs, project group mobility of students / including supervisors.): 5 days - 2 months
  - Short-term joint staff training events: **NEW 3** days – 2 months
  - Blended Mobility: 5 days - 2 months

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## Learning/Teaching/Training Activities (2)

- **Travel costs**

Lump sum per mobility and per person (unit costs)

travel distances

- 10 - 99KM: 20 EUR per participant
- 100 - 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant
- 500 - 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant
- 2000 - 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant
- 3000 - 3999 KM: 530 EUR per participant
- 4000 - 7999 KM: 820 EUR per participant
- 8000 KM or more: 1300 EUR per participant

→ Distance calculator by the European Commission



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## Learning/Teaching/Training Activities (3)

- **Subsistence costs** as a lump sum per person (unit costs) according to
  - Destination (destination country)
  - Duration in days
  - Type of activity

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## Learning/Teaching/Training Activities (4)

- **Linguistic support** for long-term mobility (2-12 months):
  - Fixed amount per person (unit costs)
  - 150 EUR per person
  - Justification must be included in application

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## Exceptional Costs

- **Actual costs** on presentation of the invoice
  - 25% own contribution
  - Max. 50.000 EUR per project
  - Financing experts by subcontracting (translation; consulting services)
  - Financing equipment which is not part of the usual facilities of the beneficiaries

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## Special Needs

- Cover higher costs incurred by the participation of persons with disability or chronic illness
- Reimbursement of actual costs (100%)
- Must be motivated in application
- Within the scope of approved project budget

# Strategic Partnerships

## Erasmus+ Project Results Platform

A common platform for Erasmus+ and Creative Europe



<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform. At the top, there is the European Commission logo and the text "ERASMUS+ EU programme for education, training, youth and sport". Below this is a navigation bar with "Help", "Contact Us", "Legal Issues", and "Login". A large banner image shows a diverse group of people with their arms raised in celebration. Below the banner is a search bar with the text "Search by keyword" and a "Search" button. There are also tabs for "Projects", "Results", "Good practices", and "Success stories", along with a "Show advanced criteria" dropdown. The main content area is titled "Erasmus+ Project Results" and includes a welcome message: "Welcome to the Erasmus+ platform for dissemination and exploitation of project results. Here you can find project information and results of all projects supported by the European Commission under the integrated Erasmus+ Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport." At the bottom, there are several sections: "DG Education and Culture" with sub-sections for "Education and training", "Sport", "Youth", and "Languages"; "Erasmus+" with links for "Home", "Organisational Chart (643 kB)", "Annual work programme", "Consultations", and "Evaluation"; "Partners & networks" with links for "EACEA" and "National agencies"; and a "Commissioner Navracsics" section with links for "Erasmus+", "e-Newsletter read online", and "subscribe".

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