

Education and social enhancement through sport

with the Erasmus+ Programme

Sport is one of the key areas supported by the Erasmus+ programme, with the aim of facilitating transnational and international cooperation between organisations and people in the field of sport, empowering people with more specific competences and facilitating the transfer of good practice and expertise in the field of sport. It gives sports professionals the opportunity to improve their skills and the quality of their work by participating as individuals in learning mobilities abroad, or to innovate at the level of sports organisations and policies by participating in international cooperation within the sports organisation or institution they represent.

It is possible to participate in these mobilities as a sports professional or as a representative of an organisation or institution working in the field of sport.

What are the priorities of this action?

By supporting sports organisations and activities, the European Union aims to

- Promoting a healthy lifestyle for all: promoting sport and physical activity as a tool for health, supporting traditional games and intergenerational sport, promoting all activities that encourage the practice of sport.
- Promoting equality and values in and through sport: promoting equality, including gender equality; promoting peace and inclusion; promoting non-discrimination, anti-racism, openness and tolerance;
- Promoting education in and through sport: supporting skills development, promoting dual careers, promoting quality of coaching and staff, promoting employability;
- Promoting integrity and values in sport: combating doping, combating corruption in sport, improving good governance, promoting the positive values of sport.

What types of activities and actions are covered?

The programme supports different types of activities, from local grassroots events to European sporting not-for-profit events.

The general characteristics are that they are non-profit oriented and based on the key role of grassroots organisations with strong local links.

Some activities, such as Individual Mobility (Ka1), aim to improve organisational skills by training staff and coaches who can participate in individual international mobility events, with the aim of strengthening grassroots organisations, improving the know-how of sports personnel and enhancing the role of grassroots sport in promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles, interpersonal relations, social inclusion and equality.

Other project types, such as Cooperation Partnerships and Small-Scale Partnerships, include a range of activities with the general aim of strengthening sport organisations and widening access to the Programme to small-scale actors and individuals who are difficult to reach.

In particular, with lower grant amounts awarded to organisations, shorter duration and simpler administrative requirements, **small-scale projects aim to reach grassroots organisations**, less experienced organisations and newcomers to the Programme, thus reducing the entry barriers to the Programme for organisations with lower organisational capacity.



This action will also support flexible formats - a mix of transnational and national activities, but with a European dimension - which will give organisations more opportunities to reach out to and involve people with fewer opportunities in their local contexts. Small-scale partnerships can also contribute to the creation and development of transnational networks and to promoting synergies with and between local, regional, national and international policies.

For bigger or more experienced organisations who are already comfortable with European projects there is the possibility to promote large scale partnerships for cooperation or European non-profit sport events.

Who can participate?

Depending on the type of project, applicants can be a public or private organisation active in the field of sport and physical activity and organising sport and physical activity at grassroots level (e.g. non-profit organisation, local authority, sports club) or a non-grassroots sport organisation whose staff participation benefits grassroots sport (e.g. international organisation).

How to participate?

Some actions are based on regular calls for proposals, according to an annual timetable published in the Erasmus+ General Guide. Other actions are based on specific calls for proposals published by the European Commission.

Each project must be managed by a consortium of organisations, the minimum number of which varies between 2 and 10 depending on the Key Action.

Each member of the consortium must be based in an EU country or in a third country associated to the programme.

More information:

More information can be found on our website www.youthspeaces.eu under the Erasmus+ section, or on the Youth Portal or addressing the national agency dealing with Erasmus+ for sport.

