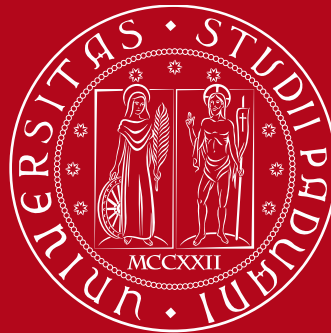


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## Erasmus+ Key Action 2 Strategic Partnerships

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## 2 TYPES OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

### EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES

- develop and reinforce networks, increase their capacity to operate at transnational level, share ideas, practices, methods
- results and activities co- financed through the budget for project management and implementation
- NOT for Higher Education sector

### INNOVATION

- develop innovative outputs, and/or engage into intensive dissemination and exploitation activities of existing and newly produced products or innovative ideas
- specific budget for Intellectual Outputs and Multiplier Events
- open to all fields of education, training and youth

**Strategic Partnerships **must** address either:**

- at least one horizontal priority

**or**

- at least one specific priority relevant to the field of higher education, training or youth

**Strategic Partnerships are **cross-sectorial** when addressing:**

- at least one horizontal priority

**or**

- at least two priorities that are specific to two different fields

## HORIZONTAL PRIORITIES

- **Supporting individuals in acquiring and developing basic skills and key competences;**
- **Social inclusion;**
- **Innovative practices in a digital era;**
- **Supporting educators;**
- **Sustainable investment, quality and efficiency of education, training and youth systems;**
- **Social and educational value of European cultural heritage;**
- **Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications;**
- **Common values, civic engagement and participation;**
- **Environmental and climate goals.**



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## FIELD SPECIFIC PRIORITIES - HIGHER EDUCATION

- Promoting internationalisation;
- Tackling skills gaps and mismatches;
- Rewarding excellence in learning, teaching and skills development;
- Building inclusive higher education systems;
- Fostering effective, efficient and sustainable system-level funding and governance models;
- Supporting the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps;
- Fostering civic engagement;
- Consolidation and further development of higher education data tools and data sources

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- activities that **strengthen the cooperation** and networking between organisations;
- testing and/or implementation of **innovative practices** in the field of education,;
- activities that facilitate the **recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and competences** acquired through formal, non-formal and informal learning;
- activities of **cooperation between regional authorities** to promote the development of education systems and their integration in actions of local and regional development;
- activities to **support learners with disabilities/special needs** to complete education cycles and facilitate their transition into the labour market, including combating segregation and discrimination in education;
- activities to better prepare and deploy the education and training of professionals for **equity, diversity and inclusion** challenges in the learning environment;
- activities to promote the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and newly arrived migrants and raise awareness about the refugee crisis in Europe;
- transnational initiatives fostering entrepreneurial mind-sets and skills, to encourage **active citizenship and entrepreneurship** (including social entrepreneurship)
- **transnational learning, teaching and training activities of individuals**, in so far as they bring added value in the achievement of the project's objectives (including blended mobility)

# WHO CAN TAKE PART IN A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP?

**organisations established in *Programme Countries*, with ECHE**

**organisations from *Partner Countries***

**ONLY as partners (not as applicants)**

**ONLY if their participation brings an essential added value to the project**

**Min. 3 organisations from 3 different Programme Countries**

**no max. number of partners, BUT budget for management costs is capped (and equivalent to 10 partners)**



**Italian National Agency recommends no more than 6!**

**Duration: between 24 and 36 months**

**max. EU funding  
300.000 EUR**

**max. EU funding  
450.000 EUR**

- **Project management and implementation**
- **Transnational project meetings**
- **Intellectual Outputs**
- **Multiplier Events**
- **Transnational Learning, Teaching and Training Activities**
  - ☐ **Travel**
  - ☐ **Individual support**
  - ☐ **Linguistic support**
  - ☐ **Exceptional costs**
- **Exceptional costs**
- **Special needs support**

**Co-funding needed even if not explicitly mentioned!**



# BUDGET STRUCTURE

Item	Eligible cost	Amount
<b>Project management and implementation unit costs</b>	<b>Project management</b> (e.g. planning, finances, coordination and communication between partners, etc.); small scale learning/teaching/training materials, tools, approaches etc. Virtual <b>cooperation</b> and <b>local project activities</b> (e.g. class-room project work with learners, youth work activities, organisation and mentoring of embedded learning/training activities, etc.); <b>information, promotion</b> and <b>dissemination</b> (e.g. brochures, leaflets, web information, etc.).	Coordinator: <b>500 EUR</b> per month  Partner: <b>250 EUR</b> per organisation per month  Max <b>2750 EUR</b> per month
<b>Transnational project meetings unit costs</b>	Participation in meetings between project partners and hosted by one of the participating organisations for <b>implementation</b> and <b>coordination purposes</b> . Contribution to travel and subsistence costs	For travel distances between 100 and 1999KM: <b>575 EUR</b> per participant per meeting  For travel distances of 2000 KM or more: <b>760 EUR</b> per participant per meeting

Item	Eligible cost	Amount
<b>Intellectual outputs</b> <b>unit costs</b>	<p>Intellectual outputs = innovative, tangible and transferable product of the project</p> <p>Staff costs of the participating organisations</p> <p>All results must be available under open license</p>	<p>Amounts depending on the <b>country</b> and the <b>profile</b> of the staff involved with specific reference to project activities, to to his/her own role in the institution (manager, teacher / trainer / researcher, technician, administrative staff)</p>

YES	NO
<i>Pedagogical methodologies</i>	<i>Report on concluded activities</i>
<i>Guidelines / Handbooks</i>	<i>Good Practices Repository</i>
<i>Scientific Research</i>	<i>Monitoring and Evaluation Plan</i>
<i>IT Tool, Open Educational Resources</i>	<i>Academic theses</i>
<i>Toolkit</i>	<i>Benchmarking Study</i>
<i>Curricula / Training Course</i>	<i>Video / Photogallery / Website</i>

# BUDGET STRUCTURE

Item	Eligible cost	Amount
<b>Multiplier events</b> <b>unit</b> costs	<p>Contribution to the costs linked to national and transnational conferences, seminars, events <b>sharing</b> and <b>disseminating</b> the intellectual outputs realised by the project (excluding costs for travel and subsistence of representatives of participating organisations involved in the project).</p> <p>Only in countries participating in the consortium</p>	<p><b>100 EUR</b> per local participant</p> <p><b>200 EUR</b> per international participant (i.e. participants from other countries)</p> <p>Max 30 000 EUR per project</p>

YES	NO
<i>Public dissemination events</i>	<i>Workshops</i>
<i>Final conference to present project results / outputs / products</i>	<i>Transational project meetings</i>
<i>Public seminars to present project results</i>	<i>Events not foreseeing a sufficient number of participants from outside the partnership</i>

## Transnational Training, Teaching and Learning Activities

Item	Eligible cost	Amount
<b>Travel</b> <b>unit</b> costs	Contribution to the travel costs of participants, including accompanying persons, from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return	For travel distances between 100 and 1999KM: <b>275 EUR</b> per participant  For travel distances > 2000KM: <b>360 EUR</b> per participant
<b>Individual support</b> <b>unit</b> costs	Unit cost per day covering the subsistence of participants, including accompanying persons, during the activity	According to type of mobility, duration and country where the activity takes place
<b>Linguistic support</b> <b>unit</b> costs	Only for activities lasting between 2 and 12 months	150 EUR per participant needing linguistic support
<b>Exceptional costs</b> <b>real</b> costs	Expensive travel costs of participants from outermost regions and Overseas Countries and Territories	Expensive travel costs: max up to 80% of eligible costs

# BUDGET STRUCTURE

Item	Eligible cost	Amount
<b>Exceptional costs</b> <b>real</b> costs	<p>subcontracting or purchase of goods and services involving staff external to the participating institutions (e.g. translations, external evaluator, purchase of website dominion – NO marketing campaign, catering)</p> <p>Costs for providing a financial guarantee, if the National Agency asks for it.</p>	<p>75% of eligible costs</p> <p>Max <b>50.000 EUR</b> per project (excluding costs for providing a financial guarantee)</p>
<b>Special needs support</b> <b>real</b> costs	<p>Additional costs directly related to participants with disabilities</p>	<p>100% of eligible costs</p>



**Formal check: National Agency (INDIRE)**



**Qualitative evaluation: panel of external experts**

- ***Relevance of the project (30 pt)***
- ***Quality of the project design and implementation (20 pt)***
- ***Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements (20 pt)***
- ***Impact and dissemination (30 pt)***

**Threshold: min. 60 points and half of the max score in each criteria**

## **Relevance of the project (max 30 points)**

**Relevance to the objectives and the priorities of the Action**  
→ highly relevant when more priorities are addressed.

**Extent to which:**

- the proposal is based on a evidence-based and adequate needs analysis;
- the objectives are clearly defined, realistic, relevant;
- the proposal is suitable of realising synergies between different fields;
- the proposal is innovative and/or complementary to other initiatives;
- the proposal brings added value at EU level.

## **Quality of the project design and implementation (max 20 points)**

- clarity, completeness and quality of the work programme;
- consistency between project objectives and activities proposed;
- quality and feasibility of the methodology proposed;
- existence and relevance of quality control measures;
- extent to which the project is cost-effective.

### **If the project plans training, teaching or learning activities:**

- extent to which these activities are appropriate to the project's aims and involve the appropriate number of participants;
- quality of arrangements for the recognition and validation of participants' learning outcomes.



## **Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)**

- the project involves an appropriate mix of complementary organisations;
- distribution of responsibilities for the commitment all organisations;
- the project involves newcomers to the Action;
- existence of effective mechanisms for coordination and communication;
- if relevant, participation of organisations from different fields of education, training, youth and other socio-economic sectors;
- if applicable, the extent to which the involvement of a participating organisation from a Partner Country brings an essential added value to the project (if this condition is not fulfilled, the project will not be considered for selection).

## **Impact and dissemination (max 30 points)**

- **quality of measures for evaluating the outcomes of the project;**
- **potential impact of the project;**
- **quality of the dissemination plan: appropriateness and quality of measures aimed at sharing the outcomes of the project within and out-side the participating organisations;**
- **quality of the sustainability plan;**
- **if relevant, the extent to which the proposal describes how the materials, documents and media produced will be made freely available and promoted through open licences.**

**DEADLINE: March 24<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 12:00 Brussels time**

**WEBFORM: <http://www.erasmusplus.it/partecipa/>**

**NEW CALL 2020: ORGANISATION ID (OID) → not needed for those organisations with valid PIC (automatic conversion)**

## **RESULTS CALL 2019, ITALIAN NATIONAL AGENCY**

- **Received applications: 76**
- **Eligible applications: 64**
- **Project awarded EU funding: 25 (≈ 33%)**
- **Budget: 8.544.632,00 EUR (≈ 342.000 EUR per project)**

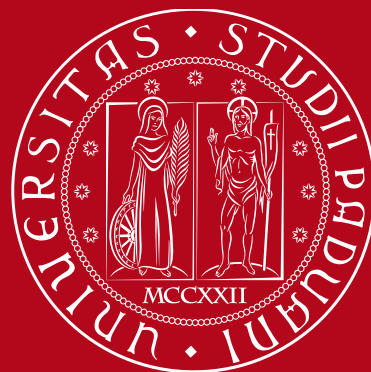


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