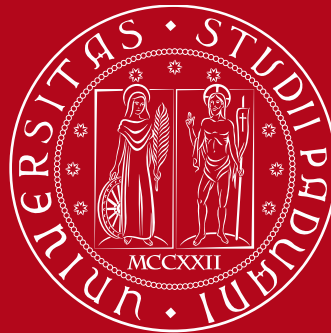


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Erasmus+ Key Action 2
Knowledge Alliances

A KNOWLEDGE ALLIANCE IS:

a transnational, structured and result-driven project, between higher education and business, open to any discipline, sector and to cross-sectoral cooperation

- Strengthening Europe's innovation capacity and **fostering innovation** in HE, business and broader socio-economic environment
 - Developing new, innovative and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning;
 - Stimulating entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial skills of higher education teaching staff and company staff;
 - Facilitating the exchange, flow and co-creation of knowledge.
- **Modernising** EU Higher Education system
 - Tackling future skills mismatches and promoting excellence in skills development;
 - Building inclusive and connected higher education systems;
 - Ensuring higher education institutions contribute to innovation;
 - Supporting effective and efficient higher education system.

- Boosting **innovation** in higher education, business and in the broader socio-economic environment:
 - new learning and teaching methods (e.g. multidisciplinary curricula, learner-centred and real problem-based teaching and learning);
 - continuing educational programmes and activities with and within companies.
- Developing **entrepreneurial mind-set and skills**:
 - transversal skills learning and application throughout higher education programmes developed in cooperation with enterprises aiming at strengthening employability, creativity and new professional paths;
 - introducing entrepreneurship education in any discipline.
- Stimulating the flow and **exchange of knowledge** between higher education and enterprises:
 - study field related activities in enterprises which are fully embedded in the curriculum, recognised and credited;
 - exchanges of students, researchers, teaching staff and company staff
 - involvement of company staff into teaching and research
- Learning **mobility** activities of students/researchers/staff, in so far as they bring added value in the achievement of the project's objectives (including blended mobility) and support/complement other activities → no core activity

KEY FEATURES

INNOVATION in HE

INNOVATION through HE

TRANSNATIONALITY

**IMPACT &
SUSTAINABILITY**

**THEMATIC
CLUSTERS**

CROSS-FERTILISATION

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. 6 organisations from 3 different Programme Countries, of which min. 2 HEIs and min. 2 enterprises as full partners

Duration: between 24 and 36 months

**max. EU funding
700.000 EUR**

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1.000.000 EUR**

Item	Eligible cost	Amount
Implementation support unit costs	<p>Any activity directly linked to the project implementation (e.g. management, meetings, intellectual outputs, dissemination, travel, etc – NO mobility)</p> <p>Staff costs of the participating organisations, included in the project proposal</p> <p>All results must be available under open license</p>	<p>Amounts depending on the country and the profile of the staff involved (manager, teacher / trainer / researcher, technician, administrative staff)</p>

Number of days and staff category by country



EU contribution

Co-funding needed even if not explicitly mentioned!

Mobility Activities (if foreseen)		
Item	Eligible cost	Amount
Travel unit costs	Contribution to the travel costs of participants from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return	<p>For travel distances between 100 and 1999KM: 275 EUR per participant</p> <p>For travel distances > 2000KM: 360 EUR per participant</p>
Subsistence costs unit costs	Unit cost per day covering the subsistence of participants during the activity	<p>STAFF: Until day 14: 100 EUR day/participant Days 15-60: 70 EUR day/participant</p> <p>LEARNERS: Until day 14: 55 EUR day/participant Days 15-60: 40 EUR day/participant</p>



Formal check: Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)



Qualitative evaluation: panel of external experts

- ***Relevance of the project (25 pt, min. 13)***
- ***Quality of the project design and implementation (25 pt, min. 13)***
- ***Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements (30 pt, min. 16)***
- ***Impact and dissemination (20 pt, min. 11)***

Threshold: min. 70 points + minimum required points per criterion

Relevance of the project (max 25 points)

- **PURPOSE** → relevance to the objectives of the Action;
- **CONSISTENCY** → the proposal is based on a sound and solid needs analysis; the objectives and outputs are clearly defined, realistic and address issues relevant to the participating organisations and to the Action;
- **INNOVATION** → the proposal considers state-of-the-art methods and techniques, and leads to project-specific innovative results and solutions;
- **EU ADDED VALUE** → the proposal demonstrates clearly the added value generated through its transnationality and potential transferability.

Quality of the project design and implementation (max 25 points)

- **COHERENCE** → coherent and comprehensive set of appropriate activities to meet the identified needs and lead to the expected results;
- **STRUCTURE** → clear work programme covering all phases;
- **MANAGEMENT** → timeline, organisation, tasks and responsibilities are well defined and realistic. The proposal allocates appropriate resources to each activity;
- **QUALITY & FINANCIAL CONTROL** → specific measures for evaluation of processes and deliverables to ensure that the project implementation is of high quality and cost-efficient.

Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements (max 30 points)

- **CONFIGURATION** of the Partnership → balanced mix of HEIs and business partners whose contributions are significant, pertinent and complementary;
- **COMMITMENT** of each participating organisation;
- **COLLABORATION** → clear arrangements and responsibilities for transparent and efficient decision-making, conflict resolution, reporting and communication within the consortium;
- **REWARD** → clear added value and benefits to each partner
- **Involvement of Partner Countries (if applicable)**

Impact and dissemination (max 20 points)

- **EXPLOITATION** → how the outputs will be used by the partners and other stakeholders and will lead to the expected outcomes;
- **DISSEMINATION** → clear plan for the dissemination of results also to stakeholders and non-participating audience within and after the project's lifetime;
- **IMPACT** → societal and economic relevance and outreach; measures to monitor progress and assess the expected impact (short and long-term);
- **OPEN ACCESS** to project products;
- **SUSTAINABILITY** → appropriate measures and resources to ensure that the partnership, project results and benefits will be sustained beyond the project lifetime.

DEADLINE: February 26th 2020, at 12:00 Brussels time

APPLICATION: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/knowledge-alliances-2020_en

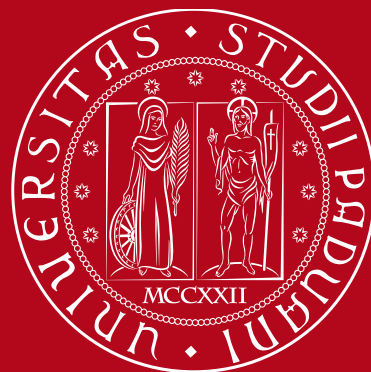
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