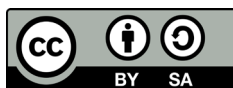


The Yellow Module S3– Other EU Funding Opportunities

An introduction to field specific research and development funding opportunities funded by the European Union



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Interdisciplinary & Collaborative Education and Research Program (ICER-Pro)



Engaging in the EU funding environment	Crafting EU grant applications	Developing impact through research and partnerships
Introduction to the EU funding (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht)	Idea development and pitching (Turku University of Applied Sciences & University of Applied Sciences Utrecht)	Engaging for impact (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht & University of the West of Scotland)
Horizon Europe: Keys of the EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme (Universitat Politècnica de València)	Understanding calls and setting project objectives (Turku University of Applied Sciences)	Research communication (Hamburg University of Applied Sciences)
Other EU funding opportunities (Turku University of Applied Sciences)	Application parameters and administration (Turku University of Applied Sciences)	Social media communication (Politécnico do Porto)
Horizon Europe: Start building your participation strategy (Universitat Politècnica de València)	Consortium building, partner selection, target groups and stakeholders (Universitat Politècnica de València)	Storytelling (Politécnico do Porto)
Getting on board: Becoming a strategic partner and project leader (Universitat Politècnica de València)	Workplan, workpackages, activities, deliverables, milestones (Turku University of Applied Sciences)	
Gender and Diversity in research proposals (Hamburg University of Applied Sciences)	Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation (Hamburg University of Applied Sciences & Turku University of Applied Sciences)	
	Happy Budget Planning (Politécnico do Porto)	

Finding the right EU Funding Programme: What to look for?

What is it for?

- What kind of activities does it support? = Scope (Public service development, involvement of citizens, policy development, educational development..)
- Which activities should be included? Are they listed or do you have to come up with the list yourself?
- Is there a defined structure for a project?
- Do you see a list of eligible activities or suggestions for possible activities?
- What are the program objectives?
- Is this your field of expertise?

Who does it support?

= Eligibility criteria (SMEs, educational institutions, research units, regional authorities)

Can you do it?

Do you and your team have (some of the) expertise needed for the project?

What do you need from others?

Who do you need in the consortium?

Where can you find the consortium members?



Funding programmes today

- Erasmus+
- Interreg (Transnational Programmes)
- Interreg Europe
- Creative Europe
- Digital Europe
- LIFE
- EU4Health
- Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)



Erasmus+



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Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe

Erasmus+ offers mobility and cooperation opportunities in

- higher education
- vocational education and training
- school education (including early childhood education and care)
- adult education
- youth
- Sport

Erasmus+ Program is Divided in Three Key Actions

- Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals
- Key Action 2: Cooperation among organisations and institutions
- Key action 3: Support to policy development and cooperation



Erasmus+ Priorities and Background

2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life.

- It supports priorities and activities set out in the
 - European Education Area
 - Digital Education Action Plan and the
 - European Skills Agenda
 - The programme also supports the European Pillar of Social Rights
- Erasmus+ also implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019- 2027
- Develops the European dimension in sport

Erasmus+ Programme guide is regularly updated and available online:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>



Erasmus+ Key Action 1: Learning mobility

- **Mobility of learners and staff** provides individuals and groups with opportunities for learning experiences and/or gaining professional experience abroad
- **Youth Participation Activities** support international initiatives organised by groups of young people and/or youth organisations with the aim of promoting the development of active citizenship of young people and increasing their awareness of the common values and fundamental rights in the EU
- **Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges** projects consist of online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development.
- **DiscoverEU** offers 18-year-olds an opportunity to discover Europe by train



Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices / Partnerships for Cooperation

Cooperation Partnerships are aimed at providing organisations an opportunity to improve the quality of their activities and develop and strengthen their international cooperation networks.

The duration of a Cooperation Partnership is between 12 and 36 months.

The size and scope of a Cooperation Partnership can vary depending on the objectives and the expected impact of the project.

Erasmus+ grant awarded to selected projects is a lump sum: 120,000, 250,000 or 400,000 €.

At least **three organisations from three different countries** must be involved in a Cooperation Partnership.

Cooperation Partnerships for higher education are managed by the National Agencies

Calls in [Erasmus+ Portal](#), NOT IN FUNDING & TENDERS!

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/partnerships-cooperation>

Next DL on March 10th 2026



Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices / Partnerships for Cooperation

Small-scale partnerships make it easier for small organisations and newcomer organisations to enter the programme. Compared with the above-mentioned cooperation partnerships, the grant amounts awarded to the organisations are **smaller, the activities of a shorter duration and the administrative requirements simpler.**

Cooperation Partnerships for higher education are managed by the National Agencies

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/partnerships-cooperation>



Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices / Partnerships for Innovation

Alliances for innovation are alliances that support the strategic cooperation of the key players in higher education, vocational education and training, businesses and research. They promote innovation in education and training and the capacities to respond to the renewing needs of the labour markets.

Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises

Cooperation **between companies and both higher education and VET providers.**

They may focus on one or several economic sectors.

At least one VET organisation and one higher education organisation must be involved in every partnership.

Duration 2 or 3 years, grant maximum of 1 - 1.5 million euros

Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills

Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (= Blueprint projects) are aimed at creating new strategic approaches and cooperation to develop competence in certain fields that have been identified in the European Skills Agenda, or the Pact for Skills.

The duration of Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills is 4 years and the grant is a maximum of 4 million euros.

A proposal may concern an ecosystem that is not covered by an on-going **Blueprint project** or an ecosystem that has already an on-going Blueprint. In the latter case, the proposal must address fields and areas that are clearly different from those addressed by the on-going Blueprint project/s

These actions are managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

Applications in Funding & Tenders portal / Next DL March 10th 2026



Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices / Partnerships for Innovation

Forward-looking projects foster innovation, creativity and participation, as well as social entrepreneurship in different fields of education and training, within sectors or across sectors and disciplines.

This year the focus is on **basic skills, adult education and digital skills**.

These actions are managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
Applications in [Funding & Tenders portal](#) **Next DL March 3rd 2026**



Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices / Partnerships for Excellence

Erasmus Mundus action comprises Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) and Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM). The action aims at fostering excellence and worldwide internationalisation of higher education institutions via **jointly delivered Master's programmes**.

The European Universities action supports deeper cooperation of the networks of educational institutions and the development of shared long-term strategies.

The Centres of Vocational Excellence initiative supports the development of vocational centres for excellence between participating countries.

The Erasmus+ Teacher Academies action supports the development of teacher education in European cooperation. The networks promote multilingualism and cultural diversity, develop teacher training in accordance with the EU's educational policy priorities and advance the achievement of the goals of the European Education Area.

Capacity building projects promote cooperation with partner countries outside of Europe. The purpose of the capacity-building projects is to support the modernisation and internationalisation of the partner countries' organizations and education systems, to promote the sustainable well-being of youth organizations and young people, and to support sports and sports activities and policies as a means of promoting values in third countries not associated with the program.



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Interreg (Transnational programmes)

Interreg is a key European Union (EU) instruments that strengthens **cooperation between regions and countries** within the EU.

As part of the EU's Cohesion Policy, Interreg plays a vital role in **promoting regional development, cohesion, and reducing economic disparities**.

For the 2021-2027 period, Interreg is focused on addressing current challenges like **climate change, digital transformation, and social inclusion**.

Explore Interreg Programmes:

Explore [Interreg.eu](https://interreg.eu) to access an interactive map showcasing Interreg programs across borders, illustrating its growing impact on regional collaboration and development.

Cross border programmes (Interreg A) for regional collaboration across borders, e.g. Central Baltic

Transnational cooperation (Interreg B), involves regions from several countries of the EU forming bigger areas. E.g. North Sea and Baltic Sea Region

<https://interreg.eu/programmes/>



Interreg Europe

Focuses on capacity building of the regional policy owners in EU. Aiming to get better policies through peer learning.

No more calls during current funding programme!

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/next-call-for-projects>

Interreg cooperation projects bring together policy organisations from at least three European countries. Over four years, they exchange experience and collaborate on a common policy issue. The insights they gain help improve regional policies and create lasting economic, social, and environmental benefits for the people and places they serve

Six Topics:



Digital Europe



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Digital Europe

Focused on bringing digital technology to businesses, citizens and public administrations

Large consortium projects

Part of the long-term EU budget, the [Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027](#).

Find out more information on [how to get funding](#).

[Digital Europe work programmes](#)

[Calls in Funding and Tenders portal](#)

What will the Digital Europe Programme fund?

- Supercomputing
- Artificial intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Advanced digital skills
- Ensuring the wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society



Creative Europe



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Creative Europe / Culture

Co-operation projects

- Large: 2ME =60%. min.10 partners
- Medium: 1ME =70%. min. 5 partners
- Small: 200 000€ =80%. min. 3 partners

The Culture strand of the Creative Europe programme supports a wide range of cultural and creative sectors.

Next DL spring 2026 (large projects not available on this round)

Calls in Funding and tenders portal

The Culture strand encourages **cooperation and exchanges among cultural organisations and artists** within Europe and beyond.

Creative Europe aims to

- foster artistic creation and innovation
- support the promotion and the distribution of European content across Europe and beyond
- help artists find creation and performance opportunities across borders,
- stimulate the digital and environmental transition of the European Culture and Creative Sectors



Creative Europe / Cross Sectoral

The purpose of the Cross-sectoral strand is to reinforce collaboration between different cultural and creative sectors (CCS) in order to help them address the common challenges they face and find innovative solutions.

Main priorities:

- to support cross sectoral transnational policy cooperation, promoting the visibility of the programme and support the transferability of results
- to encourage innovative approaches to **content creation, access, distribution, and promotion across CCS and with other sectors**
- to support adjustments to the structural and technological changes faced by the **news media**
- to support the establishment and activities of the Creative Europe Desks

Cross-Sectoral Strand calls support

- Journalism partnerships (deadline in February 2026)
- Media Literacy (deadline in March 2026)

Creative Innovation labs

Development of innovative tools, models and solutions applicable in the audiovisual and other cultural and creative sectors.

Projects must focus on one (or several) of the below topics:

- Virtual Worlds
- Innovative Business Tools
- Greener practices



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EU4Health Programme

Aims to:

- To improve and foster health in the Union
- Disease prevention & health promotion
- International health initiatives & cooperation
- To tackle cross-border health threats

The new priorities 2025-2029 on **cardiovascular** and other **non-communicable diseases**.

Calls in Funding & Tenders portal

[Work programme 2025](#)

80% financing in cases where widening countries have 30% of budget

[EU4Health programme 2021-2027](#) – a vision for a healthier European Union (europa.eu)

Improve and foster health

- Health promotion and disease prevention, in particular cancer
- International health initiatives and cooperation

Protect people

- Prevention, preparedness and response to cross-border health threats
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare and support staff

Access to medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

- Ensuring that these products are accessible, available and affordable

Strengthen health systems

- Reinforcing health data, digital tools and services, digital transformation of healthcare
- Enhancing access to healthcare
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making
- Integrated work among national health system



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Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

The **LIFE Programme** is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action.

- Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme
- Circular economy and quality of life sub-programme
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme
- Clean Energy Transition sub-programme

Call for proposals for 2025 were published on April 24th
Calls for 2026 can be expected in spring 2026.

-> Some 2025 calls close in March 2026

All LIFE calls for proposals are published on [CINEA's website](#) as well as the [European Commission's Funding & Tenders portal](#).

(CINEA = European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency)

[Proposals can only be submitted electronically through the Funding & Tenders portal.](#)

Info Days 2025 recording available:

<https://vo-europe.swoogo.com/eu-life-info-days-2025/Home>



CERV



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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Four pillars

1. **Equality, Rights and Gender Equality** - promoting rights, non-discrimination, equality (including gender equality), and advancing gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming
2. **Citizens' engagement and participation** - promoting citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, exchanges between citizens of different Member States, and raising awareness of the common European history
3. **Daphne** - fight violence, including gender-based violence and violence against children
4. **Union values** - protect and promote Union values

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-programme/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-programme-overview_en



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

The CERV work programme for 2026 was published in late 2025, including multiple calls

Project durations **12-24 months**

Funding **approximately 230 000 euros**

Funding percentage 90%

Apply through [the EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Link to [the official CERV website](#) for more information



Thank You!

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Please check the following for further information:

[CARPE Website](#)

(general project information & training material)

[LinkedIn](#)

(news & updates)

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