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# Erasmus+ – Key Action 2 – European Universities

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# European Universities

- This action aims to *encourage the emergence by 2024 of some twenty 'European Universities', consisting of bottom-up networks of universities across the EU*
- 'European Universities' aims to establish:
  - A shared, integrated, **long-term joint strategy** for education with, where possible, links to research and innovation and society at large.
  - A **European higher education inter-university 'campus'** offering curricula where students body can experience mobility at all study levels;
  - **European knowledge-creating teams** addressing together societal challenges in a multi-disciplinary approach.

# European Universities

- The action supports higher education institutions in **going beyond existing higher education cooperation models**, and gradually achieving the long-term ambitious vision for 'European Universities'.
- This action will **test different innovative and structural models** of cooperation.
- Who Can apply: Any higher education institution holding a valid [Erasmus Charter for Higher Education \(ECHE\)](#), with its affiliated entities (if any).
- The European University must be composed of **a minimum of three higher education institutions from at least three EU Member States or other Programme countries**.

# Key Action supports:

- This Key Action supports:
  - Transnational **Strategic Partnerships** aimed to develop initiatives addressing one or more fields of education training and youth and promote innovation, exchange of experience and know-how between different types of organisations involved in education, training and youth or in other relevant fields. Certain mobility activities are supported in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project;
  - **Knowledge Alliances** between higher education institutions and enterprises which aim to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity, employability, knowledge exchange and/or multidisciplinary teaching and learning;
  - **Sector Skills Alliances** supporting the design and delivery of joint vocational training curricula, programmes and teaching and training methodologies, drawing on evidence of trends in a specific economic sector and skills needed in order to perform in one or more professional fields;

# Key Action supports:

- **Capacity-building** projects supporting cooperation with Partner Countries in the fields of higher education and youth. Capacity-building projects aim to support organisations/institutions and systems in their modernisation and internationalisation process. Certain types of capacity-building projects support mobility activities in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project;
  - IT support platforms, such as **eTwinning**, the **School Education Gateway**, the **European Platform for Adult Learning (EPALE)** and the **European Youth Portal**, offering virtual collaboration spaces, databases of opportunities, communities of practice and other online services for teachers, trainers and practitioners in the field of school and adult education as well as for young people, volunteers and youth workers across Europe and beyond. In addition, since 2018, the **Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange** initiative offers intercultural learning experiences between young people in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean countries.

# Critical dates

- 28/02/2019 (at 12:00 Brussels time)
- Publication of the call for proposals - 24/10/2018
- Project start date - Between 01/09/2019 and 01/12/2019
- The duration of the project is 3 years (36 months).

# What support is available

- Maximum EU contribution awarded for a 3-year European University is 5 000 000 EUR.
- maximum of 80% of total eligible costs in co-financing.

# How are applications selected :

- All project proposals are assessed by the Evaluation Committee with the support of external experts on the basis of the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria described in the section on European Universities in the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#).
- [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-european-universities\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-european-universities_en)



**Thank you**