

Erasmus+: Funding Opportunities in Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions



Figure 1: Structure of the Erasmus+ Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions

Source: own illustration

Which funding opportunities offers Key Action 2?

The funding measures included in Key Action 2 are grouped in Partnerships for Cooperation, Partnerships for Excellence, Partnerships for Innovation and other actions.

Partnerships for Cooperation (including partnerships in the field of sport) encompass:

- **Cooperation Partnerships:** This funding measure aims at increasing the capacity of organisations to work transnationally and across sectors as well as enabling transformation and change at individual, organisational or sectoral level. Cooperation Partnerships can last between 12 and 36 months and receive a funding up to 400.000 EUR.
- **Small-Scale Partnerships:** This action is designed to enable small-scale actors to cooperate at European level. Projects can have a duration of between 6 and 24 months and be funded with a lump sum of 30.000 EUR or 60.000 EUR.

Partnerships for Excellence encompass three actions targeting higher education institutions:

- **European Universities:** This action supports transnational alliances of universities in Europe that aim at developing joint long-term strategies in education and research. Project duration and funding criteria are established in each specific call for applications.

- **Erasmus+ Teachers Academies:** This measure is addressed to higher education institutions offering teacher education and training in order to build a European partnership for the development of an international outlook in teacher education (e.g. promoting multilingualism and cultural diversity, developing teacher education considering EU priorities and contributing to the development of the European Education Area). Projects have a duration of 3 years with a funding up to 1,5 million euros.
- **Erasmus Mundus Action:** The overall aim of this action is to support the creation and implementation of international joint master's degree programmes. The **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters** funding measure supports running joint master's degrees. Projects receive a grant for 6 academic years to fund at least 4 student intakes. The amount of funding depends on the duration of the intake (60, 90 or 120 credits), the number of students enrolled and the number of student scholarships granted. Besides, this action includes the **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures** to support the creation of new joint master's degree programmes. These projects have a duration of 15 months with a funding of 55.000 EUR.

Partnerships for Innovation include:

- **Alliances for Innovation:** This action is divided in two lots:
 - **Alliances for Innovation** bringing together industry partners and higher education institutions. Projects have a duration of 2 or 3 years and a funding up to 1,5 million euros.
 - **Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills** aiming at supporting partnerships for the development of specific skills with a duration of 4 years and a funding of maximum 4 million euros.
- **Forward-Looking Projects:** This action has the objective of fostering innovation, creativity and social entrepreneurship. It will support partnerships that develop forward-looking ideas in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. The project duration and funding criteria will be established in each specific call for applications.

Besides, Key Action 2 includes:

- **Capacity Building Projects** that strengthen the cooperation between higher education institutions in Programme and Partner Countries (see "Who can take part in the Erasmus+ programme?" below). The project duration and funding rules will be set in each call for applications.
- **Not-for-Profit Sport Events** for the preparation and organization of sport events that promote social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancement. The duration of the project can be of 12 or 18 months with a funding up to 450.000 EUR.

Which funding opportunities offers Key Action 3?

Key Action 3 fosters cooperation related to policy development in the European Union and covers various funding measures. Of special relevance for higher education institution is the action **European Policy Experimentations**, which supports transnational cooperation among public authorities and other organizations in order to carry out field trials on policy measures in European countries. The project duration and funding criteria of this action will be established in each specific call for applications.

Which funding opportunities offer Jean Monnet Actions?

Jean Monnet Actions support teaching and research in the area of European Union studies. They comprise the following actions:

- **Modules:** teaching programmes or courses in subjects related to the European Union. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 30.000 EUR.
- **Chairs:** teaching posts for university professors specialized in European Union studies. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 50.000 EUR.
- **Centres of Excellence:** focal points gathering knowledge and expertise on topics related to European Union studies. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 100.000 EUR.
- **Teacher Training:** activities addressed to teachers in schools and Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers in order to enhance the knowledge and teaching skills on European Union topics. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 300.000 EUR.
- **Networks:** cooperation between schools and VET providers in order to enhance knowledge related to teaching EU subjects. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 300.000 EUR.
- **Support to designated institutions:** funding measure to carry out activities such as research, teaching, organisation of events and dissemination of results in priority areas for the EU.

Who can take part in the Erasmus+ programme?

In general, organizations participating in Erasmus+ projects have to be established in Programme Countries. In addition, some actions are open to participants from Partner Countries. The list of all Erasmus+ Programme and Partner Countries can be found [here](#).

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Relevant Sources

- Erasmus+ Website of the European Commission:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en
- Erasmus+ Programme Guide:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en
- Website of the German National Agency for EU Higher Education Cooperation (NA DAAD):
<https://eu.daad.de/de/>

Note: Most of the information provided in this fact sheet has been gathered from the Erasmus+ Programme Guide specifying the details of the 2021 calls for proposals. Funding measures and conditions might change in future calls. Therefore, the information included in this document must be considered provisional until the calls for applications are published.