

A6 - Making Erasmus more international

About this session

This session will address enhanced international opportunities in the future Erasmus programme and will invite participants to discuss how stakeholders can contribute to and benefit from a more international Erasmus.

The Erasmus+ programme is international by its nature, as on the one hand, countries fully participating in the programme go beyond the EU scope with six non-EU countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, North Macedonia and Serbia) and on the other hand, a number of actions are open to countries from the rest of the world. In addition, Erasmus+ activities contributing to the external objectives of the Union receive contribution from external actions funds.

The new Erasmus programme will aim to boost this international dimension by offering a greater number of opportunities for mobility, cooperation and policy dialogue with third countries not associated to the programme. The international dimension will be a fundamental and crosscutting element which is relevant for mobility, cooperation as well as for policy dialogue activities.

In the 2014-2020 programme, the international dimension is present in the fields of higher education and youth. The new programme will open-up international activities in two new fields, Vocational Education and Training and Sport. The proposed novelties will include capacity building projects and mobility of individuals. All international activities will also benefit from enhanced simplification, accessibility and inclusiveness measures. This entails new funding opportunities for smaller-sized international cooperation projects and smaller institutions by facilitating participation of newcomers, further outreach and support for participants with fewer opportunities, widening the opportunities for partner country organisations, and increasing international mobility.

Something to think about

Participants will be updated on the state of play and key features of the future international dimension, but most importantly, this is a unique opportunity for you to give the Commission constructive feedback on our proposals. Whether you have previous experience with international mobility and cooperation or you are interested in getting more acquainted with this part of Erasmus+, we welcome your active participation and kindly ask you to reflect on the following questions before the session:

- 1. Do you have any best practice examples from previous experience with international cooperation that you would like to share? Are you planning to participate in international projects and what would your organization/participants gain from it?*
- 2. Does your institution, partners, students etc. have any specific needs that you would like the Commission to consider when we finalise the design of the international dimension?*
- 3. Can you identify any concrete challenges that we should be aware of, and do you have any proposals for mitigating measures?*