

B8 - "TCAs, NETs and SALTOs: Laboratories to enhance quality and impact of the programmes"

About this session...

After more than 30 years of existence, the Erasmus+ programme comprises actions in various fields: from School to Vocational and Adult Education, through the best-known mobilities in Higher Education, a Youth chapter, activities in the field of Sport, etc. Since 2018, it is complemented by the European Solidarity Corps, a new programme enhancing the participation of young people in the civil society.

More than 10 million of people have benefitted from these activities. Over the years, many new challenges have emerged, which constitute as many occasions to improve our programmes.

This is the *raison d'être* of the "support structures" to the implementation of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps.

TCAs stand for "Transnational Cooperation Activities". During a TCA, (potential) stakeholders and individual beneficiaries of Erasmus+ gather to exchange best practices and/or discuss about thematic aspects of Erasmus+ (e.g.: how to enhance the integration of people with fewer opportunities, how to improve digitalisation in the classroom, ...)

NETs stand for "Networking Activities". They are the similar to TCAs, working for the European Solidarity Corps and with additional focus on community-building.

Finally, SALTOs stand for "Support for Advanced Learning and Training Opportunities". SALTOs are "Resource Centres" that provide expertise, resources, information and training in specific areas for National Agencies, stakeholders and other actors. They are often involved in the organisation of TCAs and NETs.

In this session, we will talk about the future of these activities in the period 2021-2027. We will take stock of the realisations of the past, analyse current challenges, and discuss the new needs.

Consequently, this session will focus on the "thematic" content of TCAs, NETs and SALTOs. Their management and financing schemes will be discussed in another setting.

Something to think about...

What are the 3 main organisational challenges when organisations and young people take part in Erasmus/ESC activities? (please reflect based on your specific profile and experience. We will later draw conclusions per sector, as well as overarching ones)

What are the 3 main thematic challenges that SALTOs, TCAs and NETs should help tackle in the future?

Have you already taken part in/organised a TCA/NET? What would you improve about their format?