

C2 – Learning to work together through transnational partnerships

About this session...

Participating in the Erasmus+ programme is a great chance for organisations of any type and size to learn to cooperate on topics that matter to them with partners from different countries. Depending on the participating organisations involved, the objectives of the project they want to propose, or the expected impact, among other elements, the programme offers opportunities to create partnerships of different sizes and scope and adapt their activities accordingly.

In simplified terms, this action enables participating organisations to gain experience in international cooperation and to strengthen their capacities, but also to produce high-quality innovative deliverables. The qualitative assessment of the projects will be proportional to the objectives of the cooperation and the nature of the organisations involved. In particular, it is intended to offer more flexible formats, particularly suited for grass-root organisations and newcomers with little experience in cooperating with other organisations, to help them build their capacity to work transnationally.

Based on this logic, the Commission has proposed to offer two types of partnerships under the future Erasmus programme – Small-scale partnerships and Cooperation partnerships – to be managed generally speaking by the National Agencies at decentralised level, for organisations to work, learn and grow together.

Next to developing the capacities of the organisations involved in the projects, Partnerships for cooperation aim at contributing with their results towards achieving priorities set at European level. These priorities address common needs and objectives to be pursued at the level of the Programme in general, and throughout the different fields of education, training, youth and sport.

Something to think about...

If an organisation is interested in participating in transnational cooperation projects, how should the organisation prepare for such a project? Where and how should the organisation search for potential project partners?

In your experience, what were the main difficulties you have encountered when cooperating with partners from other countries? How would you propose to overcome them? Do you have any examples of best practices/materials that help organisations to learn how to work together with other partners? How can this be applied to Erasmus+ partnerships?

How can the results of a partnership project be further shared with other potential participating organisations? How can these results be sustainably used as the basis for future transnational cooperation projects?