

C8 - Making it easier to join the programme

About this session...

The next generation of the Erasmus+ programme will offer accreditations to organisations in Key Action 1 for the school, youth, vocational education and training, and adult education fields.

Accreditations are a tool for organisations that want to join the Programme and regularly receive funding for various types of learning mobility activities. An accreditation confirms that this organisation is able to implement good quality mobility activities and use them to improve itself as an organisation.

Accreditations are an opportunity for organisations which have already participated in the Erasmus+ programme (2014-2020) and want to do more, mobility consortium coordinators like local and regional authorities or coordination bodies, as well as all other organisations who want to implement various mobility activities over a number of years.

At the same time, accreditations are not obligatory. Other opportunities are foreseen for organisations that just want to try out the Programme and to learn how it works, as well as those organisations that simply do not wish to apply for more than one grant.

When it comes to the European Solidarity Corps, the Quality Label is a key quality assurance measure and most of its characteristics (principles, objectives, and procedures) will be kept. Further simplification will be introduced to facilitate long-term planning and in line with the future European Solidarity Corps Regulation.

What improvements do the accreditations and the European Solidarity Corps Quality Label bring?

Having regular access to the programme funding allows organisations to accumulate experience, set up better facilities, and deepen their cooperation with partners abroad. All of that contributes to the quality and impact of activities.

The accreditation and Quality Label schemes are also more flexible because the focus is on longer-term objectives rather than details of individual activities. For example, this enables much less detailed grant applications and easier changes in planning. When it comes to administration, managing multiple grants under the umbrella of an accreditation or Quality Label makes it possible to reduce repetitions, and hence the overall administrative burden.

Finally, over a period of a few years, we can expect a stronger impact on education, training and youth policies as more and more organisations join the scheme each year, starting to build a community of education providers and youth organisations working across borders.

In this session, we would like to present you these novelties and together explore how to fine-tune them to fit the needs of your organisations.

Something to think about...

What do you see as key advantages of accreditations and the Quality Label?

What challenges do you see for organisations in these new schemes?

How can we support organisations in making the most use of these new opportunities?