



Approaching Erasmus+

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- The Erasmus + program was created to allow member states to create joint projects together, combining the skills and ideas of each of them
- The other key point is that they have to be creative and innovative projects, combining several design elements and not only coming from a single partner
- The ordinary activities of an association, a school, a research institution etc. are not elements that bring value, because they are not creative or innovative as they have already been created, and do not need European funds
- A creative idea that is brought mainly only by a partner, because it is self-sufficient, it is not suitable for Erasmus: if you can do it alone, why are you asking for Erasmus+ funds?



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- The project idea must be concrete, something you really believe in and that you think you can achieve with your partners (if funded)
- When you write it, imagine that it will be funded and then everything you have written you **MUST DO**, really. At that point only little flexibility will be possible, and only if well motivated
- Don't think about completely invented parts of the project just to increase the budget, it won't work
- Do not underestimate the value of your idea, ask for the budget necessary to do everything and take care of the details



How to start – read the guide!

- Go to the website of your Erasmus + agency in your country, you will find the description of the steps to take to register and open the application as applicants, or enter as a partner in a project already opened by your applicant
- Download the Erasmus + 2021-27 guide (last version) and READ IT, before writing anything
- In the guide you will find the objectives you need to achieve, proposing your project idea in a way that fits them as much as possible
- Do not think that ALL the objectives described should be included



Reading the guide

- The program is divided into 3 main key actions, in each of them there are subgroups of possible applications. It looks like a sea in which to get lost!
- I suggest thinking of two possible directions: 1) chess as an educational tool for school or as 2) a purely sporting action
- For 1) i suggest COOPERATION PARTNERSHIP or SMALL-SCALE PARTERSHIPS
- FOR 2) the application is NOT-FOR-PROFIT EUROPEAN SPORTS EVENTS
- My experience is all in the approach to 1), in which I was able to obtain funds for two projects, so far, written by me



Cooperation partnership objectives

- **Increasing quality in the work, activities and practices of organisations and institutions involved**, opening up to new actors, not naturally included within one sector
- **Building capacity of organisations** to work transnationally and across sectors
- **Addressing common needs and priorities** in the fields of education, training, youth and sport
- **Enabling transformation and change** (at individual, organisational or sectorial level), leading to improvements and new approaches, in proportion to the context of each organisation



Small-scale partnerships

- **Attract and widen access for newcomers, less experienced organizations and small-scale actors to the programme.** These partnerships should act as a first step for organizations into cooperation at European level
- **Support the inclusion of target groups with fewer opportunities**
- **Support active European citizenship and bring the European dimension to the local level**
- In addition, the main objectives of cooperation partnerships proportionally to the scope and volume of each project



Not-for-profit European sport events

- **Volunteering in sport**
- **Social inclusion through sport**
- **Fight against discrimination in sport, including gender equality**
- **Encouraging the participation in sport and physical activity...including traditional sport and games and intergenerational sport**



Your Erasmus+ agency will help you

- Each EU member country has an agency dedicated to the program
- Each of them has more than one telephone line open to program participants, to give all the necessary information during the application, use it
- You can also communicate with your agency via email
- On their site you will find numerous FAQs, recorded webinars and useful documents
- **Important: do not be shy, remember that if you provide a project you are helping the EU to carry out the Erasmus+ program, they will gladly help you!**

