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30 YEARS

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the field of Youth

Eastern Partnership Youth Window

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Part I

Funding opportunities offered to Eastern Partnership youth organisations

General framework

The **Eastern partnership Youth Window**:

- Is a component of a broader initiative **EU4youth**;
- Offers opportunities to finance projects within **Erasmus+ programme under Key Action 2: Capacity Building in the field of Youth**
 - Objective: to support Eastern partnership countries in fostering the active participation of young people in society and economy
 - Eligible countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

Key Action 2: Capacity Building in the field of Youth

- Objectives: to enhance management, governance, innovation capacity and internationalisation of youth organisations in partner countries and of promoting new forms of training and new approaches to youth work;
- Activities supported: combination of capacity building activities and mobility activities.



Capacity building activities

- Policy dialogue, cooperation, networking and exchanges, conferences, workshops, meetings
- Large-scale youth events
- Information and awareness campaign,
- Development of youth work methods, tools and materials, youth work curricula, training modules and documentation instruments
- Creation of new forms of delivering youth work, providing training

Mobility activities

- Youth Exchanges (for young people aged from 13 to 30 – 5 to 21 days)
 - Volunteering Activities (for young people aged from 17 to 30 - 60 days to 12 months)
 - Mobility of Youth workers (5 days to 2 months)
- ➔ Only between the Programme countries and the eligible partner countries

Part II

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the field of Youth 2018

Main conditions to participate

Capacity Building in the field of Youth: Projects dedicated to Eastern Partnership countries

Two types of projects:

1. Civil society fellowship for youth
2. Partnership for entrepreneurship

Eligible applicants: Eastern Partnership Countries

Eligible partners: Eastern partnership countries and Programme countries

1. Civil Society Fellowships for Youth

Young leaders from applicant organisations (the "Fellows") enhance their skills and competences through mobility activities in hosting organisations established in Programme Countries.

Combination of:

- mobility activities including **mentorship schemes** and **job shadowing**
- and
- Capacity Building activities – small policy engagement projects carried out by the Fellows upon return to their sending organisation

2. Partnership for Entrepreneurship

Promotion of youth entrepreneurship education and social entrepreneurship based upon multilateral partnerships between organisations including business.

Priority will be given to projects which:

- provide practical solutions to social challenges in the region
- exploit the economic potential of the region

Budget

Total available budget in 2018: **3.450.000 EUR**



The budget will be allocated as follows:

60% to Civil Society Fellowships for Youth

40% to Partnership for Entrepreneurship

Funding Rules

Maximum grant: **150.000 EUR**



Budget: combination of unit costs and real costs

Projects starting between **1 July** and **31 December 2018**

Duration of projects from **9** to **24 months**

Eligible applicants

Applicant must be established in an **Eastern Partnership Country** and be legally registered **for at least 1 year**.

Applicant can be any **public or private organisation** active in the education, training and youth fields or the socio-economic sectors:

- **Non-profit organisation, association, NGO**
- **National Youth Council**
- **Public bodies at local, regional or national level**
- **Private company**
- **Social enterprise**

Eligible partners

In addition to the profile of the eligible applicant (see the previous slide), partners can also be:

- a school/institute/educational center
- a social partner or other representative of working life, including chambers of commerce,
- craft/professional associations and trade unions;
- a higher education institution;
- a research institute;
- a foundation;
- an inter-company training centre;
- a cultural organisation, library, museum;
- ...



Eligible Partnership

Minimum **3** participating organisations from **3 different Programme and Eastern Partnership countries** including:

minimum **1 Programme country**
and
minimum **1 Eastern Partnership country**



Award criteria - relevance

- the proposal is responding to the objectives of the Action and of the Window;
- the objectives are clear, realistic, addressing issues relevant to the target groups and well reflected in planned activities;
- the capacity-building activities are clearly defined and aim at reinforcing the capacities of the participating organisations;
- the project involves youth with fewer opportunities;
- addressed issues and proposed solutions are relevant to the situation in the region and contribute to the socio-cultural and youth policy development;
- The proposal is innovative and/or complementary to other initiatives

Award criteria - relevance

As regards "Partnership for Entrepreneurship" projects:

The extent to which projects offer:

- practical solutions to social challenges present in the communities of the origin and exploit the economic potential of the region also be involving the private sector
- mobility activities of fellows from Eastern Partnership countries to Erasmus+ Programme countries relevant to these practical solutions

Award criteria - quality of the project design and implementation

- consistency between project objectives and activities proposed;
- clarity, completeness and quality of the work programme, including preparation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and dissemination;
- quality of non-formal learning methods;
- quality of arrangements for the recognition and validation of participants' learning outcomes;
- existence of quality control measures;
- cost-effectiveness and allocation of appropriate resources to each activity;
- appropriate measures for selecting and/or involving participants in the mobility activities.

Award criteria - quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements

- appropriate mix of complementary participating organisations with the necessary profile, experience and expertise;
- the distribution of responsibilities and tasks demonstrates the commitment and active contribution of all participating organisations.
- mechanisms for coordination and communication between the participating organisations, as well as with other relevant stakeholders.

Award criteria – impact and dissemination

- measures for evaluating the outcomes of the project;
- potential impact on participants and participating organisations as well as outside the organisations and direct participants;
- dissemination plan;
- plans for ensuring the sustainability of the project;
- If relevant, the proposal describes how the materials, documents and media produced will be made freely available

In practice projects should

launch, test and implement youth work practices, such as:

- **tools and methods** for the socio-professional development of youth workers and trainers;
- **non-formal learning methods**, improvement of competences, including media literacy skills;
- Contribute to developing **new forms** of practical training schemes, new forms of youth work, virtual mobility, open educational resources, exploitation of ICT potential

Additional hints: What is a good project ?

- **Innovative character**
- **Coherence** of the activities throughout the project (consistent with project objectives)
- **Local and international impact**
- **Visibility** and **Dissemination** strategy
- Concrete **results**



Application Process - summary:

- **Registration** of the applicant and the partners on the Participants Portal
- Download the correct **e-form**
- Attach **annexes** (declaration on honour, project description, budget)

DO NOT send any paper version!



The deadline

Submission on-line before

8 March 2018 - 12:00 (midday)

Brussels time

How and where to submit a proposal:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

The Programme Guide:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources_en

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