



NA Business Meeting Brussels March 2024

Debrief from the NA Youth Consultative Working Group 27.-28. February 2024



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Discussion Points

- *Erasmus+ and ESC evaluation update*
- *Grant agreements*
- *Partner countries threshold of 25 %*
- *Capping the number of applicants/partners*
- *Further clarifications*
 - **KA1 accreditation**
 - **Best practice examples**
 - **Management fees**
 - **Monitoring Quality Framework for the Corps**
 - **Youth participation activities review**
 - **Youth worker mobility**
- *Micro grant scheme by DG INTPA*
- *Preparation for the next generation*

1) Evaluation Updates

- *Public consultation finalised*
 - **Erasmus finished in December 2023**
 - **European Solidarity Corps early February**
- *2nd interim report received*
- *Next milestone: national evaluation reports (deadline 31.05.2024)*
 - **Draft report submissions would be welcomed**

2) Grant Agreements

- *Current models are too complicated and too long*
 - **Lead to contrary effects as beneficiary tend not to read them**
 - **However, articles and provisions are protecting beneficiaries and NAs**
- *Request for a simpler model especially for low value contracts below 60.000 EUR*
- *NA will support COM with examples on simple grants for internal COM discussions with competent BUDG and Legal Service for changes in the future financial regulation*

3) Partner countries

- *25 % rule of limiting partner country participation*
 - **Over entire programming period**
 - **Overconsumption by some countries levelled out by a lower consumption of those countries having hardly any partner countries in their projects**
- *Report in the dashboard to be implemented for better monitoring and oversight*
- *Need to ensure that these fundings are presented as internal policy involving external partners in view of existing Third Country Instruments by DG NEAR and INTPA*

4) Capping of applicants and/or partners

- *Important changes in 2024 call to respond to the constant wish to improve the functioning of the programme in view to*
 - *encourage newcomers, as an inclusive programme*
 - *encourage to submit more thoughtful, well-prepared and qualitative proposals with a solid cooperation*
 - *solid supervision and control strategy on Commission and NA level*
- *Introducing a maximum number of applications individual organisations may be involved as coordinator and/or partner per round*
 - *Due to the attempt by some organisations to disproportionately apply (up to 650 applications per round)*
- *First round shows that there is increased interest for accreditation and the new actions “youth participation” and “DiscoverEU inclusion”*

Key Action 1 – youth	2023	2024
KA151 – youth accreditation		
Round 1	569	786
KA152 – youth exchanges		
Round 1	2.983	2.574
KA153 – youth worker mobility		
Round 1	1.358	1.239
KA154 – youth participation activities		
Round 1	700	713
KA155 – DiscoverEU inclusion		
Round 1	71	

5) Further clarifications and insights

- *KA1 accreditation*
 - Including KA154 (youth participation) and/or KA155 (DiscoverEU inclusion) into accreditation in the future
 - Under investigation on the IT side and reviews in KA154
- *Best practice examples for Erasmus+ and Corps*
- *Management fees earmarked in the youth chapter?*
- *Youth participation activities review*
- *Micro grant scheme of DG INTPA*
- *Youth worker mobility*

6) How to prepare for the next generation?

- *No revolution but evolution*
- *EU Youth Strategy and Youth Goals further taken into consideration when providing grants*
- *Megatrends confirmed*
 - **Commitment to EU values (providing the youth with tools to spread the values)**
 - **Resilience and ability of young people to participate in a more fragile world**
 - **Well-being (not only mental) but also societal**
 - **Programme open to all organisations and focus on impact**
- *More money for youth is more money for integration*
- *Higher number of small projects over smaller number of big projects (with simplified grants)*
- *Recommendation to lower the age limit in the Corps, especially for Solidarity Projects*
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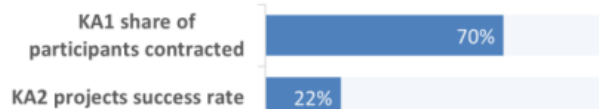
E+ youth

Erasmus+ youth in 2022*

E+ total

EUR 270 million⁴² in contracted projects

91% managed by National Agencies



Projects funded⁴³

Over 4 800

Beneficiary organisations⁴⁴

Over 22 200

Mobility activities⁴⁵



More than 200 700 participants



73% of participants are young people



32% learners with fewer opportunities

Nearly **26 000** projects have been contracted, supporting more than **73 000** organisations from Member States and third countries associated to the programme as applicant or partner¹⁶.

More than **1.2 million** learners and staff carried out a mobility activity in 2022 (individual and group mobility).

Around 134 000 participants with fewer opportunities were supported by the programme (**13.3%** of total participants).

By the end of year 2022, and **since 1987**, over **13.7 million** people had benefited from the programme actions supporting learning mobility.

Youth chapter comparison

10 % Erasmus+ funding

18,5 % number of projects

30 % organisations

16,7 % participants

* results from the [Erasmus+ annual report 2022](#)