



Erasmus +: Sport

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Purpose of the presentation

Maximise your chances of submitting a high quality application by:

- Identifying **key issues** in the application and selection procedure
- Identifying and locating **essential information**
- **Applying this knowledge** during the preparation and submission of applications
- Giving **some tips** in presenting applications

Step 1 – Understand Erasmus+: Sport

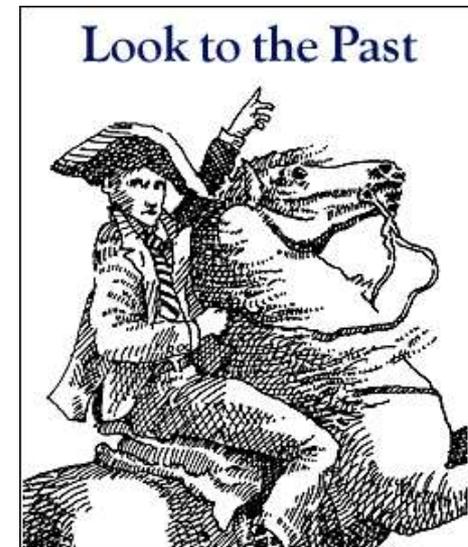


New Erasmus+: Sport

- long awaited programme
- integrated programme
- ambitious programme
- sustainable funding

Looking to the past...

- no specific programme
- preparatory actions (2009-2013)
- special events





Preparatory Actions in the field of Sport 2009-2013:

Sport and education: dual career student athletes

Injury prevention and safety and security arrangements

Social inclusion of people with disability in and through sport

Fight against Doping

Promoting innovative approaches to strengthen the organization of sport in Europe

Supporting special events

Policy background

- 2007 White Paper on Sport
- 2009 inclusion of sport in the Lisbon Treaty (art.165 TFEU)
- 2011 Communication on sport
- EU Work Plan for Sport 2011-2014
- Commission Report on the first Work Plan
- New EU Work Plan for Sport 2014+



Lisbon Treaty (art. 165)

- Promote fairness and openness in sporting competitions
- Promote cooperation between bodies responsible for sport
- Protect the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen, especially the youngest

Key ideas about Erasmus+ Sport

- financial support secured for 7 years
- substantial budget
- programme serving policies



Budget of Erasmus+: Sport

265,941,000 EUR

Budget of Erasmus+: Sport

- gradual growth in annual amounts
- on average: EUR 38 Million/year
- starting with EUR 22 Million in 2014
- focus on grassroots sport





Objectives of the Sport Chapter of Erasmus+ are:

- making European sport fair and clean, by supporting the fight against doping, match fixing and violence, as well as all kinds of intolerance and discrimination.
- promoting and supporting good governance in sport (for example by increasing the representation of women in the management of sport organisations).
- making it easier for athletes to combine sports training with study or work (so-called dual careers of athletes).
- promoting voluntary activities in sport, as well as supporting sport as a tool for social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancing physical activity.



Sport

- The programme will underpin the implementation of the EU Work Plan for Sport.
- Actions supported by the programme will be in line with policy documents and guidelines of the Council and of the Commission such as:
 - ✓ EU Physical Activities Guidelines
 - ✓ EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes
 - ✓ EU Disability Strategy
 - ✓ EU Gender equality between women and men strategy

Actions

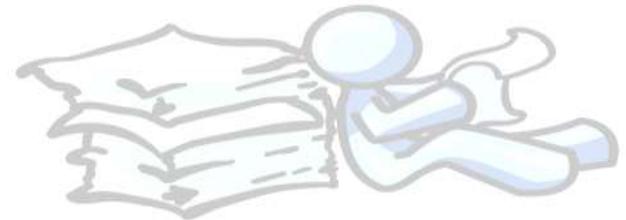
- support to **collaborative partnerships**
- support for **not-for-profit European sport events** involving several participating countries and contributing to objectives such as social inclusion, equal opportunities, HEPA
- support for strengthening of the **evidence based for policy making**
- **dialogue** with relevant **European stakeholders**

Two complementary actors

- **Commission / DG EAC** (policy coherence):
 - ✓ strengthening the evidence based for sport policy making
 - ✓ dialogue with European stakeholders
- **Agency / EACEA** (implementation):
 - ✓ support for collaborative partnerships
 - ✓ support for not-for-profit European sport events

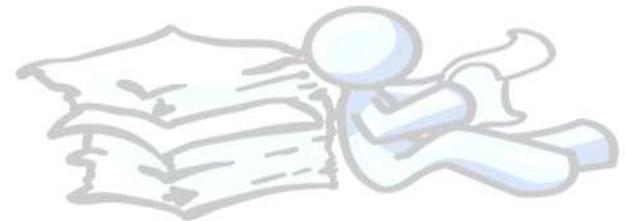
Collaborative partnerships (1)

- European networks in the field of sport
- Opportunity for cooperation among stakeholders (not existing without EU action) for innovative practices
- Foster synergies with, and between, local, regional, national and international policies to promote sport and physical activities
- Focused on grassroots sports



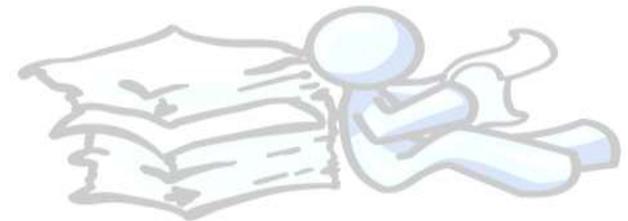
Collaborative partnerships (2)

- 75% of the budget allocated to these activities
- max. co-financing 80%
- max. grant 500.000 EUR
- 50% of the budget dedicated to areas where EU-Guidelines exist: HEPA and dual careers
- required network of organizations from at least 5 Programme Countries



Not-for-profit sport events (1)

- Organisations of training activities for athletes, coaches, organisers and volunteers
- Organisation of the event
- Organisation of side-activities (conferences, seminars)
- Implementation of legacy activities (evaluations, drafting of future plans)



Not-for-profit sport events (2)

- max. 10% of the budget allocated to Events (clear request of the Council)
- duration up to 3 weeks,
- max. co-financing 80%
- average grant 500.000 EUR
- required participation of sportspeople from at least 12 Programme Countries
- only focused on social inclusion, equal opportunities and support of the implementation of EU Physical Activity Guidelines



Step 2 – Locate key information



Key documents

EAC website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

- Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport
- Call for proposals ➤ *Priorities and the specific objectives*
- Erasmus+ Programme Guide ➤ *Start date and maximum duration, objectives, maximum grant, minimum consortium, type of organisation in the consortium, award criteria, deadlines, registration, financial conditions, etc.*

Agency website: *Eforms and instructions, Submission procedure, calendar, grant agreements, FAQ, helpdesk, information updates, etc.*

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/sport-collaborative-partnerships-in-sport-field-and-not-for-profit-european-sport_en

Step 3 – Complete the application package

Selection method = call for proposals

- annual call
- evaluating committee (external experts)
- principles of independence and transparency





How to submit a proposal?

- Step 1: Register in the participant portal
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/PPMT/>
- Step 2: Compliance with the programme criteria
- Step 3: Check the financial conditions
- Step 4: Fill in and submit the application form



Eligibility Criteria

Collaborative Partnerships

- Non-profit organisations and public bodies
- At least 5 organisations from 5 different Programme Countries
- From 12 to 36 months
- Max grant: 500,000 EUR
- Deadline for grant application – 26 June at 12 PM (midday Brussels time)

Eligibility Criteria

Not-for-profit European Sport Events

- Non-profit organisations and public bodies active in the field of sport
- Participants from at least 12 different Programme Countries
- Up to 1 year from preparation to follow-up
- Max grant: 2,000,000 EUR
- Deadline for grant application -14 March and 26 June at 12 PM (midday Brussels time)

! Not eligible

- Sport competitions regularly organised
- Professional sport competitions

Finance

Total available budget: 19,600,000

Maximum EU grant (per action):

Action	Max grant	Available budget	N° of projects	Countries	Duration in month
Collaborative partnerships	500,000	14,600,000	+/- 45	5	12, 18, 24, 30, 36
EU Sport events	2,000,000	5,000,000	+/- 6	12	12

Max EU contribution: 80%

Award criteria

Collaborative partnerships

Minimum 60 points (at least half of the maximum points for each criterion)

Relevance of the project	Maximum 30 points
Quality of the project design and implementation	Maximum 20 points
Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements	Maximum 20 points
Impact and dissemination	Maximum 30 points

Award criteria

Not-for-profit sport events

Minimum 60 points (at least half of the maximum points for each criterion)

Relevance of the project	Maximum 30 points
Quality of the project design and implementation	Maximum 40 points
Impact and dissemination	Maximum 30 points

Award criteria – Main elements

- **Relevance of the project**

- ✓ Proposal based on the objectives of European policies in the field of Sport
- ✓ Objectives clearly defined, realistic and address issues relevant to the participant organisations and target groups
- ✓ Proposal innovative and/or complementary to other initiatives
- ✓ Proposal brings added value at EU level

- **Quality of the project design and implementation**

- ✓ Clarity, completeness and quality of the work programme
- ✓ Consistency between project objectives, methodology, activities and budget proposed
- ✓ Quality and feasibility of the methodology proposed

Award criteria – Main elements

- **Quality of the project team and the cooperation agreements**
 - ✓ Project involving an appropriate mix of complementary partners with the necessary profile, experience and expertise in the appropriate fields
 - ✓ Good distribution of responsibilities and tasks for an active participation of all partners
- **Impact and dissemination**
 - ✓ Potential impact on participants and participating organisations and outside the organisations and individuals directly participating in the project
 - ✓ Quality of measures for evaluating the outcomes of the project
 - ✓ Quality of the dissemination plan
 - ✓ Quality of the plans for ensuring the sustainability of the project

Once the application is submitted

- **Evaluation Procedure**

- ✓ Applications are assessed against the award criteria by 2 independent external assessors selected on the basis of their knowledge of sport sector and their languages skills.
- ✓ Each project receives a certain number of points
- ✓ Each evaluation includes an overall assessment summarising the conclusions of the content analysis underlining the strengths and weaknesses of project to the attention of applicant.

- **Call for experts**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/call_experts/call_experts_2013_en.php



All applicants: Selection

February - June
Submit application
Acknowledgement of receipt

May-July
Eligibility criteria
Exclusion criteria
Award criteria: peer review
Selection Criteria

September
Evaluation Committee
Financing Decision

Notification and contractualisation

Analysis / Contractualisation

- Grant Agreement
- Financial guarantees

October
For successful applicants

Notifications + feedback

November- December
Grant Agreements
Pre-financing

1st January 2015
Start of the eligibility period

Step 4 – Advice and useful tips

Application quality

A strong proposal is:

- ✓ **Coherent** (problems, solutions, target groups, activities, budget, ambitions, resources, competences, etc.)
- ✓ **Simple** (objectives, approach)
- ✓ **Evidence based** (ex-ante needs analysis, state of art)
- ✓ **Clear** (identifying the need for such a proposal, the solutions and the outputs)
- ✓ **Rigorous** in its planning (which activities, when, for how long and with what resources)
- ✓ **Explicit** (do not take for granted any information, if it is not in the application, cannot be taken into account)
- ✓ **Circumscribed** (a proposal is not about solving the world's problems, but about solving a specific issue)

Advice on finding and working with partners

- Start with a clear idea of the ideal mixture of skills
- Partner organisations also need to find the results relevant and useful
- Work with your own network (former EU projects, other projects)
- **Finding partners:**
 - ✓ mix "old" and "new"
 - ✓ work with organisations with the skills needed for the specific project, use recommendations of people you trust,
 - ✓ preparatory actions compendia
 - ✓ Partnersearch tool <https://sporttool.teamwork.fr/>
- **Working with partners:** involve them in all stages of development and drafting (! Partners who provide low quality input to the drafting of the application may not provide high quality input into the project!)

Advice on completing the form

- Be sure that your projet fits into Erasmus+ Sport
- Have the project firmly in mind in advance of starting to complete the form
- Ensure that partner involvement (work packages and budget) has been fully discussed and agreed
- Bare in mind that it is a time-intensive process and will require dedicated staff time

Advice for "first-timers"

- Gaining experience as a project partner before becoming coordinator
- Your early planning should take into account a project team within your organisation
- Approval from participating institutions is essential and can take time
- When planning communication with partners, take into account: importance of social time, blending different types of meetings (workshops, virtual meetings, formal)

Further information

- Commission's Sport Unit website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/sport/>
- EACEA (Agency) website:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php
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