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*Investing in the future by working together
for a sustainable and competitive region.*

9th Call for Applications Seminar

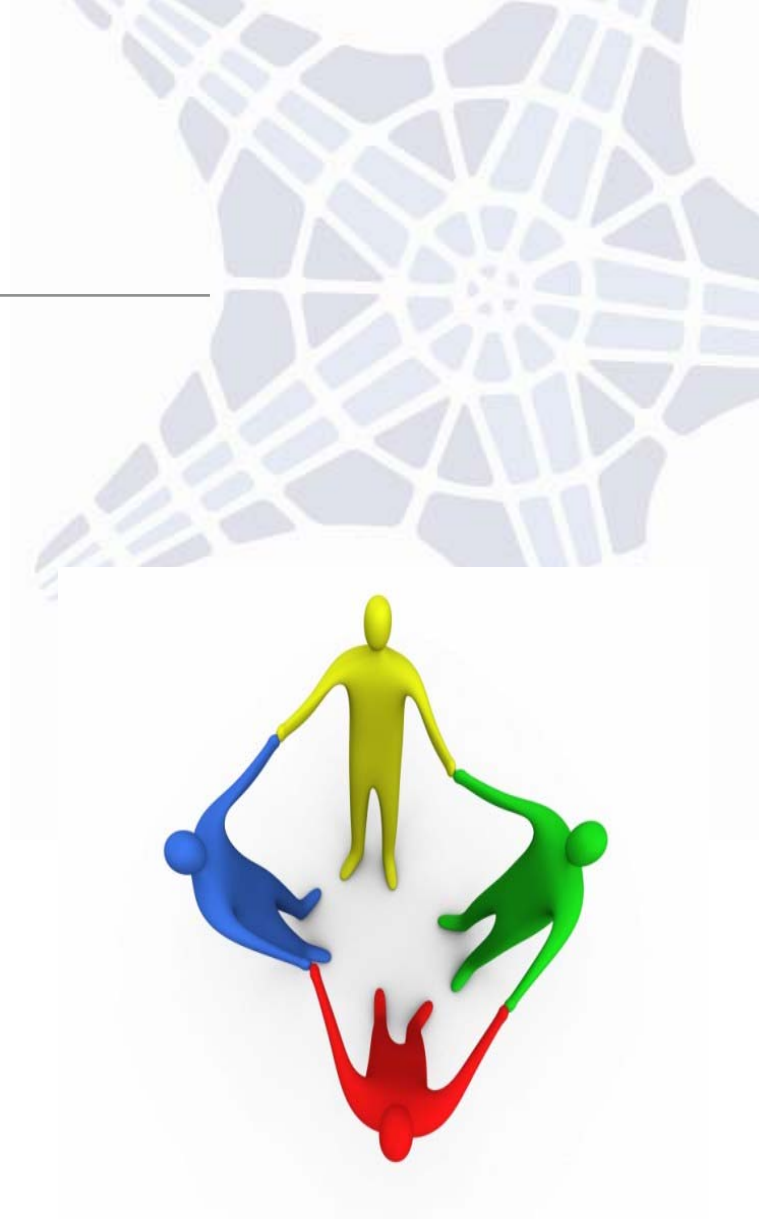
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Aim



Two types of projects



Future agenda



Relevant links for the future

Who would benefit from Erasmus for All?

- Up to **5 million people** would benefit from EU grants for education & training opportunities abroad between 2014 and 2020, which is nearly twice as much as today.
- Over **2 million higher education students** would spend part of their education and training abroad, including EU students who study in a non-EU country and non-EU students who study in the EU.
- **735 000 vocational students** would spend part of their education and training abroad.
- **1 million teachers, trainers, education staff and youth workers** would gain new teaching and learning methods abroad.
- **330 000 Masters' students** would benefit from the new loan guarantee scheme.
- **540 000 young people** would receive grants to volunteer abroad or participate in youth exchanges.
- Joint degree grants would allow **34 000 students** to study in another part of the world – including EU students studying outside Europe and students from other parts of the world studying in the EU.
- Over **20 000 Strategic Partnerships** would involve **115 000 educational institutions** and youth organisations in implementing joint initiatives and promoting exchange of experience and know-how.
- **400 Knowledge and Sector Skills Alliances** would involve **4 000 educational institutions and businesses** in partnerships promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Erasmus for All contributes to Europe 2020, the EU's reform strategy for jobs and growth.

Erasmus for All builds on the experience with the Lifelong Learning Programme, international cooperation programmes and Youth in Action.

Erasmus for All will be simpler, more efficient and easier to use than existing schemes.

Next step: This proposal is now under discussion by the Council (27 Member States) and the European Parliament who will take the final decision.

More information

Europe 2020

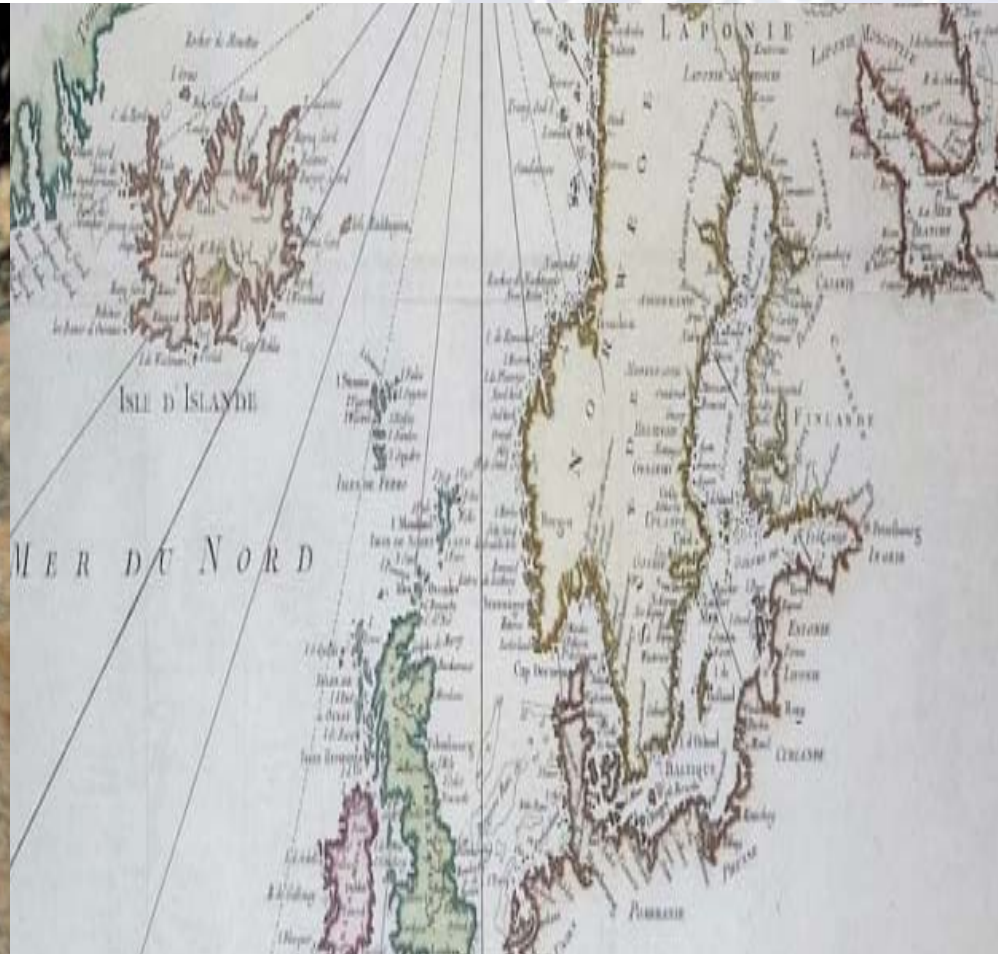
<http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020>

Education, training, youth and sport

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture



Expected results and impacts



Selection criteria

Core selection criteria and
priority considerations



Extensions – Practical issues

- Only available for projects with an end date of 30 June 2013 or later (because these applications will still be 'active' in the online system)
- Works like a 'normal extension' – you edit your existing application
- Maximum run-time for extension 18 months
- Maximum additional budget €700.000 (total)
- BUT content requirements same as for small projects – not just more of the same
- You must inform the secretariat well in advance to get your application opened for editing

Small projects – Practical issues

- A completely new application
- To start late summer 2013 at latest
- **At least** 3 beneficiaries from 3 countries (transnationality....)
- Lead Beneficiary must be a beneficiary from a IVB project (running or closed) or a project requested to re-apply
- Maximum run-time 18 months
- Maximum additional budget €700.000 (total)

Decisions – Extension or small projects?

- **If** you have a choice, you might also consider that....
- An extension will apply to the same priority (and Area of Intervention) as the original project....while a small project is free to select its priority
- Extensions follow the normal reporting schedule (every 6 months). Small projects follow the cluster schedule (midterm report and closing report)
- Remember that priority 4 is completely closed

Partnerships

- It is possible to add new partners in extensions and small projects
- Sub-partners are also possible
- Can be completely new to the programme
- Can be from outside the programme area (but see 5.2.2.3 of the Operational Programme) and 3 ***North Sea*** countries are required
- Can be private (but see Fact Sheet 7)

Additional funding issues

- ERDF / Norwegian funds granted at 50%
- Norwegian funds are from separate account – confirm availability before committing to inclusion of Norwegian partners (or take own funding route)
- No change at all to eligible expenditure rules for small projects – infrastructure also possible if well justified
- Except – no preparation costs for small projects or extensions

Don't get caught on details

- Check the hard copy application is correctly and consistently signed, stamped and dated
- Use the templates for Letters of Intent – don't change the wording!

9th call timeline

- Deadline for submission of ideas to secretariat for feedback was Monday 4 February
- Call for applications opens Monday 4 March
- Call closes Monday 8 April
- Decisions on applications May/June
- Projects must be finished by 31 March 2015
- All closure procedures 100% completed by 30 June 2015

A final thought

- Projects **must** build on what has gone before
- Go light on the indicators but make sure there is a clear and tangible added value to the new activities
- And work towards a new result with a benefit for the North Sea Region – rather than just for the project
- And a clear relevance for the future

Ends

