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# Erasmus+

is the EU programme for  
education, training,  
youth and sport.



**The goal of the programme is to contribute to economic growth, employment, equal opportunities and inclusion in Europe. The programme Erasmus+ wants to give as many people as possible the opportunity to fully participate in society and the labour market, by developing their skills and competences.**

By studying, working or participating in international projects with Erasmus+, professionals, students, young people and youth workers improve their communication and intercultural skills. They acquire indispensable soft skills and language skills.

The programme also helps to improve the quality of education and training, as well as youth and youth work, through international cooperation partnerships. Erasmus+ thus contributes to economic growth, employment, equal opportunities and inclusion in Europe.



Do you work in education or the youth sector? The Erasmus+ programme offers funding opportunities for international mobility and projects for:

- ▶ primary and secondary education
- ▶ vocational education and training
- ▶ higher education
- ▶ adult education
- ▶ youth & youth work

**For more information, visit**  
**[erasmusplus.nl](https://erasmusplus.nl)**



# Job shadowing in Spain for Aruban teachers



After extensive preparation and consultations with the National Agency Erasmus+ Education & Training in The Netherlands, the primary schools Pius X, Sint Franciscus and Sint Dominicus College (part of Stichting Katholiek Onderwijs Aruba) applied with success. The Erasmus+ project “Habilidadadnan Digital di siglo 21 pa Aruba” (Digital skills of the 21st century in Aruba) is ongoing from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2022.

“For me this is a dream come true”

**Monique Laing-Breinburg, teacher**



## Project coordinator Monique Laing-Breinburg:

“I have been working in education for over thirty years, and during this time I have also come across bottlenecks. I was looking for answers to tackle challenges in education, but at some point you also need new inspiration. An acquaintance in the Netherlands told me about Erasmus+, and we started working on our application.

For me, it was a dream come true: thanks to the job shadowing in Spain, we experienced what the Spanish education system is like, and what learning 21st century skills really means.

Erasmus+ also allowed me to develop on a personal level: as a project leader of an international project, you learn a lot about what kind of leader you want to be. To other teachers I would therefore say: just go for it! It is a lot of work to submit the application, but it is more than a 100% worth it!”

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**Erasmus+ Youth provides funding opportunities for projects that are set up for and by young people, based on non-formal learning. This gives young people the opportunity for a unique learning experience and to develop on a personal and professional level. Erasmus+ Youth projects also aim to improve the professional development of youth workers and the quality of youth work.**

The possibilities are divided in two action lines (Key Actions): Mobility and Partnerships.

Mobility (Key Action 1) offers young people and youth workers the opportunity to broaden their world, develop competences and get to know other countries and cultures. This is done through exchanges and participation projects for young people, mobility projects for youth workers and #DiscoverEU.

In Partnerships (Key Action 2), there can be applied for European cooperation projects that contribute to quality improvement and innovation in youth work. Youth work organisations and other organisations can thus enter into an equal and international collaboration for a longer period of time with the aim of making an impact in the youth field.

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## MY EU STORY

# Youth workers on Curaçao learn with and from each other

Gerda Petersen organizes with Stichting F.E.L.I.S. youth exchanges and training for youth workers on Curaçao. In this way she brings people from the Caribbean and the European mainland together to learn from each other and each other's cultural norms and values.

### **Project coordinator Gerda Petersen:**

"Through the Erasmus+ programme, I participated in the training 'Mindset of Youth Workers' in the Netherlands.

That got me so excited that I thought: "Everyone should participate in this training!" That is why we decided to host this training on Curaçao last November."

During the training there were opportunities to exchange ideas and good practices and to develop skills, important for international youth work. There were debates on supporting learning in mobilities and how the youth worker's mindset affects that.

**"While also looking at our cultural differences, the training course became very valuable!"**

**Gerda Petersen, project coordinator**

Gerda Petersen: "With youth workers from eight different countries, we looked for ways to support young people in their learning process by reflecting on the mindset of the participants! While also looking at our cultural differences, the training course

became very valuable!"



# eTwinning

is a free platform for virtual  
exchange with schools in  
Europe.

**Have you always wanted to connect with fellow teachers from Portugal, Finland or maybe Iceland? You can with eTwinning: a free and secure digital platform! Through eTwinning, teachers can start a collaboration with schools in Europe. The collaboration is fully digital and GDPR proof.**

With eTwinning, every student gets a chance to have an international experience. Let your pupils interact with peers from over 40 countries and learn about each other's language, culture and world. The students can collaborate on various topics, such as; media literacy, climate change or human rights. And all this without travelling!

eTwinning is also interesting for teachers: you expand your international network and can easily



“Nos maestronan y alumnonan ta asina creativo y talentoso. Ban mostra nan den eksterior kuantu kos nos tin pa brinda.”

Roberto Willems, teacher



exchange information with colleagues from other countries and learn from each other. Every eTwinner can also participate free of charge in international seminars, conferences, webinars and workshops.

The platform is free and can be linked to any subject, language or level; whether you work in primary education, secondary education or higher education (teacher training), you can get started right away:

- ▶ Create an account on **etwinning.net** and discover the world of eTwinning.
- ▶ Do you need help or support? The eTwinning helpdesk is available via **etwinning@nuffic.nl**.

## MY EU STORY

# Teacher Roberto Willems takes you on a digital journey around Europe

**eTwinning ambassador Roberto Willems started his first eTwinning project in 2015:**

“Internationalisation has always played an important role in my life. That is why I believe it is essential for his students to grow up with a broad view of the world.” eTwinning is a great step forward. It ensures that all his students get the same opportunity: a digital journey around the world.

Roberto himself has experienced how valuable it is to be able to deal with cultural differences. As a teacher in Curaçao, he left for the Netherlands in 2008. “In the Kingdom, there are cultural differences, but at the same time also so many similarities that bring us together. With eTwinning, pupils become aware of this and learn how to deal with it. They learn to respect each other, skills they can use in their further education, work and life.”

### An easy tool

Roberto also coaches teachers with their own eTwinning projects. “Many teachers make it too complicated. Almost every lesson you would do anyway can be turned into an eTwinning activity. For example, a vlog during the holidays, putting your school in the picture or singing together in different languages. Start small, see what your pupils like and include them in the implementation. You will be amazed by the impact!”

**Visit [etwinning.net](https://etwinning.net) and create your account for free!**

# Creative Europe

is the European programme for the cultural, creative and audiovisual sector



**Creative Europe (2021-2027) is the seven-year funding programme of the European Commission for the cultural, creative and audiovisual sector.**

The programme is divided into two subprogrammes: Culture and MEDIA. Next to this, there are also calls for cross-sectoral projects. The European Capital of Culture, the European Heritage Label and several EU prizes for culture are also part of Creative Europe.

The pilot programme Archipel.eu is giving special attention to cultural projects in the overseas countries and territories. With a budget of over 2,4 billion euros for seven years, the programme is set to support the cultural and creative sector in Europe to be more competitive, green, digital and inclusive than ever!

## About Creative Europe Desk NL

For more information about Creative Europe, please contact Creative Europe Desk NL, the service and information point for the Creative Europe programme in the Netherlands. Creative Europe Desk NL advises on the grant opportunities of the Creative Europe programme and provides guidance on applying for a grant.



**All funding opportunities can be found  
on [creativeeuropedesk.nl](https://creativeeuropedesk.nl)**

# Promoting literature in minority languages through exchange



**Author Elvira Bonafacio participated in the Creative Europe project Other Words:**

"Through the Other Words project, supported by Creative Europe Culture, I spent eight weeks in a residency in Belfast, North Ireland. The goal of this project is to promote literature in small and minority languages by inviting writers in these languages to participate in an exchange.

"I think it's important that languages like Papiamentu are included in European projects that focus on minority languages."

**Elvira Bonafacio, writer**

I am from Curaçao and I write in Papiamentu. In Belfast I was provided with a place to stay, a place to work, and with meetings with various local leaders, lecturers and writers. I also engaged in an exchange with students. I'm still in touch with those writers and with several schools. I also wrote a new work that has been translated into English, Gaelic, Slovenian, Frisian and Basque. The translations have been posted on the Other Words website, along with a number of blogposts written in Papiamentu and in English.

I think it's important that languages like Papiamentu are included in European projects that focus on minority languages. It's important for us, too: the younger generations on Curaçao don't always see the point of learning Papiamentu, since it is such a small language. But we should encourage the use of minority languages. It's a way to promote cultural transfer through creativity: through art, literature and music."



# Working together for a better world with **European Solidarity Corps.**

**The European Solidarity Corps is the European funding programme for projects set up by young people and organisations in order to make a positive contribution to society. From a local to EU scale level!**

The aim is for young people to take action together to make a difference and to develop on a personal and professional level. There are two types of grant opportunities within the European Solidarity Corps:

- ▶ Volunteering Projects
- ▶ Solidarity Projects

In a Volunteering Project, an organisation receives a grant to offer volunteer places to European young people; who thus get the opportunity to do something good for someone



“Young people return home much more worldwide and more confident!”

Yolanda Richardson-Smit, project manager



else, to develop their own talents and to gain a special experience abroad.

A Solidarity Project is conceived and executed by five young people (18 – 30 years old) who want to do something good for their environment or community. In addition to their contribution to society, this also benefits the young people themselves because of all the new things they learn and do.

**For more information, visit  
[europeansolidaritycorps.nl](https://europeansolidaritycorps.nl)**

## MY EU STORY

# European Volunteering: a world opening up to young people from Aruba.

Yolanda Richardson-Smit is project manager at CEDE Aruba: an organisation that has been sending Aruban youth to Volunteer Projects on the European mainland since 2018. 'Inclusion & diversity' is one of the priorities of the European Solidarity Corps. Yolanda contributes to this by trying to inform not some, but all young people about their options through the funding programme.

### Project manager Yolanda Richardson-Smit:

“With CEDE Aruba, we are looking for young people with growth opportunities: it is especially those who come from a disadvantaged situation that we want to offer the opportunity to develop themselves. It is often the first time in their lives that - during their time as a volunteer - they are away from home for a longer period of time. They learn to live independently and get to know other cultures. Young people return home much more worldwide and much more confident!”

Yolanda has a tip for organisations that also want to start working with European Volunteers: “Start small and approach the National Agency for help and advice. Also visit an international training yourself. Not only do you experience the power of intercultural learning there; you might also get to know your future partner organisations!”

# Horizon Europe

is the European programme for research, innovation and technological development.

**The European programme Horizon Europe is the programme for companies, knowledge institutions and other organisations engaged in research, technological development and innovation in an international context. Horizon Europe builds on the success of Horizon 2020 for the time period 2021-2027.**

With Horizon Europe, the European Commission wants to increase Europe's competitiveness by stimulating science and innovation. In addition, the European Commission wants to challenge industry and academia to work together to find solutions to societal issues that are relevant across Europe.

Horizon Europe offers many opportunities for:

- ▶ Any organisation active in research, technological development and innovation in an international context.
- ▶ Individual researchers.

**For information and advice:**  
**[rvo.nl/horizon-europe](https://rvo.nl/horizon-europe)**





## MY EU STORY

# International cooperation between sectors and disciplines

Every five years, the European Commission draws up a policy agenda. Through Horizon Europe, researchers, policy-makers, businesses and NGOs receive funding to contribute to new ideas and solutions to this policy agenda.

By participating in a Horizon Europe project, you can make a very practical contribution to helping solve major societal challenges such as 'beating cancer', 'digital challenges', 'climate issues', and 'democratic developments'. All major issues are represented!

In principle, every organisation can contribute its own expertise by joining a

consortium project, or by applying for funding as an individual researcher.

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**Lieke Michiels van Kessenich,  
senior advisor**

**Lieke Michiels van Kessenich,  
senior advisor Horizon Europe  
"Culture, Creativity and Inclusive  
societies":**

"What I often see is that applicants, even if they don't get the funding, are still very happy that they've participated in a proposal process. Broadening your network and getting new ideas is a great outcome too - so even if you don't get funded, it can be a wonderful source of new inspiration and collaboration!"

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## ABOUT ERASMUS+ EDUCATION & TRAINING

The National Agency Erasmus+ Education & Training focuses on all education sectors and is implemented by Nuffic. Nuffic is also responsible for the implementation of eTwinning.

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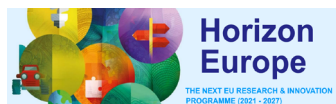
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