

Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth

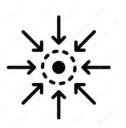
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What are 'virtual exchanges'?



Online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. They make it possible for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education (both formal and non-formal) without physical mobility.

They take place in **small groups** and are always **moderated by a trained facilitator.**

They should be easily integrated into youth (non-formal education) projects or higher education courses.

Participant organisations must arrange virtual exchanges for people in the 13-30 age range.



Specific objectives of the call



- ➤ Encouraging intercultural dialogue with third countries not associated to the Programme and increasing tolerance through online people-to-people interactions
- Promoting various types of virtual exchanges, allowing more young people to benefit from intercultural and international experience
- Enhancing critical thinking and media literacy, particularly in the use of internet and social media
- ➤ Fostering the **digital and soft skills development** of students, young people and youth workers
- Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education
- > Strengthening the **youth dimension** in the relations of the EU with third countries



Activities and expected outcomes



Wide variety of activities and topics possible, but all projects are expected to have a **learning dimension** and to report on it

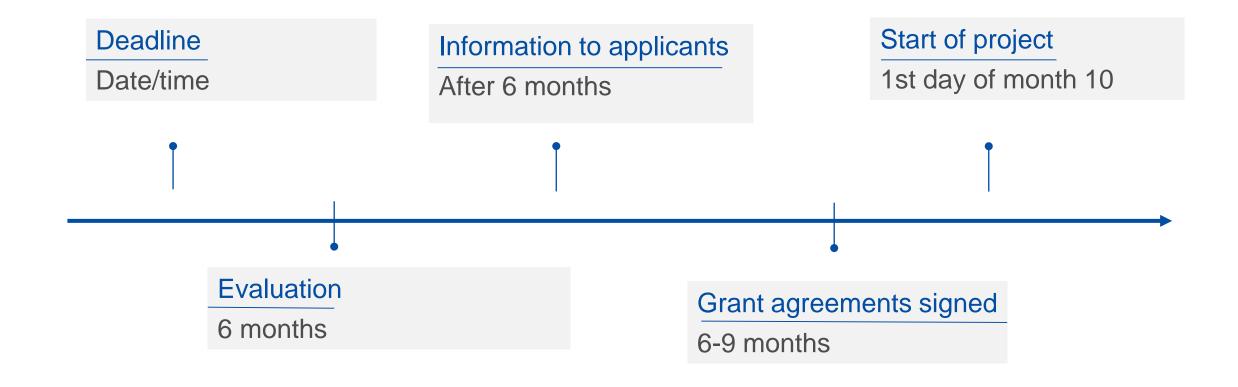
- On-line facilitated discussions (as part of youth projects)
- Training of youth workers for virtual exchanges
- On-line facilitates discussions (as part of higher education courses)
- Training for university professors/staff for virtual exchanges
- Interactive open on-line courses (strong focus on cross-border exchanges)

Rely as much as possible on existing tools and platforms!

Participants must be based on the countries of the organisations!



Timetable





Budget

Lump sum based

MAX. EU GRANT PER PROJECT 500 000 €



MAX. EU CO-FINANCING 95%

Budget available to be published



What is the role of participating organisations

- Coordinator: A participating organisation that submits the project proposal on behalf of all the partners.
- Full partners: Participating organisations which contribute actively to the accomplishment of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges. They are listed in the financial table (budget).
- Associated partners: Organisations which contribute to the activities of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange but for contractual management reasons aspects are not considered to be beneficiaries. They do not receive any funding from the Programme (they do not have the right to charge any costs). They are not included in any way in the financial budget table.



Eligibility Criteria: Duration

 Duration: normally 3 years - 36 months when no extension is granted



Eligibility Criteria: Which regions of the world can participate?

- EU Member States + Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme (EU Member States + Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey). Organisations from these countries can be coordinator.
- ✓ Western Balkans
- ✓ Neighbourhood East
- ✓ South-Mediterranean countries
- ✓ Sub-Saharan Africa

Nb. list of the countries in these regions can be found in the Call text (Programme Guide)



Eligibility Criteria: Who can apply as coordinator?

- Public or private organisations active in the field of higher education or youth (non-formal education) in EU and third countries associated to the Programme
- Higher education institutions, associations or organisations of higher education institutions, as well as legally recognised national or international rector, teacher or student organisations, established in EU and third countries associated to the Programme



Eligibility Criteria: Who can participate as partner?

Participating organisations may be established either in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or in an eligible third country not associated to the Programme.

Participating organisations may fall under the following categories:

- Youth organisations
- Higher education institutions, associations or organisations of higher education institutions, as well as legally recognised national or international rector, teacher or student organisations
- Vectors of change in the education system (university managers, international departments, deans, quality agencies, etc.); public or private organisations active in the fields of higher education or youth and established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or in one of the eligible third countries not associated to the Programme

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc. <u>Affiliated entities are not eligible for funding.</u>

Eligibility Criteria: Compulsory partnership composition

A minimum of 2 higher education institution and/or youth organisations from 2 or more different EU and/or third countries associated to the Programme

and

A minimum of 2 higher education institutions and/or youth organisations from 2 or more eligible third countries not associated to the Programme within the same region

The number of organisations from the EU and third countries associated to the Programme may not be higher than the number of organisations from third countries **not** associated to the Programme



STATISTICS - EVE 2021

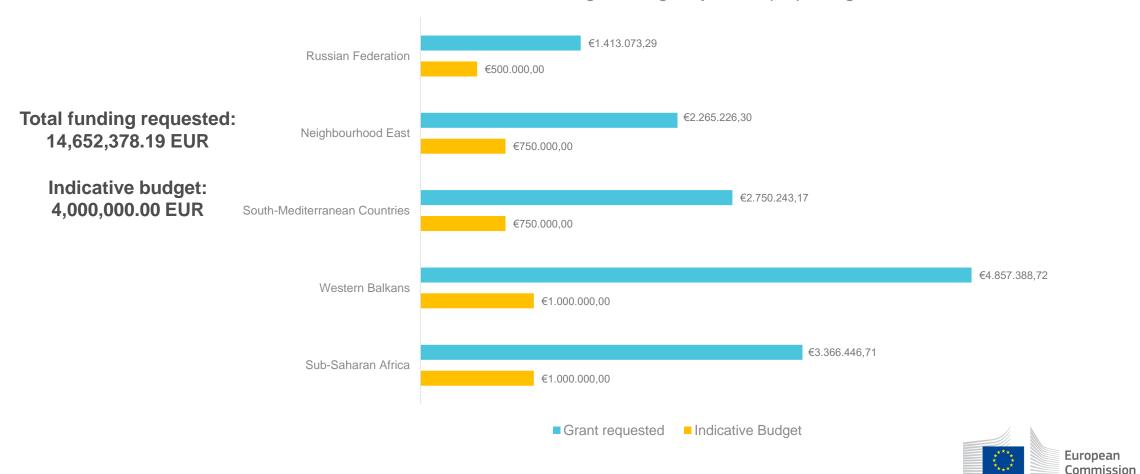
EVE 2021 selection: country involvement in 13 EVE projects selected

Number of participating organisations per country						
	Partner role in selected proposals			Instances of Participation in selected proposals	Instances of Participation in submitted proposals	Success rate in %
Country name	Coordinator	Partner	Associated			
Netherlands		1		1	7	14

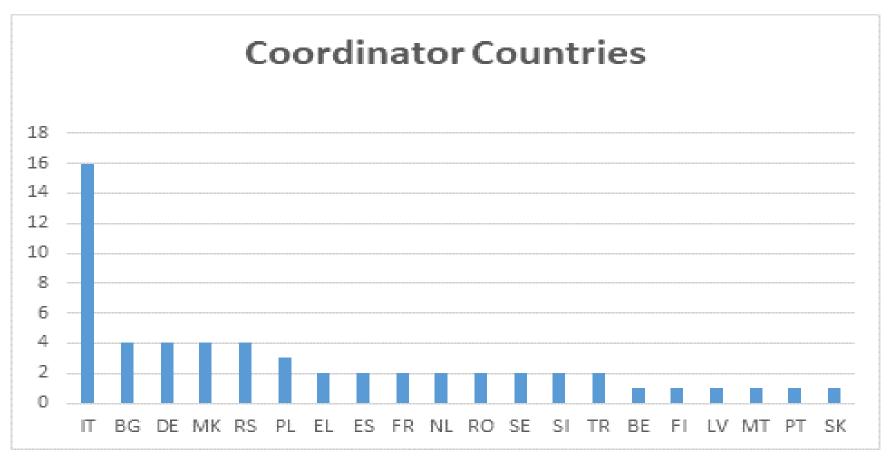


Allocated budget vs Grant requested per region – submitted projects

Requested budget per regions & Indicative budget / budgetary envelope per region

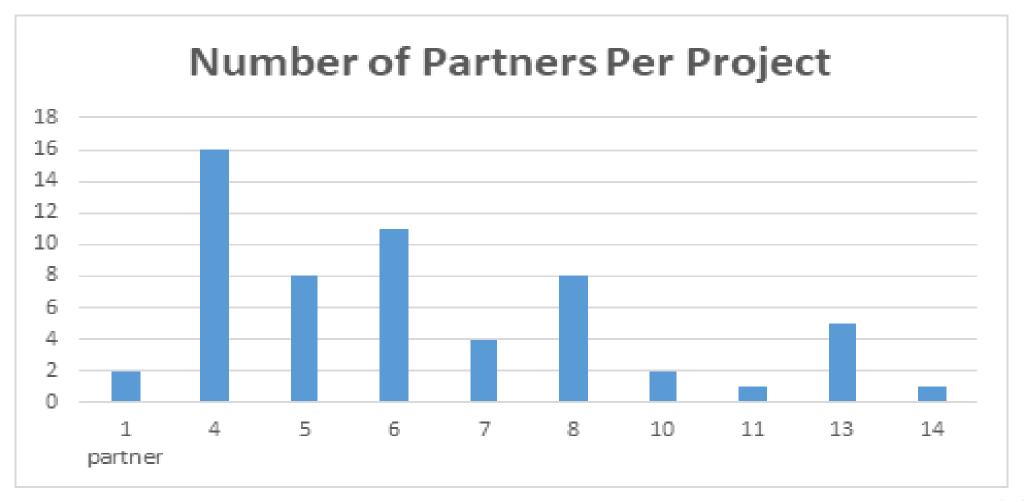


COUNTRIES OF THE COORDINATOR – submitted project



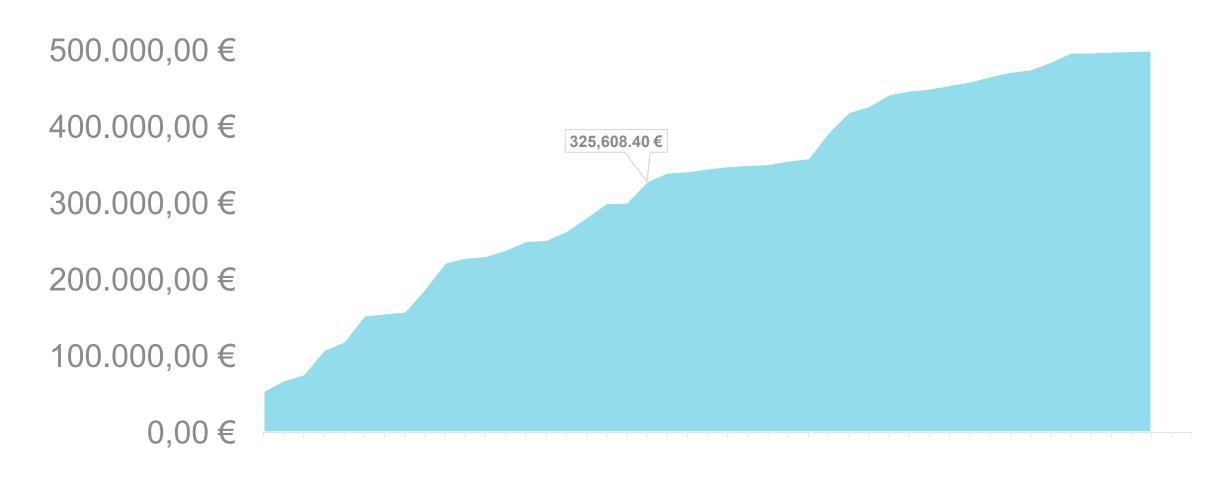


NUMBER OF PARTNERS PER PROJECT – submitted projects



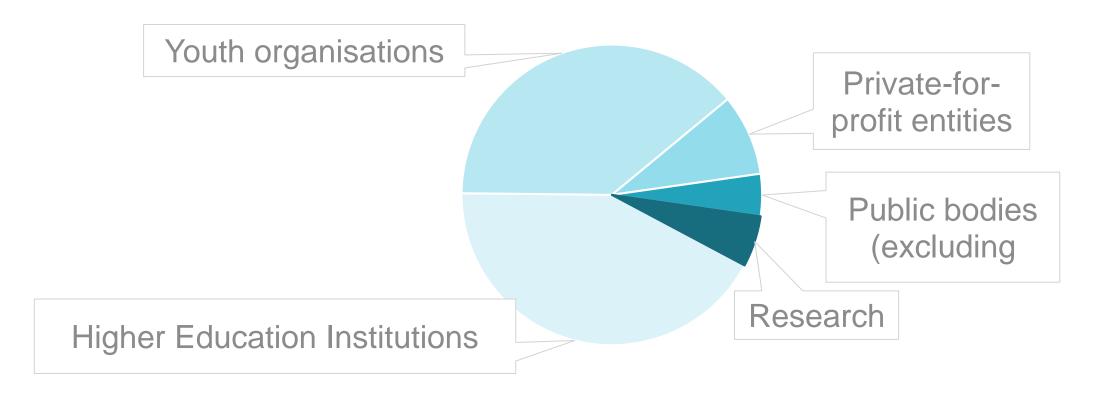


AVERAGE GRANT REQUESTED – submitted projects





TYPE OF ORGANISATIONS – submitted projects





Stay tuned!

- Virtual Exchanges in higher education and youth | Erasmus+ (europa.eu) –
 Erasmus+ website
 - Online info session: Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges funding opportunity
 (europa.eu) news item to be published
 - Erasmus+ virtual exchanges (EVE) Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu) – new leaflet to be published in EN and FR
- The Erasmus+ Programme Guide | Erasmus+ (europa.eu) 2023 coming up
 - Search Funding & Tenders (europa.eu) publication/submission



Questions?





Thank you!

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