

## **RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ACCREDITED APPLICANTS UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1**

This document defines detailed rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants within the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National Agency	NL01, Netherlands, Nuffic
Field	Adult education
Call year	2024

### **1. AVAILABLE BUDGET**

Total budget available for allocation <sup>1</sup> :	At least EUR 1.308.506,50
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Out of the available budget, at least<sup>2</sup> the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	At least EUR 600.000,00
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	At least EUR 275.000,00
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	At least EUR 125.000,00

### **2. ESTIMATING THE BUDGET REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUESTED ACTIVITIES**

Based on the funding rules defined in the Programme Guide and historical data on grants for similar activities, the National Agency will estimate the budget required to implement the activities requested by each applicant. For budget categories applying unit contributions, applicants cannot be awarded a grant higher than the resulting estimated budget.

Cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs' cannot be estimated in the same way. The National Agency will assess requests for these types of costs based on description and justification included in the application. During project implementation, beneficiaries can make further requests for these types of costs by submitting a written request to the National Agency. The National Agency will process such requests in order of reception, as long as funds remain available.

#### **2.1. Maximum grant**

Not applicable.

#### **2.2. Competitive allocation**

If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the budget required to implement their requested activities (or their maximum grant, if applicable), then a competitive allocation will take place as described in section 3. However, if the

<sup>1</sup> If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget.

<sup>2</sup> Specified amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document, or if a minor correction is required due to rounding rules.

total available budget is sufficient to fully address the requests of all applicants, then budget allocation rules defined in section 3 will not apply.

### **3. BUDGET ALLOCATION**

Budget allocation will take place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget will be divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described below. For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they have received in each allocation phase (and any approved amount for cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs').

If any applicant cannot receive further funds based on the rules in this document, then any surplus funds allocated to them will be divided among other applicants using the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

In this section, references to 'completed accredited projects' concern grant agreements with end date before 1 September 2023 and linked to the accreditation used in the current application (action type KA121).

#### **3.1. First phase: basic grants and financial performance**

All applicants will receive at least the following basic grant: **EUR 50.000,00**

#### **3.2. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities**

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score.

The score of each applicant is calculated in two steps:

- a) For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of their last completed accredited project.

For applicants that have not yet completed any accredited projects, the base score will be equal to the evaluation score of their accreditation application.

- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:
  - Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: +1 point per % of participants with fewer opportunities out of total participants
  - Involvement of participants in blended mobility activities: +1 point per 2 participants
  - Involvement of participants using green travel options: +1 point per % of total mobilities
  - Involvement of adult learners in mobility activities: +1 point per participant.

### **4. TARGETS FOR DELIVERY**

If the applicant has been awarded the full estimated budget required to implement their requested activities, then the activities requested in the application will become the applicant's targets for delivery and will be included in their grant agreement. If the awarded grant is lower than the estimated budget required to implement the applicant's requested activities, then the targets for delivery will be lowered proportionally so that the awarded grant is sufficient to reach them.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The National Agency can make limited modifications to the proportional adjustment to allow for a better fit between the awarded grant and target activities, to ensure coherence with the approved Erasmus Plan, to provide adequate support for priority activities, to maintain at least one participant in each activity type and category requested by the applicant, and to comply with rules defined in the Programme Guide.