



# Preparing Scottish schools for Erasmus+

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# Erasmus+ 2021–2027

It is a 7 year programme which aims to


- **SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT**  
(Lifelong Learning)


 Educational, professional and personal development


 People in education, training, youth, and sport

 In Europe and beyond

- **CONTRIBUTIONS & GOALS**

 Sustainable growth, quality jobs and social cohesion

 Driving innovation

 Strengthening European identity and active citizenship.

## Programme countries



### Current Programme Countries:

- All European Union member states
- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Norway
- North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Türkiye



### Joining from 2027:

- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

## Technical terms



### Mobility

A mobility is when a learner or staff member travels abroad for a structured learning, training, teaching or work-experience activity.



### Project

An Erasmus+ project is a planned set of activities an organisation delivers using Erasmus+ funding – such as mobilities, training, or partnership work.



### National Agency

A National Agency is the official body in each participating country that manages and oversees Erasmus+ at national level. The government is currently talking to the British Council.



### Key Action

Key Actions are the broad funding categories that the different Erasmus+ activities sit within.

## Applying for funding

### How to apply

Funding is managed either **directly by the EU** or **indirectly through the UK National Agency**, and your project's **Key Action** determines which one you apply to.

### “Indirectly” managed



- **Apply to:**  
UK National Agency



- **For:**  
Key Action 1 (mobility)  
Most Key Action 2 (partnerships)



## How the funding works

- Erasmus+ funding is applied for by **organisations** (e.g. school / local authority).
- Individual students or staff do not apply themselves.



# What does the funding cover?

For international placements and mobility projects (Key Action 1), Erasmus+ funding contributes towards:



living costs



visa and entry costs



language learning



organisational costs



preparatory visits



course fees



There is **additional funding** available for people with disabilities, additional learning needs and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

# What opportunities are available? For Learners

## Group mobility

- Groups of up to **30 pupils** (plus teachers) can travel to a partner school.
- You and your partner school choose the length of stay, activities, and topics you want to work on together.
- Activities can be in any curriculum area (e.g. theatre project, orchestra trip, language exchange etc.).
- Group mobilities last between **2 and 30 days**.



# What opportunities are available? For Staff



## Job shadowing

Staff can observe teaching and learning in a school abroad.



2 days – 1 month



## Teaching abroad

Staff can teach or train in a partner school.



2 days – 1 year



## Training courses

Staff can attend training courses abroad.



2–10 days



## Hosting an expert

Invite a teacher or trainer to deliver training or share good practice.



2 days – 1 month



## Hosting a trainee teacher

Host a trainee from a partner school.



10 days – 1 year

# Timeline

## Application window

The application period for 2027 funding is expected to run from approximately November 2026 to February 2027.

**funding outcomes** June / August 2027.

KA1 mobilities for staff and learners should run from August 2027 to December 2028.

The new 7 year programme will run from 2028 to 2034.



### Application Window

Nov 2026 – Feb 2027  
(approx.)



### Funding Outcomes

June / August 2027



### KA1 Mobilities

August 2027 –  
December 2028



### New 7 Year Programme

2028 – 2034

# What to do next?



Familiarise yourself with the Erasmus+ programme.



Attend **Erasmus+ training webinars**.



Decide on a **project** you would like to deliver.



Decide which **Key Action** is most suitable for your project.



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