Erasmus+

Low-hanging fruit for CARPE?
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A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

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Key Action 1

Diversity of mobility type-

- Study period or work placement for students in Higher Education
- Vocational traineeships for apprentices and students in initial vocational training
- Youth Exchanges
- European Voluntary Service activities
- Professional development and training for staff in all sectors of education, training and youth

~63% of total budget dedicated to learning mobility
~135,000 student and staff mobility flows expected

Aims to:
Improve quality and transparency, enhance international dimension of education and training and improve linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness
Opportunities under KA1

1. **Inter-institutional agreements** - no longer limited to bilateral arrangements and can be signed between more than two higher education institutions, providing for mobilities between groupings of institutions (working as a consortia).

2. **Staff Mobility** - to help develop better teaching and innovative approaches to learning as well as improve skills and competences of those leading on international education.

3. **Continuation of Erasmus Mundus Action 1 & Student Loan Guarantee** - an affordable and attractive finance scheme for students to take up a full master’s degree in another country.

4. **Joint Degrees/Awards** - to contribute to attractiveness of EU Higher Education.

5. **Partner countries and the International opening of Erasmus**
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Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation

Additional opportunities for partner countries:

1. Strategic Partnerships: more intense cooperation between HEIs and other stakeholders. Raise capacity to modernise and innovate.
Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation (2)

2. Knowledge Alliances: structured partnerships between HEI and businesses for innovation: new, innovative and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning, stimulate entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial competence of students, academic and company staff
More cooperation for more innovation

- Possibility to organise complementary types of mobility if it can support the objectives of the partnership. Cross-sectorality encouraged in all activities.

- Intensive Programmes

- Blended mobility of students: less than 2 months physical mobility coupled with virtual mobility

- Long term teaching staff exchange

- Short term joint staff training
More mobility

Diversity of mobility types

STUDENTS
- Credit student mobility
- Degree mobility
- Student loan guarantee for a full Master abroad
- Intensive programmes
- Blended mobility
- Virtual mobility

STAFF
- Short term mobility
- Long term mobility
- Intensive programmes
- Joint staff training
Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education may support the development and delivery of joint study programmes and joint curricula, intensive programmes and common modules between partnership members from different countries, disciplines and economic sectors, or the development and implementation of project-based transnational collaboration between enterprises and students/staff at Higher Education Institutions.
Strategic Partnerships in draft guidelines

As a general rule, the trans-national dimension at least three countries involved.

Geographic scope: participating countries. In some cases, participation of third countries is possible in so far as there is added value.

Projects can last 2 or 3 years. The duration has to be chosen at application stage, based on the objective of the project and on the type of activities foreseen.
Strategic Partnerships in draft guidelines

Award criteria

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:
Relevance of the project
Quality of the project design and implementation
Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements
Impact, dissemination and sustainability
Strategic Partnerships – some more info...

(Conditional - definitive rules to be published in December)

- Maximum of 3 applications per Higher Education Institution
  (nothing said yet about max. number per Consortium)
- Submit project proposals focusing on one specific discipline, so CARPE-wide application not recommended
- Maximum lump sum awarded: 450.000€ per application with a ‘menu’ for types of activities - for example conference, mobility, etc. – and specific lump sums set for each activity.
A Knowledge Alliance is...

- a structured **partnership** - business and HE
- Active 2-way **knowledge exchange**
- **Innovation** in teaching, learning and professional development
- **promoting entrepreneurship** and entrepreneurial mindsets
- generating ideas and **interdisciplinarity through cooperation**
- societal and economic **relevance** and outreach
- **benefits** for all parties involved
Framework conditions

- Minimum 3 partners from 3 Member States
- At least one HEI
- At least one private company
- 75% EC funding (co-funding)
- Grant: €200,000 <= €400,000
- 18 months duration
Impact:

- Students
- HEI’s (including staff)
- Business & Industry
- Social and economic renewal – local, regional and national impact
Expected results and outcomes are:

- Design and delivery of new multidisciplinary curricula responding to business needs
- Stimulate entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial skills and attitudes
- Stimulate innovative ways of producing and sharing knowledge between HEI and companies
- Improved market/knowledge relationship
- New approaches to teaching, learning & governance
- University-business cooperation as a norm, not an exception
Erasmus+ Additional Benefits

Reduced paperwork

Improved recognition

Better use of technologies

Full streamlining of Calendar and Procedures

Enhanced benefits for students and staff (short and long term mobility)

Building relationships with organisations in the area of education & training
Erasmus+ Challenges

Implementation - no final details until November/December

New procedures and processes

Tight turnaround times

Possible gaps in expertise areas and management of projects

Institutional priorities and agendas
Next steps

- **November 2013:** adoption of the legal base Erasmus+
- **End November 2013:** publication of the first calls
- **First deadlines in February 2014 for Key Action 1** and **April 2014 for KA2**