

Erasmus+
Virtual Exchange
INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE



Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth (EVE 2023)

Cluster webinar:
Strengthening the Capacity of Ukrainian Education for the European Integration
(for Erasmus+ 2022 calls winners)

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EVE 2021

- In total 17 (out of 23) individual organisations participated in 8 projects (10 individual organisations from 2 selected proposals)
- EACEA just finalised the grant agreement signature process, most projects have started on 1 December 2022 (some of them will start 1 January 2023)

The 13 selected projects were published on FTOP:

- 4 from Western Balkans [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
- 9 from rest of the world (including Neighbourhood East/Ukraine) [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)

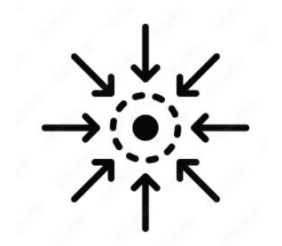
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Country name	Partner role in selected proposals			Instances of Participation in selected proposals	Instances of Participation in submitted proposals	Success rate in %
	Coordinator	Partner	Associated			
Ukraine		7	3	10	23	43

EVE 2022

- In total 12 (out of 13) individual organisations participated in 6 projects,
- Evaluation process ongoing and projects will be notified end-March 2023 and grant agreement signature between March-June 2023 (foreseen project start 1 July 2023)

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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** – involve participants from either only one or from both sectors.

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

Specific objectives of the call



- Encourage **intercultural dialogue** with third countries not associated to the Programme and increase tolerance through online people-to-people interactions
- Promote various types of virtual exchanges, allowing more young people to **benefit from intercultural and international experience**
- Enhance **critical thinking and media literacy**, particularly in the use of internet and social media
- Foster the **digital and soft skills development** of students, young people and youth workers (*including practice of foreign languages, teamwork, enhance employability*)
- Promote **citizenship and the common values** of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education
- Strengthen the **youth dimension** in the relations of the EU with third countries

gender

socially and
economically
vulnerable

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

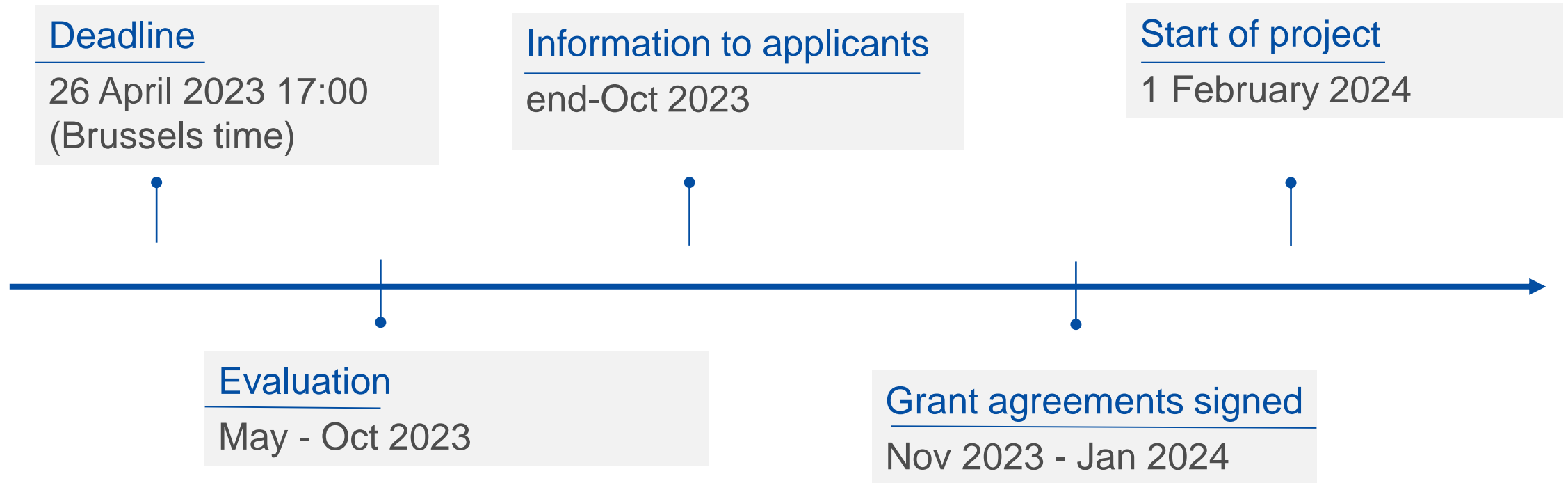
- On-line facilitated discussions (as part of youth projects)
- On-line facilitates discussions (as part of higher education courses)
- Training of youth workers for virtual exchanges
- Training for university professors/staff for virtual exchanges
- Interactive open on-line courses (community interactions among participants)

Rely as much as possible on existing tools and platforms!

Foresee a method of recognition of participation!

Participants must be based on the countries of the organisations!

Timetable - *ERASMUS-EDU-2023-VIRT-EXCH*



Duration of Virtual exchanges projects:
3 years - 36 months

Budget

**Lump sum
based**

**MAX. EU GRANT PER
PROJECT
500 000 €**

(with 200 € as maximum investment per participant, i.e. a project of 500,000 € would have to reach at least 2,500 participants)



**MAX. EU CO-
FINANCING
95%**

**Budget available
6,3 mio EUR**

- ☐ Financial support to third parties is not allowed
- ☐ Volunteer and SME costs are allowed
- ☐ See section *Eligible direct costs in the Programme Guide*

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.

Which regions of the world can participate

- EU Member States + Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme (i.e. Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey). Organisations from these countries can be coordinator.
- ✓ Western Balkans (Region 1)
- ✓ Neighbourhood East (Region 2)
- ✓ South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)
- ✓ Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9): *geographical target priority to least developed countries and special emphasis on migration priority countries in this region*

Organisation and participants from one of the eligible regions

Nb. list of the countries in these regions can be found in the Programme Guide

Who can apply as coordinator

- Public or private organisations active in the field of higher education or youth (non-formal education)
- 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 Member States or third countries associated to the Programme (i.e. Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)

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:

Organisation and participants from one of the eligible regions

- 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

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

Compulsory partnership composition

- at least 4 organisations

Minimum of 2 higher education institutions
or youth organisations
from 2 EU Member States and third countries
associated to the Programme

and

Minimum of 2 higher education institutions
or youth organisations
from 2 eligible third countries not associated to the
Programme *belonging to the same eligible region*

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

Stay tuned!

- [Virtual Exchanges in higher education and youth | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - Erasmus+ website on EVE
- [The Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2023 | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - new 2023 Programme Guide published on 23 November 2022
- [Search Funding & Tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - single entry point for applicants, including submission (link to EVE 2023) and partner search tool
- [Online info session: Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges funding opportunity \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - online info session linked to EVE 2022, additional news item to be published for EVE 2023
- [Erasmus+ virtual exchanges \(EVE\) - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - EVE 2022 leaflet, new leaflet to be published for EVE 2023 in EN and FR
- [VOD Erasmus+ World Wide Webinar 10112022 \(erasmusconference2022.eu\)](#) - Erasmus+ World Wide Webinar, including presentation and Q&A on EVE
- [Erasmus+ International dimension: Special focus on newcomers - Streaming Service of the European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#) - Erasmus+ international dimension online information session, including on EVE from 11:16:15

Questions?

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