



# Your Guide to Erasmus+

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## What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union's flagship programme for education, training, youth and sport. Running from 2021 to 2027 with a budget of over €26 billion, it gives people of all ages the opportunity to study, train, volunteer and gain experience abroad across EU member states and beyond.

## Who can apply?

Erasmus+ is open to a wide range of people and organisations based in Ireland, including:

- Students in higher education, vocational training and adult learning
- Young people aged 13 to 30 through youth exchanges and volunteering
- Teachers, trainers, school staff and youth workers
- Schools, universities, colleges, training providers and youth organisations
- Community groups and non-profit organisations

## How do I apply?

You cannot apply to Erasmus+ directly as an individual. You must apply through a participating organisation such as your school, college, employer or community group. That organisation applies for funding on your behalf. In Ireland, the national agencies managing Erasmus+ are Leargas (for schools, youth and adult education) and the Higher Education Authority (HEA) (for universities and higher education).

## Inclusion and Diversity Funding

Erasmus+ has a dedicated strand for inclusion and diversity that provides additional support to people who face barriers to participation, including people from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, people with disabilities, those with fewer opportunities and people from minority communities. This means extra funding may be available to cover travel, accommodation and support costs for eligible participants.



### What can Erasmus+ fund?

- Study periods and traineeships abroad for university students
- Vocational training placements in European countries
- Youth exchanges bringing young people from different countries together
- European Solidarity Corps volunteering opportunities
- Staff mobility for teachers and educators
- Collaborative projects between organisations across Europe

### Where to find out more

- Leargas (youth, schools, adult education): [www.leargas.ie](http://www.leargas.ie)
- Higher Education Authority (universities): [www.hea.ie](http://www.hea.ie)
- Citizens Information: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)
- EU Erasmus+ site: [erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu](http://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu)