ERASMUS ACCREDITATION – Information Sheet

What is the Erasmus Accreditation?

Simply put, the <u>Erasmus Accreditation</u> is a **certificate that schools and other institutes and organisations can obtain and that will be valid for the period 2021 – 2027.** It was created as part of the efforts to build more inclusive, stronger, and long-lasting partnerships with schools, Voluntary Education and Training providers, and adult education organisations, and its main purpose is to make sure that schools and organisations are better prepared to apply to Erasmus+ mobility grants in the furture.

This certificate confirms that the beneficiary has developed a high quality plan to carry out mobility activities (including, but not limited to, participation of staff members to international trainings), that will contribute to the further development and advancement of the organisation/school/institute. This is called the "Erasmus Plan".

Why is it useful to have the Erasmus Accreditation?

All organisations that obtain the Erasmus Accreditation will have access to a simplified application process for the Erasmus+ Kay Action 1 (KA1) grants, which are the grants that are used to finance staff and learner mobility. Many of the participants to EuroClio international trainings, for example, use "KA1 funding" to join the training.

In particular, all organisations that have the accreditation will NOT be asked to develop a new activity plan every year when applying to KA1 funding. This means that the yearly applications will take considerably *less time*.

How to apply?

To apply, you need to use the <u>digital application form</u> that is available online, and to have an Organisation ID. If you have applied to other Erasmus projects in the past, you can use the same ID. If not, you have to follow a short <u>online procedure</u> to request your ID.

The deadline to apply for Accreditation will be 29 October 2020 at 12:00 (midday, Brussels Time).

The application form is divided in nine different sections:

- 1. <u>Context Information.</u> Here, you are asked to state which National Agency (the national agency managing Erasmus projects) you are applying at (select the one of your country), and which language you are using to fill the form (this varies from country to country).
- 2. <u>Applicant Organisation.</u> Here, you have to insert your Organisation ID. When you do, the data about your organisation will be automatically selected.
- 3. <u>Background.</u> Here, you can present your organisation. You have to answer questions such as what are your organisations' main activities, how many years of experiences do you have,

- what is the age of the learners you work with. If your organisation has a strategy or an action plan, you can also link to them.
- 4. <u>Erasmus Plan: Objectives.</u> Here, you have space to indicate concrete and realistic objectives that your organisation wishes to achieve with mobility activities (such as trainings and study visits). These are objectives that you will try to reach in 7 years, so you can dream big and set the strategy for your organisation. You can add as many objectives as you wish, minimum one. NB: you are also asked to describe who you consulted to agree on the objectives.
- 5. <u>Erasmus Plan: Activities.</u> Here, you are asked to propose a broad planning for activities you want to organise and participants you want to support. You are asked to estimate how many people these activities will involve for each year, but the targets you propose (which have to be realistic) are not binding, because of course many things could change in 7 years!
- 6. <u>Erasmus Plan: Quality Standards</u>. All organisations that wish to get the Accreditation must adhere to the common set of Erasmus quality standards, including environmental sustainability, digital education, inclusion and diversity, and good management. In this section, which lists all the standards, you will confirm that you commit to respect the standards.
- 7. <u>Erasmus Plan: Management.</u> In this part, you are asked to explain what will your organisation do to pursue each of the quality standards.
- 8. <u>Annexes.</u> Here you upload the Declaration on Honour (automatically generated by the system) and any other document you think might be interesting (for example, the ones you mentioned in the Background section).
- 9. <u>Checklist.</u> Here you give the last permissions before sending the application.

Useful Links:

Web Page about the Accreditation: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/calls/2020-erasmus-accreditation

Rules of Application: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/eac-a02-2020-rules-application.pdf

Organisation ID: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/organisation-registration/screen/home

Application form: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-applications/screen/home