

Budget information

Erasmus+ Youth, Key Action 2 – Cooperation Partnerships

A modular system

Funding for Cooperation Partnerships is modular and depends on the type and scope of the project. For all project types, the programme offers lump sum amounts for project management that are automatically granted to each accepted project and reflect the length of the project and the number of partner organisations.

Should the organisations have to meet in connection with managing the project, a lump sum amount is added to cover the cost of these.

By contrast, whether or not an application can be made and approved for funding for project results (e.g., products), multiplier events, learning, teaching and training activities, inclusion activities and/or exceptional costs, etc., will depend on the type and scope of the project. A variety of formal and/or conceptual minimum requirements apply for specific items for which a funding application is made (for more information, see the relevant sections below).

The amounts granted to projects can hence look very different. While all projects that are granted support receive a lump sum amount for project management, all other items are assessed on a case-by-case basis so different project types will receive different levels of funding.

Project management and implementation

Projects involving up to ten organisations can apply for monthly lump sum amounts for project management. The amount granted to the coordinating organisation is EUR 500 /month, the partner organisations receive EUR 250/month each.

For projects involving more than ten organisations, the total amount is capped at EUR 2,750/month. The coordinating organisation still receives EUR 500/month, the partner organisations receive a correspondingly lower amount.

These lump sum amounts for project management are designed to cover all of the project partners' activities in regard to managing and organising the overall project including its individual elements, including project results. In other words, they relate to, e.g., planning and preparation of the overall project and its elements, partner coordination, design of a simple website, national activities at local level, project evaluation, reporting and more.

Double funding for these activities, especially project outcomes, hence cannot be granted.

Transnational project meetings

Funding is available for any meetings between partner organisations that are necessary for coordinating and implementing the project. These meetings normally take place at one of the project partners' offices; meetings can only be held elsewhere in justified individual cases.

It is assumed that the number of attendees per organisation is limited, given that these meetings are working meetings. Funding under this item cannot be used for larger events and meetings with individuals who are not project partner representatives, or for activities unrelated to project management.

Project results

Project results that are considered eligible for funding in this category are limited to products and results that are considerable in terms of scope and relevance for the field in question. In any case, a detailed and comprehensive description of said products and results should be submitted.

While there is no precise definition of the scope of the project results, it is assumed that the products will have to have involved several weeks' worth of collaboration on the part of the partners. For instance, the production of a simple brochure, a simple project website or a document describing a certain event will not be deemed to meet the requirements.

Neither are project management tasks, such as the production of detailed project plans or project evaluation, eligible for funding. The cost of these has to be covered by the lump sum amount for project management.

Labour costs incurred by any staff in the project organisations working to produce the project results are eligible for funding in principle. The daily allowance depends on the country in question; a table with an overview of the amounts is in the Programme Guide in the section on Cooperation Partnerships under Key Action 2.

Sufficient evidence must be provided that the individuals working on the project are project partner staff. If any technical goods and services have to be provided by third parties through subcontracting, the time spent on providing these services may not be reflected in the project results budget. Instead, as long as justification is provided, these costs can be recognised under Exceptional costs. (see below).

Please note that when it comes to project results, the staff costs for managers and administrative staff are only eligible in cases that are duly justified in terms of content. Costs associated with the management of the project overall and of the actual project results are covered by the lump sum amount for project management and hence are not eligible in this category.

Multiplier events

Multiplier events serve to disseminate the results of cooperation partnership projects to an interested audience outside of the organisations involved in the projects. These events are hence only eligible for funding if project results are planned and the multiplier events take place once the results have been created. Applications for funding may be submitted for partners' national or international events.

While the expectation is that projects without planned project results will also disseminate their results to third parties, no additional funding is available for this. In this case, the cost of dissemination must be covered by the lump sum amount for project management.

A lump sum amount per person is granted (EUR 100 per national participant, EUR 200 per international participant, EUR 15 per virtual participant), not counting the representatives of the organisations involved in the project.

Funding for multiplier events is capped at EUR 30,000 per project. A maximum of EUR 5,000 can be spent on virtual participants

Learning, teaching and training activities

As a rule, mobility activities for experts and young people are only eligible if they are clearly embedded in the overall project context and are motivated by it. The application has to clearly state the extent to which the activities help to achieve the project's objectives and results.

On principle, these activities have to be transnational and at least bilateral; normally, however, all partners will use these mobility activities in order to reach the project's objectives. For instance, applications can be submitted for individual shorter mobility activities for groups or for longer mobility activities for individual experts from the partner organisations.

Depending on the distances that have to be covered, applications can be made for lump sum amounts to cover travel expenses per participant. In addition, applications can be made for a per diem per participant (EUR 106/expert, EUR 58/young person), with the amount gradually dropping by a certain percentage rate after day 15 of the activity. In the case of mobility projects lasting more than two months, where necessary a lump sum amount of EUR 150 can be applied for to cover language support for an expert.

Support for inclusion

To help project organisations cover the additional cost of inclusion, an application can be submitted for a lump sum amount of EUR 100 per participant with fewer opportunities. For this, the relevant questions in the application form need to be clearly answered and sufficient details provided later in the final report.

Direct additional costs for participants with fewer opportunities and accompanying persons may be eligible on a real costs basis (100% of eligible costs). For instance, the funding could cover the cost of renting wheelchair-accessible rooms or an accessible vehicle, constructing a ramp, or the cost of hiring support staff. The necessity of these costs must be detailed in the application form.

Exceptional costs

Applications can be submitted for exceptional costs if any services that are required to reach the project's objectives cannot be performed by the organisations in question, but need to be bought in from a third party (through subcontracting). This may be the case if, for instance, an interactive platform or app is to be developed, the content of which can be produced by the project partners but whose technical implementation requires the assistance of an external provider.

Equipment that needs to be procured for the project, too, is eligible in principle. However, it may not be regular office equipment or other material that the partner organisations would normally use. Also, note that only the depreciation value that accrues during the duration of the project is eligible for funding.

Any exceptional costs applied for have to be sufficiently justified for each item individually. If no justification is provided, or the justification is deemed insufficient, the application will not be approved.

Funding for exceptional costs is capped at 80% of real costs up to a limit of EUR 50,000.