

Swiss funding within the framework of the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+

School Exchange Partnerships Applying as Associated Partner

Starting position	Switzerland has a Third Country Status in the Erasmus+ scheme. Therefore, Swiss schools can only participate as associated partners in School Exchange Partnerships within the framework of the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ (as described below).
Who can apply?	Schools
Funding objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Strengthening of international cooperation between schools– Learning about other cultures and improving languages– Expanding pupils' horizons, raise their aspirations and boost their life skills
Conditions of Swiss participation as associated partner	<p>Synchronous preparation and submission of the EU application and of the CH application to apply for funding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The European partner applies to the national agency of the country in which it is based. The participation of the Swiss school must be mentioned in the EU application, with a clear description of its role and contribution. No grant for the Swiss school has to be requested.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Swiss schools take part as associated partners, if the project has passed the evaluation of the competent national agency.– The Swiss institution cannot be the coordinator of a project.– In addition to the Swiss school, the minimum number of 2 further participating school from different countries must be reached.2. The Swiss application is submitted to Movetia. It must include a) a clear description of the contribution of the Swiss partner to the project and b) a detailed explanation of the extent to which the Swiss involvement makes a contribution to achieving the education policy objectives of the Confederation and cantons (e.g. Curriculum 21).<ul style="list-style-type: none">– The Swiss budget must be proportional and coherent with the budget of the other project partners.– The terms of conditions regarding implementation of the project are laid down in a funding agreement with Movetia.– Learning, teaching and training events can also take place in Switzerland. In this case, the Swiss partner school has to apply for financial support for the participation of the foreign project partners.

Eligible project costs for Swiss partners	<p>Project management and implementation Support for activities with the purpose of implementing the project such as tasks related to administration, coordination and communication.</p> <p>Learning, teaching and training events Short term joint staff training events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for school staff to participate in short-term exchanges with groups of pupils or in joint trainings. <p>Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for pupils to participate in transnational meetings with partner schools in order to work together on the project <p>Long-term study mobility of pupils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for pupils aged at least 14 to spend a period in a receiving school and a host family abroad <p>Long-term teaching or training assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for staff to spend a longer posting in a partner school, in order to develop their knowledge and understanding of other countries' education system. <p>Special needs People with a disability who take part in the planned project activities and meetings are supported with additional funds.</p>
Duration	1 – 2 years
Deadline for submission to Movetia	One week after the European deadline (details on the Movetia website)
Further information	Erasmus+ Programme Guide (p. 105 – 126) movetia.ch/en/eu-sp
Preparatory visits	<p>Enable staff from schools to prepare for cooperative projects.</p> <p>Standard allowances for travel costs (400 CHF) and subsistence (costs of stay) (400 CHF).</p> <p>The complete documents must be submitted to Movetia at least one month before the start of the preparatory visit and by 1st December 2020 at the latest. (movetia.ch/en/preparatory-visits)</p> <p>The preparatory visit should be carried out before the project proposal of the European applicant is submitted.</p>
Partner research platforms	<p>School Education Gateway schooleducationgateway.eu/en/pub/opportunities.htm</p> <p>Facebook group «Erasmus+ partners» facebook.com/groups/erasmusplus.partners</p> <p>Platform for under Erasmus+ funded projects ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects</p> <p>Partnerschulnetz partnerschulnetz.de</p> <p>Schools online schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/search-schools</p>