

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

Key Action 2: Knowledge Alliances Applying with the status Associated Partner

Background	Swiss applicants have two possible ways of taking part in a Knowledge Alliances – funding project: as official partners within the framework of Erasmus+ or as associated partners within the framework of the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+, as described below.
Eligibility	Professors, researchers, lecturers, staff working at a Swiss university (higher education institution), representatives of a business enterprise or organisation with an interest in and experience of university-level (higher) education.
Funding objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Improvement in the exchange of knowledge and strengthening the joint building of knowledge.– Strengthening the internationalisation, quality and innovation of higher education and industry and commerce.– Strengthening collaboration between higher education institutions and business enterprises for the development of excellent education options.– Improvement in labour market opportunities for and employability of those who complete their part in the project.
Funding area	<p>Knowledge Alliances are transnational, structured and results-oriented projects, in particular between higher education institutes and industry & commerce.</p> <p>Knowledge Alliances are open to all disciplines and sectors and to cross-sectoral collaboration. Partners share joint objectives and work together to achieve results and successes from which all parties benefit, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Development of new multi-disciplinary teaching concepts for the modernisation of the higher education system✓ Development of entrepreneurial thinking and skills for higher education institutions and business enterprises✓ Subject-related activities to promote exchange between higher education institutions and business enterprises.
Conditions for applying as associated partner	<p>Synchronous preparation and submission of the EU application and of the Swiss application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– The EU application is submitted by the European coordinator to the Education, Culture and Audiovisual Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels. The participation of the Swiss institution must be mentioned in the EU application and its role and activities clearly described.✓ The Swiss institution cannot take on a leading function.✓ Involvement of at least six further European partner institutions from at least three different programme countries, including at least two higher education institutions and two business enterprises.

- The Swiss application is submitted to Movetia. It must include 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.
 - ✓ Participation as associated partner is supported by contributions from the Confederation. A precondition is that the evaluation by the Executive Agency EACEA in Brussels must be positive.
 - ✓ The funded project can be carried out only in connection with a current EU project.
 - ✓ The terms of conditions regarding implementation of the project are laid down by a funding agreement with Movetia.

Eligible project costs

Intellectual outputs

Expert output that is produced by those taking part in the project (managers, lecturers, researchers, technicians, administrative staff).

Short-term mobility for staff and lecturers

Support for the participation of the institution's own staff in seminars in the form of input in classes or in test phases for the practical application of the results of the work (intellectual outcomes) in the countries of the project partners.

Special needs

People with a disability who take part in the planned project activities and meetings are supported with additional funds.

Duration

2 or 3 years

Further information

Erasmus+ Programme Guide (p. 174 ff).
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Preparatory visits

Enable lecturers and administrative staff from tertiary-level institutions to prepare for cooperative projects.

Standard allowances for travel costs (400 CHF) and subsistence (costs of stay) (400 CHF).

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.

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EU Funding for Switzerland as Partner Country within Erasmus+

Key Action 2: Knowledge Alliances Applying with the status Official Partner

Background	Swiss applicants have two possible ways of participating in a Knowledge Alliance: as associated partners within the framework of the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ or, as described below as official partners, i.e. within the framework of Erasmus+.
Eligibility	Professors, researchers, lecturers, staff working at a Swiss university (higher education institution), representatives of a business enterprise or organisation with an interest in and experience of university-level (higher) education.
Funding objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Improvement in the exchange of knowledge and strengthening the joint building of knowledge.– Strengthening the internationalisation, quality and innovation of higher education and industry and commerce.– Strengthening collaboration between higher education institutions and business enterprises for the development of excellent education options.– Improvement in labour market opportunities for and employability of those who complete their part in the project.
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Conditions for applying as official partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– The EU application is submitted by the European coordinator to the Education, Culture and Audiovisual Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels.– Swiss participation (partner country status) must be mentioned in the EU application and its role and activities clearly described.– In the Swiss part of the application, the added value that the Swiss participation generates for the project must be explained in concise detail. If the evaluators are not convinced of the added value, an application is rejected as a whole.

- The Swiss institution cannot take on a leading function of any kind in a Knowledge Alliance project.
- Minimum number of 6 further European partner institutions from at least 3 different programme countries, including at least 2 higher education institutions and 2 business enterprises.
- The official participation is supported by EU programme funding. There is no possibility of complementary or additional funding through the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ (Federal funds).

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