

BE01 - Frequently asked questions - Call 2020 Erasmus accreditations call in adult education, VET, and school education

Purpose of this document

This document aims to answer a number of frequently asked questions about the 2020 Erasmus accreditations call.

A. Number type and field of applications

1. Is it possible to apply for an accreditation in more than one field?

Yes, but separate applications must be submitted for adult education, VET, and school education.

2. Is it possible to submit one application as individual organisation, and another one as consortium coordinator?

It is not possible for one applicant organisation to submit two applications in the same field, even if one of the applications is for an individual organisation and the other one for a consortium coordinator.

However, it is possible for one applicant organisation to apply in more than one field at the same time.

3. Is it possible to be accredited and run a short-term project (non-accredited)?

In the same field: No, successfully accredited organisations cannot apply for a non-accredited project. If the organisation is running any project at the time it receives an accreditation, it should finish their ongoing projects.

In different fields: It is allowed for an organisation to be accredited in one field and to apply for a non-accredited project in another field at the same time.

B. Mobility consortium

4. Is it going to be possible to apply for a mobility consortium in 2021 without having an Erasmus accreditation?

No. Starting from 2021, all mobility consortium coordinators must have an Erasmus accreditation. Organisations who want to coordinate a consortium and do not apply for the preparatory 2020 accreditations call will be able to do so in 2021.

5. What will be the minimum number of consortium members?

The minimum number will be defined in the yearly Programme Guide, which is why it could not be included in this call (accreditation call cannot define a rule for another call).

6. Is it possible to coordinate more than one consortium at the same time?

In the same field: No – the rule is one accreditation per field. A consortium accreditation can include multiple objectives and various clusters of organisations focusing on different topics so there is also no practical need for multiple consortium accreditations.

In different fields: Yes.

7. Is it possible for an organisation to run a non-accredited project and participate as a member in a mobility consortium?

Yes.

8. Is it possible to participate as a consortium member in more than one consortium at the same time?

Yes.

9. Is it possible for an organisation to be accredited in one field, and at the same time participate as a consortium member in another field?

Yes.

10. Is it possible to change/rotate the consortium coordinator and keep the same accreditation?

No, at least not formally. The accreditation is given to a specific organisation and is not transferable. However, consortia have a lot of flexibility to organise their internal work so a form of 'rotation' of coordinating responsibilities is a practical possibility for stable consortia. The consortium must be fully transparent about such an arrangement and discuss it with the NA if needed.

11. Can consortium coordinators include their 'own' activities in the consortium application?

Yes. The coordinator organisation should address their own needs as part of the same accreditation by specifying appropriate objectives and activities in the application.

12. What will be the eligible consortium member organisations?

This eligibility criterion will be provided as part of the future Programme Guide, so it could not be included in this call. However, it should be expected that the same criteria will apply as for applicants to this call.

C. Eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria

13. Is organisation X eligible in adult education/VET/school education?

Exact eligibility definitions are to be provided by the National Authorities of each country, as stated in the Call.

14. Organisation X is a VET institution, but it also provides adult education. Can they apply in both fields?

In principle, it is possible to apply in two fields. However, whether a specific organisation is actually eligible in both fields will depend on the definitions provided by their National Authority.

15. Does Erasmus accreditations require any previous experience?

No previous experience with Erasmus+ projects is required. What is required is previous experience more generally in the field of education and training where the organisation is applying.

16. In consortium application do we have to provide with an exact list members of the consortium?

The assessment of applications for consortium coordinators is not based on exact list of consortium members, but on objectives of the coordinator who must provide a planning and explanation about their planned consortium members. This is reflected in the application form, particularly the 'Background' and 'Management' sections.

This approach allows for a much more flexible consortium format, especially when it comes to adding each year new member organisations – this added flexibility is a part of the Commission's efforts to support more newcomers.

17. Who are participants with fewer opportunities?

The definitions available in the [2020 version of the Programme Guide](#) (page 11) should be considered relevant also for the 2020 Erasmus accreditations call.

D. Light procedure and excellence labels for current VET Charter holders

18. What is the purpose of 'recognition of excellence'? Does it give an advantage at budget allocation stage?

The purpose is to maintain the visibility of the best performers and recognise that VET Charter holders were accredited under much stricter criteria than the new Erasmus accreditation. The label does not give advantages at budget allocation because it is based on performance – an element that is already one of the key budget allocation criteria.

19. Do KA102 projects count for excellence label award?

No. VET Charter holders that have not yet completed at least two KA116 projects will have a chance to be awarded with an excellence label later on.

20. What is the 'cut-off date' for KA116 final reports to be taken into account for the excellence label?

To be considered the KA116 projects must be closed and their final reports evaluated before the call deadline on 29 October 2020. This is to ensure that the procedure is not stalled by waiting for final report evaluations to be finished.

21. If VET Charter holders are re-accredited, do they still have to follow reporting obligations established for the VET Charter?

Granting of Erasmus accreditation does not end the VET Charter itself (contracts granted under the charter will also continue), therefore the reporting obligations formally remain in place

E. Other questions

22. Erasmus Plan : it might seem difficult to foreseen activities for 7 years !

When writing your application you should not worry about every detail. Rather, you should focus on the most important needs and objectives of your organisation and construct your application around that. You can make a very long plan of five years, or a short one for just two years – this is up to you. In the end, things always change and even the best plans need to be updated and that's OK. Your application is just the first version of your Erasmus plan - it can be changed, adapted and updated when needed.

23. Is drafting an international strategy obligatory?

Internationalisation strategy is not obligatory. Applicants have the choice to annex this type of document, but they can apply perfectly well without it.

VET charter holder should attach their most up to date internationalisation strategy. If the last internationalisation strategy submitted is older than two years, it should be updated accordingly.