

# EU Funding: Erasmus+

All EU funding for courses abroad such as Leonardo, Comenius and Grundtvig have now been replaced by a single programme: **Erasmus+**

## What is Erasmus+ and what are the changes from previous funding programmes?

**Erasmus+** supports activities in education, training, youth and sport in all sectors of lifelong learning (Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools, youth activities etc). A much greater amount of money than previously is now available to support teachers on training opportunities than abroad.

Unlike previous funding programmes, where you could apply as an individual, applications can now only be made by schools, colleges or institutions, so you must now **apply through your school**. Schools can receive extra funding when they apply for Erasmus+ grants on behalf of their teachers, so **both you and your school will benefit!**

Applications should be made through **Erasmus + Key Action 1. Schools can apply for grants for individual teachers**, so you don't need to be part of a group to benefit from the funding.

**Contact your school / institution IMMEDIATELY and ask them to support your funding application!**

## Who can apply?

If you are a teacher in a state or private school, or any other educational institution, in the EU member and EFTA states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), then you are eligible to apply through your institution. Organizations across all sectors of education and training in these countries can apply for funding.

## Is there a deadline?

Yes: you must submit your completed application by **4 March 2015** 12:00 Brussels time.

We suggest you begin the application process by speaking to your school, and once your school has confirmed they will support your application, you can apply online for your course at SGI. Alternatively, you can apply for your course straight away, and your place will be held until your Erasmus+ funding has been confirmed.

## What should I do next?

1. Read the Erasmus+ information in the links below and speak to the person responsible in your school, university, college or organisation - we suggest you do

this now!

2. Your school / organisation must submit a plan for one or two years, in line with the EU 2020 Education, Training, Youth and Sport Proposal requesting a number of grants for their staff to attend training courses at SGI.

3. Your school /organisation must register with the European Commission's Participant Portal and get a PIC number. They can find out how to do this at: <http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/node/31>.

4. Once the funding has been confirmed, you can then choose which SGI course you would like to participate in. You can choose any SGI Teacher Training course lasting up to two weeks, so all of our Teacher Refresher courses are eligible.

## **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR OBTAINING ERASMUS+ FUNDING:**

- **SGI PIC number is 943756845**
- **Application guide for organisations:** <http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/node/31>
- **Erasmus+ Funding Guide:**  
[http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/sites/default/files/erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf](http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/sites/default/files/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf)
- **How to apply guide:**  
<http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/sites/default/files/ECAS%20Registration%20Guide.pdf>
- **List of National Agencies for all participating countries:**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-plus/national-agencies\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-plus/national-agencies_en.htm)
- **Sample application form [here](#)**