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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR ACCREDITATION – EAC/A02/2020

Erasmus accreditation in the fields of adult education, vocational education and training, and school education

(2020/C 178/04)

Reserve clause

The 2021-2027 EU Programme for education, training, youth and sport proposed by the European Commission on 30 May 2018 (hereafter the Programme) has not yet been adopted by the European legislators. However, this call for accreditation is published to facilitate the application of potential beneficiaries of Union grants as soon as the legal basis is adopted by the European legislators.

This call for accreditation does not legally bind the European Commission. In case of a substantial modification of the legal basis by the European legislators, the present Call might be modified or cancelled and other calls for accreditation with different content and appropriate deadlines for reply may be launched.

More generally, any action flowing from this call for accreditation is subject to the following conditions, whose implementation is beyond the Commission's control:

- the adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of the final text of the legal basis establishing the Programme,
- the adoption of the 2021 and subsequent annual work programmes and the general implementation guidelines, criteria and procedures of selection, after referral of the committee of the Programme, and
- the adoption of the 2021 and subsequent budgets of the European Union by the budgetary authority.

The proposed 2021-2027 EU Programme for education, training, youth and sport is based on Articles 165 and 166 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and on the subsidiarity principle.

1. Introduction and Objectives

Erasmus accreditations are a tool for education and training organisations that want to open up to cross-border exchange and cooperation.

Accredited Erasmus organisations will gain simplified access to funding opportunities under Key Action 1 of the future Programme (2021-2027). The conditions for accredited organisations' access to funding will be defined in yearly calls for proposals published by the European Commission.

Award of the Erasmus accreditation confirms that the applicant has set up a plan to implement high quality mobility activities and to use them to improve its education and training offer. This plan is called an Erasmus Plan and it is a key part of the application for Erasmus accreditation.

Specific objectives per field are provided in the Rules of application.

2. Eligibility

Only applicants possessing legal personality in the meaning of the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC may apply.

Applicants established in one of the following countries are eligible to apply for an Erasmus accreditation:

- the Member States of the European Union,
- third countries associated to the Programme, under the conditions set out in the legal basis ⁽¹⁾.

In addition, to be eligible in each of the three fields covered by this Call, applicants must be recognised as a one of the eligible types of organisation by the national authorities of the country of the applicant, as described in the Rules of application.

Previous experience in Erasmus+ (2014-2020) is not required.

3. Deadline for the submission of applications and indicative date of publishing selection results

The deadline for submitting applications for the Erasmus accreditation is 29 October 2020. The indicative date of publishing selection results is 16 February 2021.

4. Selection procedure

Exceptionally, two separate application procedures will be put in place for this Call.

1. Standard procedure: open to all eligible applicants. Applicants for the standard procedure will be assessed against exclusion, selection, and award criteria.
2. Light procedure: open to organisations holding a valid Erasmus+ VET Mobility Charter. Applicants for the light procedure will be assessed against exclusion and selection criteria.

The National Agency in charge of the selection will appoint an evaluation committee to oversee the management of the whole selection process. On the basis of the assessment carried out by experts, the evaluation committee will establish a list of applications proposed for selection.

5. Full details

The Commission proposal for a Regulation establishing the 2021-2027 Union programme for education, training, youth and sport can be found at the following webpage:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1585129325950&uri=CELEX:52018PC0367>

Detailed conditions, rules and procedures of this call for accreditations can be found in the Rules of application at the following internet address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/calls/2020-erasmus-accreditation>

The Rules of application constitute an integral part of this call for accreditations and the conditions for participation expressed therein apply in full to this call.

⁽¹⁾ Pending adoption of the legal basis. In the Erasmus+ 2014-2020 Programme, this list includes: Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey, North Macedonia and Serbia.