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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020 – EAC/A03/2020**Erasmus accreditation in the field of youth**

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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

Erasmus accreditations are a tool for 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.

The award of the Erasmus Youth accreditation confirms that the applicant has appropriate and effective processes and measures in place to implement high quality learning mobility activities as planned and use them to benefit the youth field.

2. Objectives

This action has the following objectives:

- Strengthen personal and professional development of young people through non formal and informal learning mobility activities;
- Foster the empowerment of young people, their active citizenship and participation in democratic life;
- Foster quality development of youth work at local, regional, national, European and international level by building capacity of organisations active in the youth field and supporting the professional development of youth workers;
- Promote inclusion and diversity, intercultural dialogue and the values of solidarity, equal opportunities and human rights among young people in Europe.

3. Eligibility

Only applicants satisfying the requirements set under Article 23(1) 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 ⁽¹⁾ may apply.

The Erasmus Youth accreditation is open to the participation of any public or private body established in:

- the Member States of the European Union,
- third countries associated to the Programme, under the conditions set out in the legal basis ⁽²⁾

4. Deadline for submission

The evaluation of applications and the award of accreditations is a permanent process.

The simplified access to funding opportunities in a given year requires the prior obtaining of the accredited status. In order to obtain the accreditation under the present Call, applications must be submitted no later than 31 December 2021.

5. Selection procedure

Proposals will be assessed against the set of award criteria as well as exclusion and selection criteria defined in the Rules of application.

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.

6. 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-youth>

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⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50.

⁽²⁾ Pending adoption of the legal basis. In the Erasmus+ 2014-2020 Programme, this list includes: Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey, North Macedonia and Serbia.