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New Opportunities

Call Title:	TENTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR STEG SMALL RESEARCH GRANTS
Programme:	STEG
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>STEG invites applications to the call for proposals for Small Research Grants (SRGs). SRGs of between £10,000 and £25,000 can fund research assistance, data collection and/or purchase, and potentially research stipends/teaching buyouts. Grants also support travel to field sites, even when secondary data is utilised. They view this kind of travel (with the possibilities for field visits and conversations with policy makers) as particularly important for researchers who lack prior experience in the countries that they intend to study. Please note that cost effectiveness and value for money are important evaluation criteria and submitted budgets must adhere to the STEG Budget Guidelines.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>For this call, they particularly welcome proposals in the STEG areas of interest that have the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the collection, harmonization, and/or curation of macro-relevant cross-section or panel data. (Proposals should disclose any potential barriers to making the data publicly available, including any relevant privacy or property rights constraints.) • Focus on the potential impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) and/or advanced automation on labour markets and growth trajectories in low-income countries. Work in this vein should be grounded in empirical work (from other contexts) and/or theoretical modelling; we cannot fund work that is purely discussion-based. • Research on gender and structural transformation, including issues such as constraints to women's labour force participation or macro consequences of restrictive policies, norms or constraints affecting women's work. <p>Please note that an important criterion for funding of proposals is the relevance to policy in low-income countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Proposals focused on middle- and/or high-income countries need to make a clear case for the relevance of the research to policy in specific low-income countries.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	They welcome applications to SRG calls from researchers all over the world.
Total Budget:	£100,000
Deadline:	06/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://steg.cepr.org/call-for-proposals/tenth-call-proposals-steg-small-research-grants

Call Title:	SIXTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR STEG LARGER RESEARCH GRANTS
Programme:	STEG
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>STEG invites applications to the call for proposals for Larger Research Grants (LRGs). LRGs of up to £100,000 can fund research assistance, data collection and/or</p>

	purchase, and teaching buyouts, or relevant remuneration practices, for the principal investigator and co-investigators from partner institutions. Grants also support travel to field sites, even when secondary data is utilised.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Research may focus on broad systemic patterns and processes of structural transformation and growth for low- and middle-income countries, in a comparative sense across time or space, or more narrowly defined topics related to one or more of the following six research themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data, measurement, and conceptual framing; • Firms, frictions and spillovers, and industrial policy; • Labour, home production, and structural transformation at the level of households; • Agricultural productivity and sectoral gaps; • Trade and spatial frictions; • Political economy and public investment. <p>STEG is also focused around three cross-cutting issues that are simultaneously relevant to many areas of structural transformation, including the six research themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender; • Climate change and the environment; • Inequality and inclusion. <p>Please note that an important criterion for funding of proposals is the relevance to policy in low-income countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Proposals focused on middle- and/or high-income countries need to make a clear case for the relevance of the research to policy in specific low-income countries.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	They welcome applications to SRG calls from researchers all over the world.
Total Budget: £100,000	
Deadline: 02/02/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://steg.cepr.org/call-for-proposals/sixth-call-proposals-steg-larger-research-grants

Call Title:	CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH IN WESTERN BALKANS
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Capacity-building in the field of youth projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of youth in the EU and countries associated to the Programme, on the one hand, and in third countries not associated to the Programme, on the other hand. For the latter, this topic targets exclusively countries in Region 1 (Western Balkans).</p>
Eligible Activities:	Projects shall aim at supporting international cooperation in the field of youth and non-formal learning, as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development and well-being among youth organisations and young people. In specific, projects shall:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise the capacity of organisations working with young people outside formal learning; • Promote non-formal learning in the eligible third countries not associated to the Programme, especially in organisations that target young people with fewer opportunities (through the development, testing and launching of schemes and programmes of non-formal learning mobility in Partner countries); • foster the development, testing and launching of schemes and programmes allowing organisations to enhance non-formal learning mobility in the eligible third countries not associated to the Programme; • Support the development of youth work in the eligible third countries not associated to the Programme; • Contribute to the promotion and implementation of the ‘Engage-Connect-Empower’ priorities of the EU Youth Strategy (2019-2027) including the 11 European Youth goals and the European Youth Work Agenda; • Foster interregional cooperation; • Enhance synergies and complementarities with formal education systems. <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and Western Balkans countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme, third country not associated to the Programme from an eligible region.
Total Budget: €3,490,000	
Deadline: 26/02/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-YOUTH-2026-CB-WB

Call Title:	EUROPEAN YOUTH TOGETHER 2026
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>European Youth Together projects aim to create cooperation, enabling young people across Europe to set up joint projects, organise exchanges and promote trainings (e.g. for youth leaders/ youth workers) through both physical and online activities. The action will support transnational partnerships for youth organisations from both grassroots and large-scale level, aiming to reinforce the European dimension of their activities.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Important thematic priorities are working with and promoting the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 and the European Youth Goals. The European Youth Goals are also reflected in the President von der Leyen Commission’s political guidelines. Project proposals may also treat the legacy of the European Year of Youth 2022 (e.g., exploration of youth check or youth mainstreaming processes) and the outcomes of the ‘Conference for the Future of Europe’. Youth networks should</p>

	<p>consider ways of forging solidarity and inclusiveness in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme. Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of minimum of 5 applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities) from at least 5 EU Member States and/or third countries associated to the Programme.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Any participating organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.
Total Budget: €8,000,000	
Deadline: 26/02/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-YOUTH-2026-YOUTH-TOG

Call Title:	CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE FIELD OF SPORT
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Capacity Building projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of sport in Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme in Region 1 (Western Balkans) and Region 2 (Neighbourhood East). They aim to support sport activities and policies in third countries not associated to the Programme as a vehicle to promote values as well as an educational tool to promote the personal and social development of individuals and build more cohesive communities.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The action will aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raising the capacity of grassroots sport organisations; • encouraging the practice of sport and physical activity in third countries not associated to the Programme; • promoting social inclusion through sport; • promoting positive values through sport (such as fair play, tolerance, team spirit); • fostering cooperation across different regions of the world through joint initiatives. • Proposals should focus on certain thematic areas defined at programming stage. <p>Examples of particularly relevant areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotion of common values, non-discrimination and gender equality through sport; • development of skills (through sport) needed to improve the social involvement of disadvantaged groups (e.g. independence, leadership etc.); • integration of migrants; • post-conflict reconciliation.

	Actions must take place in EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme or in third countries not associated to the Programme from Region 1 (Western Balkans) or Region 2 (Neighbourhood East).
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality. Applicants must be established in the eligible countries.
Total Budget: €2,440,000	
Deadline: 05/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-SPORT-2025-CB

Call Title:	SMALL-SCALE COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Small-scale Partnerships are designed to widen access to the programme to small-scale actors and individuals who are hard to reach in the fields of school education, adult education, vocational education and training, youth and sport. With lower grant amounts awarded to organisations, shorter duration and simpler administrative requirements compared to the Cooperation Partnerships, this action aims at reaching out to grassroots organisations, less experienced organisations and newcomers to the Programme, reducing entry barriers to the programme for organisations with smaller organisational capacity. This action will also support flexible formats – mixing activities with transnational and national character although with a European dimension – allowing organisations to have more means to reach out to people with fewer opportunities. Small-scale Partnerships can also contribute to the creation and development of transnational networks and to fostering synergies with, and between, local, regional, national and international policies.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The objectives are:</p> <p>Attract and widen access for newcomers, less experienced organisations and small-scale actors to the programme. These partnerships should act as a first step for organisations into cooperation at European level.</p> <p>Support the inclusion of target groups with fewer opportunities</p> <p>Support active European citizenship and bring the European dimension to the local level</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states and Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Serbia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Any public body or organisation, with its affiliated entities (if any), active in the field of sport, established in a Programme Country, can apply.

Total Budget: €10,000,000	
Deadline: 05/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-SPORT-2026-SSCP

Call Title: COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS	
Programme: European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+	
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The primary goal of Cooperation Partnerships is to allow organisations to increase the quality and relevance of their activities, to develop and reinforce their networks of partners, to increase their capacity to operate jointly at transnational level, boosting internationalisation of their activities and through exchanging or developing new practices and methods as well as sharing and confronting ideas.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>They aim to support the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices as well as the implementation of joint initiatives promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience at European level. Results should be re-usable, transferable, up-scalable and, if possible, have a strong transdisciplinary dimension.</p> <p>Cooperation Partnerships aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing quality in the work, activities and practices of organisations and institutions involved, opening up to new actors, not naturally included within one sector Building capacity of organisations to work transnationally and across sectors; Addressing common needs and priorities in the fields of education, training, youth and sport; Enabling transformation and change (at individual, organisational or sectoral level), leading to improvements and new approaches, in proportion to the context of each organisation. <p>A Cooperation Partnership is a transnational project and must involve minimum three organisations from three different EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Any participating organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.
Total Budget: €10,000,000	
Deadline: 05/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-SPORT-2026-SCP

Call Title:	ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+	
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Virtual exchanges projects consist of online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. They make it possible for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education without physical mobility. While virtual debating or training does not fully replace the benefits of physical mobility, participants in virtual exchanges ought to reap some of the benefits of the international educational experience. Digital platforms represent a valuable tool in partially answering the global constraints on mobility caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual exchanges also help spreading European values. Moreover, in some cases, virtual exchanges can give ideas and prepare the ground for future physical exchanges not funded under this action.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth take place in small groups and are always moderated by a trained facilitator. They should be easily integrated into youth (non-formal education) projects or higher education courses. Virtual exchanges can draw participants from both sectors, even if, depending on specific projects, they could involve participants from either only one of them or from both. All projects under this call will involve organisations and participants coming from both EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and third countries not associated to the Programme in eligible regions.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and Sub-Saharan Africa countries: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo – Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme, third country not associated to the Programme from an eligible region.</p>
Total Budget: €500,000 per project	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-VIRT-EXCH-SSA

Call Title:	ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGES IN SOUTH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
Programme: European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+	
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Virtual exchanges projects consist of online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. They make it possible</p>

	for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education without physical mobility. While virtual debating or training does not fully replace the benefits of physical mobility, participants in virtual exchanges ought to reap some of the benefits of the international educational experience. Digital platforms represent a valuable tool in partially answering the global constraints on mobility caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual exchanges also help spreading European values. Moreover, in some cases, virtual exchanges can give ideas and prepare the ground for future physical exchanges not funded under this action.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth take place in small groups and are always moderated by a trained facilitator. They should be easily integrated into youth (non-formal education) projects or higher education courses. Virtual exchanges can draw participants from both sectors, even if, depending on specific projects, they could involve participants from either only one of them or from both. All projects under this call will involve organisations and participants coming from both EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and third countries not associated to the Programme in eligible regions.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and South Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme, third country not associated to the Programme from an eligible region.
Total Budget: €500,000 per project	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-VIRT-EXCH-SMC

Call Title:	CAPACITY BUILDING IN VET IN LATIN AMERICA
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Capacity building projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of VET in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and third countries not associated to the Programme. They aim to support the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in third countries not associated to the Programme as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development.</p>
Eligible Activities:	Through joint initiatives that foster cooperation across different regions of the world, this action intends to increase the capacity of VET providers – especially in the fields of management, governance, inclusion, quality assurance, and innovation – so that they are better equipped to engage with private

	<p>sector/enterprises/business associations to explore employment opportunities and jointly develop responsive VET interventions. International partnerships should contribute to improving the quality of VET in the third countries not associated to the Programme, notably by reinforcing the capacities of VET staff and teachers as well as by strengthening the link between VET providers and the labour market.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the capacity building projects VET contribute to the broader policy objectives that are being pursued between the European Commission and the third countries not associated to the Programme or region concerned, including Global Gateway investment packages and the development of Talent partnerships and the Talent pool as laid down in the Commission Communication on attracting skills and talent to the EU of April 2022.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and Latin America countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme, third country not associated to the Programme from an eligible region.
Total Budget: €2,000,000	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-CB-VET-LA

Call Title:	ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGES IN NEIGHBOURHOOD EAST
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Virtual exchanges projects consist of online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. They make it possible for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education (both formal and non-formal) without physical mobility. While virtual debating or training does not fully replace the benefits of physical mobility, participants in virtual exchanges ought to reap some of the benefits of international educational experiences. Digital platforms represent a valuable tool in partially answering the global constraints on mobility caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual exchanges also help spreading European values. Moreover, in some cases they can prepare, deepen and extend physical exchanges, as well as fuel new demand for them.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The action will aim to:</p> <p>Encourage intercultural dialogue with third countries not associated to the Programme and increase tolerance through online people-to-people interactions, building on digital, youth-friendly technologies;</p>

	<p>Promote various types of virtual exchanges as a complement to Erasmus+ physical mobility, allowing more young people to benefit from intercultural and international experience;</p> <p>Enhance critical thinking and media literacy, particularly in the use of internet and social media, such as to counter discrimination, indoctrination, polarization and violent radicalisation;</p> <p>Foster the digital and soft skills (i.e. Soft skills include the ability to think critically, be curious and creative, to take initiative, to solve problems and work collaboratively, to be able to communicate efficiently in a multicultural and interdisciplinary environment, to be able to adapt to context and to cope with stress and uncertainty;</p> <p>Promote citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education;</p> <p>Strengthen the youth dimension in the relations of the EU with third countries.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU countries and associated countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: be legal entities (public or private bodies). Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 4 organisations.
Total Budget: €500,000 per project	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC

Call Title:	CAPACITY BUILDING IN VET IN CARIBBEAN
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Capacity building projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of VET in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and third countries not associated to the Programme. They aim to support the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in third countries not associated to the Programme as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Through joint initiatives that foster cooperation across different regions of the world, this action intends to increase the capacity of VET providers – especially in the fields of management, governance, inclusion, quality assurance, and innovation – so that they are better equipped to engage with private sector/enterprises/business associations to explore employment opportunities and jointly develop responsive VET interventions. International partnerships should contribute to improving the quality of VET in the third countries not associated to the Programme, notably by reinforcing the capacities of VET staff and teachers as well as by strengthening the link between VET providers and the labour market.</p>

	<p>It is envisaged that the capacity building projects VET contribute to the broader policy objectives that are being pursued between the European Commission and the third countries not associated to the Programme or region concerned, including Global Gateway investment packages and the development of Talent partnerships and the Talent pool as laid down in the Commission Communication on attracting skills and talent to the EU of April 2022.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and Caribbean countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme, third country not associated to the Programme from an eligible region.
Total Budget: €500,000 per project	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-CB-VET-CA

Call Title:	CAPACITY BUILDING IN VET IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Capacity building projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of VET in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and third countries not associated to the Programme. They aim to support the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in third countries not associated to the Programme as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Through joint initiatives that foster cooperation across different regions of the world, this action intends to increase the capacity of VET providers – especially in the fields of management, governance, inclusion, quality assurance, and innovation – so that they are better equipped to engage with private sector/enterprises/business associations to explore employment opportunities and jointly develop responsive VET interventions. International partnerships should contribute to improving the quality of VET in the third countries not associated to the Programme, notably by reinforcing the capacities of VET staff and teachers as well as by strengthening the link between VET providers and the labour market.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the capacity building projects VET contribute to the broader policy objectives that are being pursued between the European Commission and the third countries not associated to the Programme or region concerned, including Global Gateway investment packages and the development of Talent</p>

	<p>partnerships and the Talent pool as laid down in the Commission Communication on attracting skills and talent to the EU of April 2022.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and Sub-Saharan Africa countries: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo – Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme, third country not associated to the Programme from an eligible region.
Total Budget: €7,500,000	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-CB-VET-SSA

Call Title:	ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGES IN NEIGHBOURHOOD EAST
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Virtual exchanges projects consist of online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. They make it possible for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education (both formal and non-formal) without physical mobility. While virtual debating or training does not fully replace the benefits of physical mobility, participants in virtual exchanges ought to reap some of the benefits of international educational experiences. Digital platforms represent a valuable tool in partially answering the global constraints on mobility caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual exchanges also help spreading European values. Moreover, in some cases they can prepare, deepen and extend physical exchanges, as well as fuel new demand for them.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The action will aim to:</p> <p>Encourage intercultural dialogue with third countries not associated to the Programme and increase tolerance through online people-to-people interactions, building on digital, youth-friendly technologies;</p> <p>Promote various types of virtual exchanges as a complement to Erasmus+ physical mobility, allowing more young people to benefit from intercultural and international experience;</p> <p>Enhance critical thinking and media literacy, particularly in the use of internet and social media, such as to counter discrimination, indoctrination, polarization and violent radicalisation;</p> <p>Foster the digital and soft skills (i.e. Soft skills include the ability to think critically, be curious and creative, to take initiative, to solve problems and work</p>

	<p>collaboratively, to be able to communicate efficiently in a multicultural and interdisciplinary environment, to be able to adapt to context and to cope with stress and uncertainty;</p> <p>Promote citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education;</p> <p>Strengthen the youth dimension in the relations of the EU with third countries.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU countries and associated countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: be legal entities (public or private bodies). Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 4 organisations.
Total Budget: €500,000 per project	
Deadline: 26/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC

Call Title:	CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>This action supports the gradual establishment and development of international collaborative networks of Centres of Vocational Excellence. The Centres of</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Vocational Excellence aim at achieving the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to ensure high quality skills through flexible and learner-centred VET provisions that lead to quality employment and career-long opportunities, swiftly responding to the needs of an innovative, inclusive and sustainable economy as well as to societal needs; to support and act as drivers for local and regional development, innovation and social inclusion in the context of the green and digital transitions; to contribute to upward convergence on VET excellence, to increase the quality of VET at system level in more and more countries; to ensure that outputs and results are taken into use and have impact beyond the project partner organisations and beyond the project period. <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Any participating organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.

Total Budget: €8,000,000	
Deadline: 03/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-PEX-COVE

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