

Funding opportunities for 2018-2020

Swiss-European mobility and cooperation in education: Swiss Programme for Erasmus+

Within the European education programme Erasmus+, since 2014 Switzerland has the status of a Partner Country (for the Call 2018 Switzerland is grouped in the region 14). In this framework Swiss institutions can participate in a reduced number of activities and under the conditions applying to organisations from "partner countries" as described in the Erasmus+ programme guide. To ensure the continuity of the mobility activities and cooperation of Swiss education institutions with the Erasmus+ programme countries, the Swiss Federal Council has established a Swiss-funded interim solution for Erasmus+ 2014-2017. In December 2017, the Swiss parliament decided to maintain and develop these funding opportunities in the years 2018-2020.

The Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ finances a certain number of activities. Priority is given to mobility (key action 1) in school education, vocational education, higher education, adult education and youth. Swiss institutions can also participating in cooperation projects (key action 2).

Possibilities for Mobility
and Cooperation with
Swiss individuals and In-
stitutions:

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tional agency

For the higher education sector the main features are:

- Funding for higher education mobility projects is provided under the Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP). It follows the principles of Erasmus+;
- Student mobility for studies and staff mobility for teaching are based on inter-institutional agreements between Swiss and European higher education institutions (HEI);
- Swiss HEIs can apply for Swiss funding of outgoing and incoming mobility activities (key action 1) with any Erasmus+ programme country. The grants for both outgoing and incoming mobilities will be paid by the Swiss HEIs to the ultimate beneficiaries;
- The activities include all types of mobility: student mobility for studies and student mobility for traineeships, staff mobility for teaching and staff mobility for training. Traineeships in Switzerland can only be funded if they are coordinated by a Swiss partner HEI;
- In 2017, the amount awarded to students coming to Switzerland for study purposes is between CHF 380 and CHF 440 (approx. EUR 330-380), for traineeships CHF 440 (approx. EUR 380);
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For the VET sector the main features are:

- Swiss VET education institutions can apply for Swiss funding of outgoing mobility activities (key action 1) with any Erasmus+ programme country;
- In addition, some funds have been reserved for incoming mobilities. Since these funds are limited, they will be used to support mobilities which are part of a reciprocal project, i.e. where partners host each others' trainees or staffs.
- Applications for such incoming mobilities can be submitted by the Swiss VET institution who hosts the European trainees from partner organisations.
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For the school education sector the main features are:

- Swiss schools can apply for Swiss funding of outgoing and incoming mobility activities (key action 1) with any Erasmus+ programme country;
- These activities include teaching assignments, job shadowings and structured courses;
- Incoming mobilities are eligible if they are part of a reciprocal project with a Swiss partner school. Applications for both incoming and outgoing mobilities has to be submitted by the Swiss partner.
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For the adult education sector the main features are:

- Swiss organisations active in adult education can apply for Swiss funding of outgoing and incoming mobility activities (key action 1) with any Erasmus+ programme country;
- These activities include teaching assignments, job shadowings and structured courses;
- Incoming mobilities are eligible if they are part of a reciprocal project with a Swiss partner organisation. Applications for both incoming and outgoing mobilities has to be submitted by the Swiss partner.
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For the youth sector the main features are:

- Swiss youth organisations can apply for Swiss funding of activities taking place in Switzerland (EVS, youth exchanges and youth worker mobility). In this case the whole project will be funded by the Swiss interim solution.
- If a mobility project has been approved by one of the European NAs, Swiss organisations can apply for funding in order to participate in the project. In this case, the Swiss interim solution will only cover the funding of the Swiss partner.
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For cooperation projects (Strategic Partnerships, Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances, School Exchange Partnerships, Transnational Youth Initiatives), Swiss institutions can participate in two ways:

- Swiss institutions can participate in Strategic Partnerships, Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances etc. as “associated partners” and apply for national Swiss funding. In this case, their involvement and role in the project has to be clearly described in the european application form.
- Or Swiss institutions can participate in Strategic Partnerships, Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances etc. as official partners (benefiting from funding from Erasmus+) on condition that they bring an added value to the project.

For other information and more details please consult the website of Movetia, the Swiss national agency in charge of implementing the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+: www.movetia.ch.