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A Guide to EU Youth Opportunities in the East Midlands

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Foreword

Dear Reader

Through our conversations with constituents it has become clear to us that many young people are not aware of the opportunities made available to them by the EU.

Here in the East Midlands both of us sit on the European Parliament's Committee for Culture and Education. In our positions on this committee we continue to defend British interests while seeking out opportunities for our young constituents.

We do not have to like everything the EU does, but we need to recognise the fact as a Member State it is important that our constituents get the most of what is on offer. This is particularly important in the fields of culture and the creativity, where British youth particularly excel. In education, the opportunities some EU schemes add real value to an individual's educational background and job prospects.

We are aware that information on EU funding can be hard to come by and that it can be difficult to digest even when found. Therefore, we are pleased to present this booklet of various internships and funding opportunities that are available to those under 30 as an attempt to condense all the information into one easy-to-read and comprehensive guide.

We hope that this guide proves useful and that young people in the East Midlands reap the benefits as much as possible from the opportunities available to them.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Erasmus+

The Erasmus+ programme aims to boost skills and employability, as well as modernising Education, Training, and Youth work. The seven year programme will have a budget of €14.7 billion; a 40% increase on current spending levels, reflecting the EU's commitment to investing in these areas.

Erasmus+ will provide opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad.

Erasmus+ will support transnational partnerships among Education, Training, and Youth institutions and organisations fostering cooperation that bridges the worlds of Education and work in order to tackle the skills gaps we are facing in Europe.

It will also support national efforts to modernise Education, Training, and Youth systems. In the field of Sport, there will be support for grassroots projects and cross-border challenges such as combating match-fixing, doping, violence and racism.

Erasmus+ brings together seven existing EU programmes in the fields of Education, Training, and Youth; it will for the first time provide support for Sport. As an integrated programme, Erasmus+ offers more opportunities for cooperation across the Education, Training, Youth and Sport sectors and is easier to access than its predecessors, with simplified funding rules.

Who can apply?

No individual can apply for these grants and opportunities alone they must be part of a wider institution that engages in Erasmus+ unless they are Youth Volunteers applying to the European Voluntary Service (EVS), and informal groups of young people applying for Youth Key Action 1r. Institutions covered by Erasmus+ include universities, training centres, VET education centres, volunteer organisations, sport organisations and a whole host of other educational and training organisations. All institutions must be within the EU or be an associated country; Switzerland, Norway, FYR Macedonia, Liechtenstein, Iceland or Turkey.



How to apply?

As an organisation you can establish contacts and networks across Europe and take advantage of Erasmus+. To do this there are four stages. Some applications are done direct and some are done through the UK National Agency: the British Council and Ecorys UK.

www.erasmusplus.org.uk/how-to-apply

Step 1: Find a funding opportunity

There are a number of different education, training, youth and sport funding opportunities available for UK organisations under Erasmus+:

- Key Action 1 funding - Learning Mobility of Individuals
- Key Action 2 funding - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
- Key Action 3 funding - Support for policy reform
- Jean Monnet funding
- Sport funding

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/study-and-volunteering-in-another-country_en_en

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices_en

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-3-support-for-policy-reform_en

Step 2: Read the Programme Guide

Read the Erasmus+ Programme Guide in detail to ensure you understand the funding rules and eligibility criteria for your chosen activity.

ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf

Step 3: Register your organisation

Before being able to apply for Erasmus+ funding you need to register your organisation as follows:

1. Register your organisation on the European Commission Authentication Service (ECAS), if you are not already registered.
2. Log in to the Participant Portal with your ECAS account details and register your organisation to obtain your unique 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC). **Please ensure your organisation does not already have a PIC** and read the Participant Portal User Manual before you register.

ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/register.html

Step 4: Download the application form

Application forms and guidance for the remaining decentralised activities will be published on the relevant application pages once available.

For programme deadlines see the Erasmus Programme Guide (Step 2)



What does Erasmus+ offer?

Erasmus+ offers three decentralised "Key Actions" managed by the UK National Agency, the British Council and Ecorys UK and two centrally organised programmes, Jean Monnet Network and for the first time Sports.

For the tables below;

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| Who can partake: | <i>Who does the funding apply to?</i> |
| Period Abroad: | <i>What work is to be undertaken abroad?</i> |
| Duration: | <i>For how long is the opportunity?</i> |
| Travel Funding: | <i>Amount given to cover travel costs.</i> |
| Institutional Funding: | <i>How much does the institution through which the scheme is set-up receive?</i> |
| Individual Funding: | <i>How much does the individual receive whilst undertaking the project?</i> |
| National Body: | <i>Who can you seek out for further information from?</i> |
| Course Fees | <i>Costs directly linked to payment of fees for the enrolment in courses</i> |
| Eligible Individuals: | <i>Who is eligible to apply through an institution?</i> |

I. Mobility

One of the most successful and recognisable instruments of the Erasmus programme has been the number of students and staff awarded grants to study abroad as part of their studies or training. In 2012/13 over 15,000 UK students and staff were given the opportunity to study abroad.

Projects under this action promote transnational mobility activities that target students and staff. This period abroad improves language skills, raises participants' awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries,

improves employability and fosters international relationships and networks. There are 8 types of projects available within this one key action.

A. Mobility Project: Higher Education

| Who can partake? | Students | | Staff | |
|------------------------|--|--------------|---|------------------|
| Period Abroad: | Studying | Traineeship | Teaching | Training |
| Duration: | 3 -12 Months | 2 -12 Months | 2 Days -2 Months | 2 Days -2 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €180 - €1,100 per participant depending on distance | | | |
| Institutional Funding: | For 100 participants the organising institution receives €350 per participant. For all participants above 100, the organising institution receives €200 per participant | | | |
| Individual Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €150 and €500 per month | | €50 - €160 per day | |
| | | | For the first 14 days of their time abroad individuals receive 100% of the amount. Between 14 - 60 days individuals receive just 70% of the amount. | |
| National Body: | The British Council | | | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Individuals can not apply direct for a grant this is only done through being enrolled or employed at a Higher Education Institution or public or private organisation in the labour market or in the fields or education, training and youth work. | | | |



B. Mobility Project: VET Education

| Who can partake? | Apprentices & Students | Staff | |
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| Period Abroad: | Traineeship | Teaching | Training |
| Duration: | 2 Wks -2 Months | 2 Days -2 Months | 2 Days -2 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €180 - €1,100 per participant depending on distance | | |
| Institutional Funding: | For 100 participants the organising institution receives €350 per participant. For all participants above 100, the organising institution receives €200 per participant | | |
| Individual Funding:. | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €18 and €112 per day. | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €50 and €160 per day | |
| | For the first 14 days of their time abroad individuals receive 100% of the amount. Between 14 - 60 days individuals receive just 70% of the amount. Between 61 days and 12 months individuals receive just 50% of the amount. | For the first 14 days of their time abroad individuals receive 100% of the amount. Between 14 - 60days individuals receive just 70% of the amount. | |
| National Body: | Ecorys UK | | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Individuals can not apply direct for a grant this is only done through being enrolled or employed at a Vocational Education and Training Organisation as an apprentice, student or member of staff. | | |

C. Mobility Project: Schools

| Who can partake? | Staff | |
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| Period Abroad: | Teaching | Training |
| Duration: | 2 Days -2 Months | 2 Days -2 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €180 - €1,100 per participant depending on distance | |
| Institutional Funding: | For 100 participants the organising institution receives €350 per participant. For all participants above 100, the organising institution receives €200 per participant | |
| Individual Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €50 and €160 per day | |
| | For the first 14 days of their time abroad individuals receive 100% of the amount. Between 14 - 60 days individuals receive just 70% of the amount. | |
| Course Fees: | €70 per participant per day. Maximum of €700 per participant in the mobility project. | |
| National Body: | The British Council | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Individuals can not apply direct for a grant this is only done through being employed at the sending School as a member of staff. | |

D. Mobility Project: Adult Education

| Who can partake? | Staff | |
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| Period Abroad: | Teaching | Training |
| Duration: | 2 Days -2 Months | 2 Days -2 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €180 - €1,100 per participant depending on distance | |
| Institutional Funding: | For 100 participants the organising institution receives €350 per participant. For all participants above 100, the organising institution receives €200 per participant | |



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| Individual Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €50 and €160 per day |
| | For the first 14 days of their time abroad individuals receive 100% of the amount. Between 14 - 60 days individuals receive just 70% of the amount. |
| Course Fees: | €70 per participant per day. Maximum of €700 per participant in the mobility project. |
| National Body: | Ecorys UK |
| Eligible Individuals: | Individuals can not apply direct for a grant this is only done through being employed at an Adult Education Organisation as a member of staff. |

E. Mobility Project: Young People and Youth Workers

| Who can partake? | Young People | | Youth Workers |
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| Period Abroad: | Exchange | Volunteer | Training |
| Duration: | 5 -21 Days | 2 Wks -12 Months | 2 Days -2 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €20 - €830 per participant depending on distance | | |
| Institutional Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination institutions receive between €28 and €40 per day | Less than 2 Months; Depending on destination institutions receive between €28 and €40 per day per volunteer. 2 - 12 Months; Depending on | Depending on the chosen country of destination institutions receive between €45 and €76 per day. Maximum of €1,100 per participant |



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| | | destination institutions receive between €440 and €630 per month per volunteer. | |
| Individual Funding: | | <p>Less than 2 Months; Depending on destination institutions receive between €2 and €5 per day per volunteer.</p> <p>2 - 12 Months; Depending on destination institutions receive between €60 and €140 per month per volunteer</p> | |
| National Body: | The British Council | | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Young people aged 13 to 30 years old | Young people aged 17 to 30 years old | Participants must be a resident of the sending or receiving country. No age limits. |



F. Joint Masters Degrees

This offers the opportunity for higher education institutions to align with EU partner universities to offer either a joint master degree or two separate but equally recognised master degrees. As part of this programme Master students can apply for a scholarship to partake in this exchange. The scholarship will cover the entire duration of the Master course. Once again, the scholarship is applied for through the institution and not on an individual basis.

G. Master Student Loan Guarantee

Higher education students at master's level can apply to complete a full study programme in another country and apply for a loan to contribute to their costs. The European Investment bank group will guarantee the loan. The facility will provide a partial guarantee against loan defaults for banks or student loan agencies in programme countries who participate. This partial guarantee ensures that banks offer loans on affordable conditions to mobile students, including better than market interest rates and up to two years to allow graduates to get into a job before beginning repayment. The management of this facility will be the European Investment Fund, part of the European Investment Bank.

Following a call for interest, financial intermediaries will be selected to operate the Erasmus+ backed student loans in Programme Countries based upon open and transparent criteria. These entities will run and administer the individual loans, not the European Investment Fund.

By encouraging more favourable loans, it is hoped that more students will pursue further study either at home or abroad, providing the possibility of reaping the social and cultural benefits of studying in a foreign environment.

II. Networks

Funding for developing networks and collaborations in order to create and share innovative practices, which lead to high quality teaching, training, learning and youth work, institutional modernisation and societal innovation. This comes about in four ways;

1. *Strategic Partnerships* seek to link up institutions working in the same field of education, to develop and share innovative practices in education.
2. *Knowledge Alliances* seek to link up education with business and enterprise. This aims to develop business and entrepreneurship mind-sets and skills.
3. *Sector Skills* seeks to fill skill gaps in the labour market by bringing together industry and Vocational Education and Training institutions. This cooperation aims to tailor the curricula and goals of Vocational Education and Training institutions to the needs of the labour market.
4. *Capacity Building in Youth Work* seeks to promote and develop the role of youth organisations in society by supporting transnational projects.

A. Strategic Partnerships

| Who can partake? | Students & Apprentices | Staff |
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| Period Abroad: | Learning | |
| Duration: | 5 Days -2 Months | 2 Months -12 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €275 -€360 per participant depending on distance | |
| Institutional Funding: | €150 000 per year (Maximum) Project Management and Implementation €2 750 per month (Maximum) Transnational Project Meetings €23 000 per year (Maximum) Transnational Events €30 000 per period (Maximum) Exceptional Costs 50 000 per period (Maximum) | |
| Individual Funding: | Depending on the duration and type of project, individuals can get between €40 and €300 per person per day. | |
| National Body: | The UK National Agency, the British Council and Ecorys UK | |



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| Eligible Individuals: | Staff and Students enrolled or employed at participating organisations. |
| Other | Linguistic Support is available for those in a 2 - 12 month project; €150 per participant. |

B. Knowledge Alliance

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| Who can partake? | Students & Apprentices | Staff |
| Period Abroad: | Learning | |
| Duration: | 2 Wks -2 Months | |
| Travel Funding: | €275 -€360 per participant depending on distance | |
| Institutional Funding: | €700 000 per Knowledge Alliance (2yr) (Maximum) €1 000 000 per Knowledge Alliance (3yr) (Maximum) Manager / Researcher / Teacher / Trainer / Technician / Administrative Staff. Between €160 and €330 per person per day, depending on the institution. | |
| Individual Funding: | Depending on the duration and choice of project, learners can get between €40 and €55 per person per day. | Depending on the duration and choice of project, staff can get between €70 and €100 per person per day. |
| National Body: | The European Commission | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Staff and Students enrolled or employed at participating organisations. | |

C. Sector Skills Alliances

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| Who can partake? | Students, Apprentices | Staff |
| Period Abroad: | Learning | |
| Duration: | 2 Wks -2 Months | |



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| Travel Funding: | €275 - €360,00 per participant depending on distance | |
| Institutional Funding: | €700 000 per Knowledge Alliance (2yr) (Maximum) €1 000 000 per Knowledge Alliance (3yr) (Maximum) Manager / Researcher / Teacher / Trainer / Technician / Administrative Staff. Between €160 and €330 per person per day, depending on the institution. | |
| Individual Funding: | Depending on the duration and choice of project, learners can get between €40 and €55 per person per day. | Depending on the duration and choice of project, staff can get between €70 and €100 per person per day. |
| National Body: | The European Commission | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Staff and Students enrolled or employed at participating organisations. | |
| Other | Eligible sectors for this alliance are; Textile/Clothing/Leather, Commerce, Advanced Manufacturing, ICT, Environmental Technologies (Eco-Innovation) and Cultural and Creative sectors. | |

D. Capacity Building Projects

| Who can partake? | Youth | Volunteers | Youth Workers |
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| Period Abroad: | Volunteering and Youth Work | | |
| Duration: | 5 - 21 Days | 2 - 12 Months | 5 Days - 2 Months |
| Travel Funding: | €20 - €830 per participant depending on distance | | |
| Institutional Funding: Any cost directly linked to the implementation of these activities. | Depending on the country in which the activity takes place organisations can expect to receive between €28 and €40 per day per participant. | Depending on the country in which the activity takes place organisations can expect to receive between €440 and €630 per month per participant | Depending on the country in which the activity takes place organisations can expect to receive between €45 and €76 per day per participant. |



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| Individual Funding: Funding given to support the individual. | N/A | Depending on the country in which the activity takes place organisations can expect to receive between €60 and €140 per month per participant | N/A |
| National Body: | Ecorys UK | | |
| Eligible Individuals: | Young people aged between 13 and 30. | Young people aged between 17 and 30. | No age limits. |

III. Dialogue

A. Structured Dialogue Partnerships

Structured dialogue is, in its simplest form, meetings, conferences, consultations and events between young people and decision makers. These meetings seek to promote the active participation of young people in democratic life in Europe. Youth Structured Dialogue is managed by Ecorys on the behalf of the UK National Agency.

Meetings must involve;

- International Meetings: at least 2 organisations from 2 different countries with one of these countries being from the organising country.
- National Meetings: 1 organisation from the organising country.
- 30 Young Participants (Aged between 13-30)
- Decision Makers or Experts in the youth policy field.

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| Travel Funding: | €20 - €830 per participant depending on distance |
| Institutional Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination institutions receive between €28 and €40 per day |

IV. Jean Monnet

Jean Monnet Actions aim at promoting excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union Studies worldwide. This is achieved through linking policy and decision makers with the academic world. The Jean Monnet initiative seeks to provide an insight or a 'European Union' view of certain study areas.

Open only to Higher Education Institutions.

A. Modules

A Jean Monnet Module is a 40 teaching hour (per academic year) course which can be an introductory course on EU issues, a specialised teaching on EU developments or a summer intensive course.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions can only obtain 75% of the teaching costs of laying on a module. In the UK the teaching cost of putting on a Jean Monnet module is calculated as €22,080, over the project length of three years. Additional costs qualify for a 40% reimbursement from the EU. There is a total maximum which the EU grants to each project which is €30,000. |
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B. Chairs

A Jean Monnet Chair is a professor or senior lecturer that provides a minimum of 90 teaching hours (per academic year). Institutions are encouraged to support their Jean Monnet Chair in maintaining an active profile.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions can only obtain 75% of the teaching costs of chairs. In the UK the teaching cost of a Jean Monnet chair is calculated as €49,680, over the project length of three years. Additional costs qualify for a 10% reimbursement from the EU. There is a total maximum which the EU grants to each project which is €50,000. |
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C. Centres of Excellence

A Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence is a focal point of competence and knowledge on EU issues. Institutions are encouraged to support their Jean Monnet Chair in maintaining an active profile.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions can only obtain 80% of all costs. There is a total maximum which the EU grants to each project which is €100,000. |
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D. Support for Institutions and Associations

Jean Monnet Institutions and Associations become reference points in the EU subject areas they cover.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions and Associations can only obtain 80% of all costs. There is a total maximum for Associations which the EU grants to each project which is €50,000. There is no maximum for institutions. |
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E. Networks

Jean Monnet Networks aim to foster policy debate within the academic world. These institutions become centre points for information on the EU and their relevant field.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions can only obtain 80% of all costs. There is a total maximum which the EU grants to each project which is €300,000. |
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F. Projects

Jean Monnet Project supports innovation and the spread of European Union content.

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| Travel Funding: | €180 -€1,100 per participant depending on distance |
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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions get €81 per participant per day for conferences. Non-local participants will receive between €125 and €365 |
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VI. Sport

The introduction of sport to Erasmus is aimed at tackling cross-border threats to the integrity of sport. The initiatives are also aimed at achieving good governance and promoting voluntary activities across a wide variety of sports.

A. Collaborative Partnerships

These provide opportunity to develop, transfer and/or implement innovative practices between various bodies in different areas of sport. These partnerships in particular seek to address grass roots sport and aim to inspire development of larger scale initiatives through sharing innovative practices and collaborating on sport information exchanges.

Any non-profit or public body can take part in these partnerships for duration of 12 to 36 months.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions can only obtain 80% of all costs. There is a total maximum which the EU grants to each project which is €500,000. |
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B. Not-for-Profit European Sport Events

These provide financial support for the organisation of European-wide sport events. In addition, it may finance national events - organised simultaneously in several European countries by not-for-profit organisations or public bodies - in the context of European events in the field of sport. The expected results of these events are: increased participation and increased awareness/visibility of the events.

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| Institutional Funding: | Institutions can only obtain 80% of all costs. There is a total maximum which the EU grants to each project which is €200,000. |
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VII. Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start or grow a small business in Europe. New entrepreneurs gather and exchange knowledge and business ideas with an experienced entrepreneur, with whom they stay and collaborate with for a period of 1 to 6 months. The stay is partly financed by the European Commission.

You can participate in the programme as a new entrepreneur if:

- You are firmly planning to start a business, based on a viable business plan;
- You have started your own business within the last 3 years.

Your (future) company or activity can be in any sector and there is no age limit.

However, you must also:

- Be a permanent resident in one of the Participating Countries;
- Have a concrete project or business idea, reflected in a business plan;
- Be motivated and committed to collaborate during your stay with an experienced entrepreneur from another Participating Country; be prepared to contribute to the development of the host entrepreneur's business and make your skills and competences available;
- Be ready to complement the programme funds as needed to cover the costs of your stay abroad.

| Country of stay | Maximum amount per month while staying in this country (€) inc. Travel |
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| EU-28 + Albania, Iceland, Israel, Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia & Turkey | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €530 and €1,100 per month |

More information, including a step-by-step guide, can be found at the link below:

<http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/page.php?cid=4#.VHRo7Sia8tF>

VIII. European Voluntary Service

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) provides young people with the opportunity to express their personal commitment through unpaid and full-time voluntary activities in a foreign country within or outside the EU.

Their learning experience is formally recognized through a Youthpass.

Volunteers receive free board and lodging, insurance cover and a grant for the duration of the project (in some cases they may be asked for a contribution for travel costs).

EVS volunteers working for more than two months abroad can get additional support to learn, and test their progress in, the language used during their volunteering.

The EVS aims to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, while contributing to strengthening social cohesion and promoting active citizenship.

Those aged between 17 and 30 that are willing to spend 2 weeks to 12 months abroad.

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| Travel Funding: | €180 - €1,100 per participant depending on distance |
| Institutional Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination institutions receive between €15 and €21 per person per day |
| Individual Funding: | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €2 and €5 per day |

<https://erasmusplus.org.uk/>



2. Opportunities within the European Institutions

Traineeships for graduates and students

A. Committee of the Regions

University graduates

Who can apply: candidates from an EU member country or from a country which is an official candidate for accession, who have completed at least the first cycle of a higher education course and obtained a degree.

Duration: 5 months

Location: Brussels

<http://cor.europa.eu/en/about/traineeships/Pages/cor-traineeship.aspx>

B. Council of the European Union

University graduates

Who can apply: EU nationals who have completed at least the first cycle of a higher education course and obtained a degree.

Duration: 5 months

Location: Brussels

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/council/traineeships-at-the-gsc>

C. Court of Justice of the European Union

University graduates with a degree in law or political sciences

Who can apply: graduates with a degree in law or in political sciences (focus on law).

Duration: 5 months

Location: Luxembourg

http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_7008/traineeships

D. European Central Bank

University graduates in economics, finance, statistics, business administration, law, human resources or translation

Who can apply: EU nationals who have completed at least the first cycle of university studies and obtained a full degree.

Duration: 3-12 months

Location: Frankfurt am Main

<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobs/apply/html/index.en.html#howto>

E. European Commission

University graduates

Who can apply: candidates who have obtained a university degree completing at least three years of university studies (minimum Bachelor). Must also have very good knowledge of French or German and another second EU official language (required for nationals of EU countries).



Duration: 5 months

Location: Brussels, Luxembourg, Member States capitals, Commission Delegations in non-Member States

http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index_en.htm

Translation traineeships

Who can apply: candidates must be able to translate into their main language (normally your native language) from 2 other official EU languages:

- Your main language must be one of the official EU languages.
- Your 1st source language must be English, French or German.
- Your 2nd source language can be any of the official EU languages.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/translation/workwithus/trainee/index_en.htm

University graduates (Joint Research Centre)

Who can apply: individuals with a Bachelor, Master's or PhD degree within 5 years after the previous university degree.

Duration: 3-5 months

Location: Ispra (Italy), Karlsruhe (Germany), Geel (Belgium), Petten (the Netherlands) or Sevilla (Spain)

<http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=5860>

F. European Court of Auditors

University-Level diploma or at least four semesters of university study in an area of interest to the Court

Who can apply: students who either hold a recognised university-level diploma or who have completed at least four semesters of university study in an area of interest to the Court (Audit / Budget, Accounting / Administration, Human Resources / Translation / Communication, International Relations / Legal).

Duration: maximum 5 months

Location: Luxembourg

<http://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/Traineeships.aspx>

G. European Economic and Social Committee

University graduates

Who can apply: university graduates who have completed at least three years of studies or university students who have to undertake a traineeship as part of their studies.

Duration: 1-3 months

Location: Brussels

University graduates

Who can apply: university graduates who have completed at least three years of studies.

Duration: 5 months

Location: Brussels

Who can apply: university graduates who have completed at least three years of studies or university students who have to undertake a traineeship as part of their studies.

Duration: 1-3 months



Location: Brussels

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.traineeships>

H. European External Action Service

University postgraduates (Master's or PhD level)

Who can apply: university graduates who have obtained a university degree equivalent to a Master's degree or higher in a domain relevant to the activities of the EU Delegations (at least four years of university).

Duration: 9-18 months

Location: EU Delegations

http://eeas.europa.eu/jobs/delegations/junior-professional-delegations/index_en.htm

I. European Investment Bank

University graduates

Who can apply: university graduates with less than one year of professional experience.

Duration: 1-5 months

Location: Luxembourg

<http://www.eib.europa.eu/about/jobs/working/internships/index.htm>



J. European Ombudsman

University law graduates

Who can apply: university law graduates who are at an advanced stage of professional training or research in Community law.

Duration: minimum 4 months

Location: Strasbourg, Luxembourg

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/atyourservice/recruitment.faces>

K. European Parliament

University graduates

Who can apply: university graduates.

Duration: 5 months

Location: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, information offices in Member States

University graduates with disabilities

Who can apply: university graduates and people whose qualifications are below university level with disabilities.

Duration: 5 months

Location: mostly Brussels and Luxembourg

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/007cecd1cc/Traineeships.html>



3. Europe 2020

Launched in 2010, the Europe 2020 Strategy focuses strongly on young people, with a headline target of reducing the number of early school-leavers from 15% to 10% and increasing the share of young graduates from 31% to at least 40% by 2020.

Two other headline targets have a clear youth dimension – reducing the risk of poverty for at least 20 million Europeans and increasing the share of the population in employment to reach 75%.

A. Youth on the Move

Youth on the Move is a comprehensive package of policy initiatives on education and employment for young people in Europe. Launched in 2010, it is part of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Objectives

Youth on the Move aims to improve young people's education and employability, to reduce high youth unemployment and to increase the youth-employment rate – in line with the wider EU target of achieving a 75% employment rate for the working-age population (20-64 years) – by:

- Making education and training more relevant to young people's needs
- Encouraging more of them to take advantage of EU grants to study or train in another country
- Encouraging EU countries to take measures simplifying the transition from education to work.

B. 'Your First Eures Job'

Started in 2012, 'Your first EURES job' (YfEj) is an EU job mobility scheme whose aim is to support young people in finding employment (jobs, traineeships or apprenticeships) in another Member State.

Eligibility Criteria

- EU nationals aged between 18 and 30 at the time of application and living in any EU country seeking a job, traineeship or apprenticeship in an EU country other than their country of residence
- All legally established employers in EU countries offering contracts of at least 6 months' duration, provided that pay and conditions comply with national labour law.

Financial Support

Young people's allowance for interview(s)

| Country | Amount (EUR) | | Rule of allocation | Reporting obligations |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|--|
| | Distance < or = 500km | Distance > 500km | | |
| Any Member State | 200 | 300 | Automatic , if necessary and after approval by the 'YfEJ employment service' but before the job interview takes place | Declaration signed by the mobile candidate |

Relocation allowance to another Member State

| Country of destination | Amount (EUR) | Rule of allocation | Reporting obligations |
|------------------------|--|--|--|
| EU-28 | Depending on the chosen country of destination individuals receive between €600 and €1,200 per month | Automatic , if necessary and after approval by the 'YfEJ employment service' but before the job interview takes place | Declaration signed by the mobile candidate |



Other support measures for young people

| Measure | Amount (EUR) | Rule of allocation | Reporting obligations |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Language training | Actual declared costs up to €1200 | Conditional: submission of request with training description and estimate | Full justification of the costs incurred, copy of invoice/receipt and training certificate |
| Recognition of qualifications | Actual declared costs up to €1200 | Conditional: submission of request with copy of national academic or professional certificate | Full justification of costs incurred, copy of invoice/ receipt |
| Supplementary relocation allowance for young people with special needs | Up to €500 | Conditional: submission of request with copy of medical certificate, income declaration or equivalent and, if possible, estimate of provisional costs | Declaration signed by the candidate (if ex-ante justification and estimate of costs) or full justification of costs incurred, copy of invoice/ receipt in the case of reimbursement of actual declared costs. |



4. European Social Fund

The European Social Fund is Europe's main instrument for supporting jobs, helping people get better jobs and ensuring fairer job opportunities for all EU citizens. It works by investing in Europe's human capital – its workers, its young people and all those seeking a job. The European Social Fund is designed and implemented in a partnership between the European Commission and national and regional authorities.

Co-financing ensures ownership at national and regional level: ESF funding is always accompanied by public or private financing. Co-financing rates vary between 50% and 85% (95% in exceptional cases) of the total project costs depending on the relative wealth of the region.

Objectives

- Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
- Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
- Investing in education, skills and life-long learning
- Enhancing institutional capacity and efficient public administration

Among financed actions

- Access to employment for job-seekers and inactive people, including local employment initiatives and support for labour mobility
- Sustainable integration of young people not in employment, education or training into the labour market
- Self-employment, entrepreneurship and business creation
- Reducing early school-leaving and promoting equal access to good-quality early-childhood, primary and secondary education
- Capacity building for stakeholders delivering employment, education and social policies and sectoral and territorial pacts to mobilise for reform at national, regional and local level

Funding

Amount: Up to 75% of eligible costs depending on the action

<http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp>



5. European Youth Foundation

The European Youth Foundation's purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

The EYF thus provides financial support to the following types of activity undertaken by non-governmental youth organisations or networks or by other non-governmental structures involved in areas of youth work relevant to the Council of Europe's youth policies and work:

Objectives

- To promote youth co-operation in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities that serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation between the people of Europe and of the world, in a spirit of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Awareness-raising, skills development and collaborative work

A. European Youth Foundation – Pilot Activity

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a youth activity prepared, implemented and organized by a local, regional or national non-governmental youth organisation
- Activities must have a European dimension, either by involving more than one country or by having a clear European context
- Must contribute to youth participation
- Activities must clearly impact the local area
- Must comply with the fundamental principles of the youth sector, particularly the promotion of dialogue and intercultural understanding
- Must contribute to the priorities of the youth sector of the Council or Europe

Funding

- €10,000 maximum per project

B. European Youth Foundation – Structural Grant

The structural grant of the EYF covers organizations and networks' structural costs. It consists of two strands: the structural grant and the one-off structural grant

Common Eligibility Criteria

- Must have carried out 3 international activities in the last 3 years
- Must take into account the priorities of the Youth Sector of the Council of Europe for that year

Structural Grant

- Covers general administrative costs
- Available to:
- International youth NGOs with a European co-ordination structure (members/branches in at least 7 Council of Europe Member States) and international youth NGO networks with a European co-ordination structure (at 7 youth NGOs in 7 different countries)
- 2-year grant, confirmed after 1 year

One-off Structural Grant

- Support to establish a European structure
- Available to regional networks of youth NGOs
- One-off grant (non-renewable)
- Organisations must be active in a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 countries

Funding

- Structural grant: €25,000 maximum annual grant
- One-off structural grant: €10,000 maximum

C. European Youth Foundation – International Activity

Objective

- To promote participation and intercultural learning

Eligibility Criteria



- Involvement of at least 7 members of the Council of Europe
- 75% of participants must be under 30 years of age
- The team running the activity must contain at least 4 nationalities working a minimum of 4 days a week
- 33% of finances must be covered by other sources

Funding

- €20,000 maximum per project

D. European Youth Foundation – Work Plan

Eligibility Criteria

- International youth NGOs (members/branches in at least 7 Council of Europe Member States) and international youth NGO networks with a European co-ordination structure (at 7 youth NGOs in 7 different countries)
- Must take into account the priorities of the Youth Sector of the Council of Europe for that year

Funding

- €50,000 maximum per project

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation>

6. Youth Employment Initiative

The Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) reinforces and accelerates measures outlined in the Youth Employment Package. It aims to support young people not in education, employment or training in regions with a youth unemployment rate above 25% in particular.

Objectives

- To support in the eligible regions the implementation of important Commission initiatives, namely, the Youth Employment Package and in particular the Recommendation on Establishing
- To ensure that all young people aged 15-24 not in employment, education or training (so-called NEETs) receive a good-quality offer of employment,



continued education, an apprenticeship or traineeship within a period of four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.

- To support, in such regions, young people not in employment, education or training (NEET), who are unemployed or inactive.
- To reinforce and to accelerate the delivery of activities supported by ESF funding.
- To support actions to combat early school leaving.

Funding

Funding, which aims to help young people aged 15 to 24 years find work; will be matched by an equal amount from the European Social Fund and also by project partners, bringing the total funding to nearly £490 million.

The 5 eligible areas will each receive a share of the money to fund new and innovative youth employment programmes:

- Inner London - £35.7 million
- Merseyside - £22.2 million
- Southwest Scotland - £38.6 million
- Tees Valley & Durham - £19.8 million
- West Midlands - £42.2 million

In addition, a small amount of the funds is being targeted at smaller regions or cities outside these areas where youth unemployment is also high. These locations are:

- Hull - £3.7 million
- Leicester - £4.1 million
- Nottingham - £4.0 million
- Thurrock - £1.5 million

Financed actions

- Direct support for high-quality traineeships and apprenticeships
- Provision of first job experience (placements for at least 6 months)
- Targeted and well-designed wage and recruitment subsidies
- Mobility measures to bring skills and jobs together
- Start-up support for young entrepreneurs
- Quality vocational education and training
- Second chance programmes



7. EU Aid Volunteers Initiative

EU Aid Volunteers initiative provides grants for a wide range of actions and activities in the field of humanitarian aid. The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) is responsible for the implementation of certain aspects of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative:

- The Certification mechanism of Sending and Hosting organisations.
- Technical assistance for Sending organisations and Capacity building for Hosting organisations
- The Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers

Objectives

- Deploying trained EU Aid Volunteers in humanitarian projects around the world
- Creating a network of EU Aid Volunteers to interact and support one another before, during and after their time in the field

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be over 18 years of age

Funding

The budget for the EU Aid Volunteers initiative is €147.9 million from 2014 to 2020. This funding will be used for putting in place an extensive capacity building and training package for EU Aid Volunteers, for volunteers and staff in third countries and for the deployment of volunteers.

- Deployment of EU volunteers €60.9 million
- Training package €54.8 million
- Capacity-building of disaster-affected communities and local organisations in non-EU countries €26.3 million

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/what/humanitarian-aid/eu-aid-volunteers>

8. Human Rights Education Youth Programme

Objectives

- To identify responses to common human rights violations including racism and social exclusion
- Empowering young people to develop activities to address the issues they face such as xenophobia and gender-based forms of violence
- Developing resources and educational tools for use in future human rights education
- Encouraging innovative practices and partnerships in both formal and informal education contexts

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be directly related to young people and human rights education or to a specific theme addressed in the programme
- Must have a clear education or awareness-raising function and be prepared, run and managed by a local association, institution or youth group directly involved with children, young people or a specific target group of
- Must focus primarily on participants under 30 years of age
- Must have a participatory approach throughout its duration, integrating intercultural learning in its educational approach
- Must be innovative in its nature and be open to other partners of the programme, foreseeing using the resources generated through the programme

Funding

- Maximum grant of €7,600 payable in two instalments, a maximum of 80% following the programmes' acceptance and the remainder payable after the final report.



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