

Exchange Schemes for young farmers available EU-wide

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Scheme name	Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs
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Website	https://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu
Exchange objectives	<p>Objective: to facilitate exchanges of experience, learning and networking for new EU entrepreneurs by means of working with an experienced entrepreneur in another EU country.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the job training for new entrepreneurs in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) elsewhere in the EU in order to facilitate a successful start and development of their business ideas; • Exchanges of experience and information between entrepreneurs on obstacles and challenges to starting up and developing their businesses; • To enhance market access and identification of potential partners for new and established businesses in other EU countries; • Networking by building on knowledge and experience from other European countries. <p>Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other participating countries. The exchange of experience takes place during a stay with the experienced entrepreneur, which helps the new entrepreneur acquire the skills needed to run a small firm. The host benefits from fresh perspectives on his/her business and gets the opportunity to cooperate with foreign partners or learn about new markets.</p>
Other activities	<p>The typical activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching an eligible New Entrepreneur (NE) with an appropriate Host Entrepreneur (HE); • Facilitation of contacts between the visiting entrepreneur and the hosting entrepreneur by intermediary organisations (IOs) active in different countries; • Coordination of the activities of the intermediary organisations by the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Support Office (SO); • Agreement of the parties involved (i.e. the selected NE, the HE and the IOs responsible) on the conditions for the stay abroad: the Erasmus for Young



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	<p>Entrepreneurs commitment, business/work/learning plan, tasks, responsibilities, financial conditions and legal implications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of the stay abroad: 1 to 6 months, with the possibility to divide the stay into slots of a minimum of 1 week spread over a maximum of 12 months; • Assessment and evaluation of the outcomes by the IOs responsible; • Establishment of an alumni network.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young entrepreneurs: New entrepreneurs planning to set up their own business or having already started one within the last three years; • Experienced entrepreneurs who own or manage a SME in one of the participating countries.
Group determination	<p>Any sector of the private economy can participate in the programme. Entrepreneurs participating in the project must come from a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise.</p> <p>In practice: majority of new entrepreneurs are under 40 years old (89%), while experienced entrepreneurs are mostly under 50 (74%).</p> <p>4% are from the agricultural sector.</p>
Destination(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU-28; • EFTA countries: Iceland; • Enlargement countries: the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, Serbia, Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; • Eastern neighbourhood countries: Moldova.
Duration of an exchange	<p>1-6 months. The average duration of the stay abroad is 3 ½ months.</p>
Costs covered for visiting farmer	<p>Financial support to the visiting entrepreneurs is to contribute towards travel costs to and from the country of the stay and subsistence costs (in particular for accommodation) during the visit. The amount of the financial support and related details are subject to an agreement between the visiting entrepreneur and the intermediary organisation.</p>
Communication	<p>Central website www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu provides all the necessary information about the programme.</p>
Practical arrangements	<p>The visiting entrepreneur should participate in a pre-departure introduction course which will include information on the mobility scheme and important EU related business subjects, such as the internal market, European law issues (particularly regarding business and contract law) and support services, including the European Enterprise Network (EEN) and SOLVIT. The intermediary organisation in the hosting country should ensure that it has sufficient up-to-date information about the relationship (i.e. objective(s) of the stay, activity plan, expected outcomes, etc.) and, when possible, a meeting between hosting and visiting entrepreneur and the intermediary organisation of the hosting country should be held at the beginning of the stay. Right at the beginning of the stay, the hosting intermediary organisation should via a meeting or phone call contact the visiting entrepreneur to introduce him/herself to the organisation, the staff in charge of the relationship and the support services available to him/her during the stay. Upon arrival, the visiting entrepreneur should receive a Welcome Pack prepared by the hosting intermediary organisation, which should include information about the host country (cultural information) and also on how to address practical questions (housing, transport, insurance, etc.). The hosting intermediary organisation</p>



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	should inform the hosting and visiting entrepreneur about the need to alert both intermediary organisations in case of problems that might hinder progress or the satisfactory completion of the exchange and about the consequences of a failed relationship.

Erasmus+

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Contact Email	https://europa.eu/european-union/contact/write-to-us_en
Telephone	00 800 67 89 10 11
Website	https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/
Exchange objectives	<p>Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.</p> <p>By taking part in Erasmus+, participants can improve many competences: communication, language, inter-cultural skills and soft skills which are highly valued by potential employers. Participants can also combine their period spent studying abroad with a traineeship to gain work experience - ever more important when starting out on the job market.</p> <p>Time abroad can consist of training courses, study visits, job shadowing or observation periods at relevant organisations and more.</p>
Target groups	Erasmus+ is open to all young people. It also covers adult learning.
Group determination	<p>Erasmus+ is open to many individuals and organisations, although eligibility varies from one action to another and from one country to another.</p> <p>Individuals can take part in many of the opportunities funded by Erasmus+, although most will have to do so through an organisation taking part in the programme.</p>
Destination(s)	Eligible countries are divided into two groups, Programme countries and Partners countries. Although Programme countries are eligible for all actions of Erasmus+, Partner countries can only take part in some, and are subject to specific conditions.
Duration of an exchange	<p>Study period abroad can last from a minimum of 3 months (or 1 academic term or trimester) to a maximum of 12 months.</p> <p>Participants can benefit of an exchange abroad with Erasmus+ multiple times, either as a student or as a trainee, but their total time abroad (study abroad periods included) may not exceed 12 months within one cycle of study.</p>
Finance	<p>Participants may receive an Erasmus+ grant as a contribution to their travel and subsistence costs. It may vary according to differences in living costs between their country and the destination country, the number of students applying for a grant, the distance between countries and the availability of other grants.</p> <p>Grant levels and fixed rates for exchanges between Programme and Partner countries are published in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.</p> <p>Students sign a grant agreement specifying the duration of the mobility, the amount of the grant and other rights and obligations.</p> <p>If participants are moving within Programme countries, their home institution will sign their grant agreement and it will be responsible for making all payments.</p>



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	<p>If participants are moving between Programme and Partner countries, the Programme country institution will sign the grant agreement. Their sending and receiving institutions will decide which one will make the payments.</p> <p>Erasmus+ student are exempted from fees for tuition, registration, examinations, and charges for access to laboratories or libraries at the receiving institution. Small fees for insurance or student union membership may still apply.</p> <p>Participants may also be eligible to apply for a scholarship for a Joint Master programme, or an EU-guaranteed Master Loan for a Master's degree of up to two years.</p>
Additional information	Central website https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus provides all the necessary information about the programme.
Practical arrangements	<p>Participants, their sending and receiving education institutions must sign a Learning Agreement for Studies to ensure a transparent and efficient preparation of the exchange abroad, as well as to agree on how activities successfully completed abroad will be recognised.</p> <p>Access to Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support will help you learn the language used for your studies if you are moving between Programme countries.</p> <p>Further questions about taking part in Erasmus+ can be checked in the frequently asked questions.</p>

Agro ecology

Scheme name	Agro ecology
Website	www.eurovia.org
Exchange objectives	Exchange between young farmers and organisations about agro-ecology practices (legislation about seeds, technical appointment, active economy system, transmission).
Target groups	Young farmers and organisations members
Duration of an exchange	4 days

Access to land

Scheme name	Access to land
Website	http://www.accesstoland.eu
Exchange objectives	International exchange on the issue of access to land
Target groups	Young farmers or future farmers and land owners
Destination(s)	May vary
Duration of an exchange	Four exchanges over 4 days