

## Erasmus+ Learning Networks Terms of Reference

Learning Networks are discussion groups for organisations involved in projects funded either through the Erasmus+ programme or through its predecessor programmes – the Lifelong Learning Programme (including Erasmus, Comenius, Leonardo, Grundtvig and Transversal programmes) and Youth in Action.

Learning Networks are intended to provide beneficiaries with a forum to meet, network and discuss topics of interest. These discussion groups will be one of the regular ways that those involved in European projects will be able to get together in person to talk about issues that interest them, to exchange project information and to build relationships with their peers.

### Topics

In 2014 the Erasmus+ UK National Agency set up three Learning Networks on topics addressed by the Erasmus+ programme. These topics were chosen for their relevance to all target groups involved in the programme, and are intended to be relevant across the fields of higher education, vocational education and training, schools, adult education, youth and sport.

- Learning Network 1: Employability
- Learning Network 2: Widening Participation
- Learning Network 3: Measuring Impact

Following a consultation in 2017 at the mid-point of the programme, it was decided that the Measuring Impact group would be replaced by Project Management and Implementation and that content related to impact would be included in all the topics.

Each topic relates to the aims and objectives of the Erasmus+ programme, as set out in the Programme Guide, as well as to individual projects funded by the programme. Learning Networks aim to get projects talking to each other on these topics, sharing the work their organisations are doing in each area and examining how activity in the UK supports not only the programme aims but also UK policy at regional and national levels.

### Role of the UK National Agency

The UK National Agency will:

- Manage and review the overall strategy for the Learning Networks initiative.
- Set up the Learning Networks initiative in 2014 and hold a launch event.
- Run two Learning Networks events each year for the remainder of the Erasmus+ programme.
- Encourage the involvement of a wide range of beneficiaries from across the fields covered by the Erasmus+ programme.
- Encourage the involvement of both new and experienced beneficiaries from Erasmus+ and its

predecessor programmes including UK organisations involved in centralised projects funded directly by the European Commission's Executive Agency.

- Facilitate each Learning Network to engage participants in discussions relating to the chosen topics.
- Publish a report of each event on the UK Erasmus+ website.
- Disseminate the Learning Networks initiative and any outcomes via a variety of channels.

## Role of participants

Participants in each Learning Network event will be expected to:

- Choose a Learning Network to participate in at each event at the time of registration.
- Participate actively in each event attended through:
  - Providing information on the EU-funded projects they are engaged in, with particular reference to the selected topic;
  - sharing knowledge and expertise with other participants;
  - giving feedback to the UK National Agency on future discussion topics; and
  - suggesting activities for Learning Networks.