

Information Sheet

Training Workshop - ERASMUS+ PROGRAM

Funding Opportunities from the European Union(EU)

Total Budget- € 26.2 billion EURO



EU PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, YOUTH AND SPORT

Three-Day Training Workshop: Opportunities and Range of Options for Higher Education Institutions, Public and Private Bodies from Sri Lanka

16,17 & 18 February 2023

Colombo, Sri Lanka

1. Introduction

- Erasmus+ is an EU-funded academic initiative aimed at the development of academic, social, and cultural ties between European universities and their counterparts from eligible countries across the world.
- In March 2021 a new Erasmus+ package was announced with a budget of 26.2 billion Euros allocated for the period between 2021 and 2027.
- This fund is focused primarily on Education, Training, Youth and sports
- This is open for both state and non-state sectors (Private Sector and NGOs)
- Youth, Green or Environment Protection and Digitalisation are priority areas of Erasmus Plus
- As universities of Sri Lanka are eligible for Erasmus+, they can be a part of the academic partnership and alliances with universities from the European Union and other parts of the world receiving funds covering student and teaching staff exchange as well as more wide-scale, institutional developments.
- As the Erasmus+ initiative brings unique opportunities, it also requires university specialists a certain level of training in identifying proper priorities and topic areas of projects, selecting academic partners, drafting proposals and reports, etc.
- This training program is designed with the purpose of developing a certain set of skills required by Sri Lankan Academics and academic administrators for successful work within the Erasmus+ initiative,
- **This is an opportunity to attract a portion of funds available from the EU (Euro 26.2 Billion) to develop higher education & Training, Youth, and Sports Development in Sri Lanka.**

2. Objectives and Specific Benefits of the Training

This training is the **basic starting point for creating successful project applications** for the Erasmus + program which has a budget of 26.2 billion Euros **for education, training, youth, and sports.**

Initially, the basics of the Erasmus + program will be started, and the priorities that the program itself has as basic and specific will be moved on. Erasmus + application forms are going to be fulfilled by **participants under the supervision of trainers, and evaluation of draft applications will be made with comments on how applications should be improved.**

The following aspects will be covered during this workshop

- Utilization of EU funds
- Creation of Erasmus+ Promotion Office in Sri Lanka
- Details regarding the available budget for the period 2021-2027 / 26,2 Billion Euro – Erasmus+
- Involvement of HEIs and public and private bodies from Sri Lanka in the Erasmus+ programme
- Gain knowledge for Sri Lanka participants at the training regarding applications for Erasmus+
- Gain knowledge about research projects
- Sessions regarding setting up a project for Funds regarding EU Programmes
- Developing communication skills, digital and green skills
- Capacity building of digital skills in line with the applications process for EU Programmes
- Personal development such as the ability to adapt to new situations in the European Union Programmes
- Collaboration with European Universities and public and private bodies
- Creation of long-term Partnerships with European institutions
- Improving International Dimension in Higher Education and in Education in general
- Focus on EU's main and specific priorities in Education, Youth and Sport
- Sharing positive experiences from European countries regarding the utilization of EU programs and funds
- Innovation in Education as one of the main priorities in Europe
- Creation of joint master programmes with European Higher Education Institutions
- Creation of new curricula in line with priorities of EU programmes (digitalization, green agenda/ environmental sustainability and inclusion)
- Capacity building at HEIs from Sri Lanka regarding fostering cooperation, transformation and reforms
- Incoming and outgoing of students and staff from HEIs from Sri Lanka (student mobilities, student traineeships, Staff teaching assignments, Staff training, blended student mobilities and blended intensive programmes)
- Possibilities for studying in Europe and conducting traineeships
- Possibilities for full enrolment at European HE

3. Outcomes of the training?

- The ultimate goal of the training is for the participants to be fully acquainted with the Erasmus + program after completing the training and to **be able to independently create and submit applications for the Erasmus + program, observing all the necessary rules, procedures regulations of the program itself.**
- At the same time, the training itself can result in **partnerships for creating future joint projects.**
- We would like to emphasize that the participants in the training, in addition to **higher education training**, will also be trained in **vocational education, adult and youth education.**

4. Who can take part in the Erasmus+ training?

- Public or private Higher Education Institutions
- Public or private, a small, medium, or large enterprise (including social enterprises);
- Public body at local, regional, or national level;
- Chambers of commerce, craft/professional associations, and trade unions;
- Research institute;
- School/institute/educational center (at any level, from pre-school to upper secondary education, and including vocational education and adult education);
- Foundations, Non-profit organizations, Associations, NGOs;

5. Workshop Agenda

DAY 1

Date 16/02/2023

09:30 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:05 – 10:15 Welcome speech and introduction of participants at the training

10:15 – 10:30 Introducing of basics of Erasmus+ -

10:30 – 11:30 **How to apply for Erasmus+ (43% of the total budget is allocated for HE)**

- **What is Erasmus+, with the accent on Higher Education?**
- **Registration for participation in Erasmus+ (OID number)**
- **Opportunities for Sri Lanka Universities**
- Decentralized and centralized actions
- **Calls for proposals (deadlines)**
- Evaluation process

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 Erasmus project Result platform

- Pull of projects in Erasmus+

- **Higher Education, Vocational Educational and Training and Adult Education**

13:00 – 14:00 Coffee break / LUNCH

14:00 – 14:45 **Basic and specific priorities of Erasmus+ Program 2021-2027**

- **Importance of knowledge of priorities in Education (formal – nonformal and informal), Youth and Sport**
- Practical examples

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:00 **JEAN MONNET ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

- Modules
- Chairs
- Centers of Excellence

16:00 – 16:30 Q & A Session

16:30 – 16:45 Closure of first-day session –

DAY 2
DVA 2

Date 17/02/2023

9:30 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 11:15 **PARTNERSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Importance of involvement of Sri Lanka Universities in these two specific programmes

- Lot 1: **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) and**
- Lot 2: **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**

11:15 – 11:45 coffee break

11:45 – 13:00 **CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

- **OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTION**
- **GEOGRAPHICAL TARGETS**
- Strand 1 - Fostering access to cooperation in higher education
- Strand 2 - Partnerships for transformation in higher education
- Strand 3 - Structural reform project

13:00 – 14:00 coffee break / LUNCH

Decentralized actions of the Erasmus+ program

14:00 – 15:00 **PARTNERSHIPS FOR COOPERATION**

- **COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS**
- **SMALL-SCALE PARTNERSHIPS**

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15 **International Credit Mobility in Higher Education (ICM)**

- Separate envelope for Sri Lanka
- Unlimited number of applications and agreements

16:15 – 16:45 Q & A Session

16:45 – 17:00 Closure of second-day session –

DAY 3
DVA 3

Date 18/02/2023

9:30 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 11:30 **Practical examples of Erasmus+ applications**

- Technical specifications
- Criteria to be met to apply for Erasmus+
- Number and profile of participating organizations
- Duration of projects
- Where to apply?

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:15 **Fulfilling Erasmus + applications form in groups (main points)**

- Working in groups
- Capacity Building – Higher Education and VET
- Short summary
- Recommendations

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15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:30 **Comments aimed at improving the narrative part of the application forms**

16:30 – 17:00 Closure speech

6. Resouce Persons

Chief Resource Person - Aleksandar Bogojevski,

- Coordinator for Higher Education – Erasmus+,
- Coordinator for Study in Europe project,
- Coordinator of network for Higher Education in South-East Europe.
- Contact point for Academic Cooperation Association and
- Contact point for Campus France

7. Before Joining the workshop

- Please do your homework before attending this workshop
 - I. Must watch & study the following video
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmIPDDIF42Q>
(We had a plan to conduct this workshop on February 2022. However, we had to postpone it due to the prevailing situation in Sri Lanka during that period)
 - II. Must go through the following website
 - <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>
 - III. Plan your project idea, discuss with your institute and consultants

8. Registration, Partnerships and Sponsorships

- **Deadline for Register: on or before 31 January 2023**
- **Limited Seats Available**
- **The workshop Fee: A nominal fee** would be charged just to cover the food and other expenses. (Between Sri Lankan Rupees 10,000 to 15,000 for three days. This amount may depend on the sponsorships available)
- For **Registrations**, Further **information**, **Partnerships** and **Sponsorships** for this Workshop and future Programs please contact,
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- **Participants must bring their own Laptops**

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