

Cooperation between schools and pupil exchange organisations for successful Erasmus+

Location: Frankfurt, Germany

Venue: [Mediacampus](#)

Dates: 17-20 August 2023

- Arrivals : 17/08 am, start of the training at 2pm (lunch is not provided)
- Departures : 20/08 pm, end of the training at noon (lunch provided)

Duration: 4 days

Language: English

Number of participants: 20

Deadline for application: 15 June 2023

Participation Fee: 700€

This training course complies with the Quality standards for courses which can be funded through Erasmus+ Key Action 1 (learning mobility of individuals). Institutions in possession of such Erasmus+ grants may use their funding to cover the participation fee for the training course.

Learning mobility is one of the policy priorities promoted by the EU to foster the development of key competences, including intercultural competence, crucial for active participation in the society. Thanks to the Erasmus+ accreditation in the school sector, schools now have a great chance to offer different kinds of mobility to their pupils and staff, with a clear strategic vision and financial guarantee.



However, once access to funding is granted, schools have great work ahead and this usually represents a struggle for school staff volunteering a few hours : How to find and select hosting partners abroad? How to organise the compulsory pre-departure orientation for individual pupil mobility? How to navigate the paperwork such as the learning agreement or risk management? What kind of programme to provide during a class exchange? Schools do not have to be all alone in this, as the new scheme allows them to seek help from a third party, preferably a civil society organisation such as AFS Intercultural Programs.

Your school recently joined an Erasmus+ consortium led by AFS ? Are you an Erasmus+ accredited school partnering with AFS to organise Individual Pupil Mobility ? Are you interested in getting an Erasmus+ accreditation for your school to organise IPM with the support of a pupil exchange organisation like AFS ?

This training is for you! Come and learn all about cooperation between pupil exchange organisations and schools to set up quality study abroad experience for your pupils and staff members.

Objectives

- Discover the Erasmus + mobility opportunities for pupils and teachers
- Understand the Erasmus+ quality standards and procedures related to safe and enjoyable experience of pupils
- Clarify the cooperation modalities between schools and AFS in Erasmus+ mobilities
- Learn more about pupils' intercultural educational journey in an Erasmus+ programme with the support of AFS
- Get to know teachers from different countries and build partnership with schools abroad for hosting and sending on mobility
- Exchange good practices with school staff and teachers from all over Europe

Teaching methods

The training course will include both theoretical and practical elements to provide a well-rounded experience for the participants. The theoretical part will comprise presentations that will lean on relevant academic research in the field as well as pertinent case studies. The practical part will prevail and will cover various kinds of activities, such as team building, discussions, quizzes, games, working in small groups or daily reflections/evaluations. Non-formal education will be the main methodological instrument to guide the different sessions, which will, among other things, include experiential learning and group activities. Last but not least, emphasis will be placed on sharing best practices with other participants.

Whenever relevant, participants will be given checklists, activity toolboxes or other tools to continue their learning experience and be able to practically implement their course findings at their school.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the training, you will be able to:

- Build and sustain a beneficial partnership with a non-profit mobility provider as supporting organisation
- Navigate the different stakeholders of E+ IPM : sending schools, participants, and their parents, host schools, host families, supporting organisations.
- Master various tools, methods and tips on how to practically organise Erasmus+ mobilities with the cooperation of AFS
- Create a meaningful educational journey for mobile pupils based on the Learning Agreement, and more
- Facilitate a training for other school staff on interculturality and the Erasmus+ project, aiming for efficiency in running the different steps of IPM in your institution

Who should join

- Any educational staff from a school, member of an E+ accredited consortium led by AFS
- Any educational staff from an E+ accredited school, working with a pupil exchange organisation, such as AFS, as a supporting organisation
- Any educational staff from a school interested in applying for Erasmus+ accreditation in the school field, working with a pupil exchange organisation, such as AFS
- Any AFS staff member who is the reference person for schools in Erasmus+ programs

Participation fee

Includes:

- Course fee
- Course material
- Local transfer to/from the venue from/to the airport
- Accommodation in a hotel for 3 nights (single bedroom with shared bathroom with one other participant)
- Meals - full board (9 meals + multiple coffee breaks)
- Local transport
- Evening social programme
- Certificate of participation and Europass

Doesn't include:

- International travel
- Accommodation on August 16 or August 20 (but course organisers can provide it)
- Participants' insurance

Agenda

Day 1 (pm)

- Welcome and Ice Breaking activities
- Erasmus+ for the school education sector and its possibilities
- The different cooperation models with a Supporting Organisation
- End-of-day reflection

Day 2

- AFS as Supporting Organisation
- Pupil preparation and support - Intercultural preparation
- First reflexion moment in national groups towards the creation of the training session
- End-of-day reflection

Day 3

- The timeline of Individual Pupil Mobility and its administrative must
- Managing the recognition of IPM learning outcomes
- Staff and group mobility opportunities
- Involve the whole class : toolbox for Intercultural Learning at School
- Second reflexion moment in national groups towards the creation of the training session
- End-of-day reflection

Day 4 (am)

- Third and last reflexion moment in national groups finalising the training session
- Final Q&A
- Final evaluation of the training course

About the hosting organisation

The European Federation of Intercultural Learning (EFIL) is the European umbrella of the 26 AFS organisations in Europe, which promote the development of intercultural competence through individual pupil mobility and volunteerism since the 1950s. Today, AFS is the second biggest secondary school exchange programme provider globally with a network of 500.000+ alumni. In 2019, AFS organisations around the world sent and hosted almost 12.000 young people in 113 countries, and formed 17.000+ school alliances.

EFIL pursues the AFS mission within the European context, and is a key partner of the European Union and the Council of Europe on matters related to intercultural learning, pupil mobility and recognition of outcomes of learning periods abroad. Providing intercultural learning opportunities to all young people is the main objective, therefore EFIL supports its members in developing partnerships with schools for internationalisation through mobility and non-formal education opportunities. For this purpose, EFIL organises international teacher trainings delivered by its European Pool of Trainers.