

1. INTRODUCTION

What ERA and our MOs can do with Projects?

- Projects solve our problems
- We never have enough money nor volunteers for work
- Solve the problem + get money for its realization: we find it in looking for the grants or funds
- It requires solid and reliable partners

Three possible models to get partners:

Realisation of any project needs partners for consortium. Here are 3 models.

Model 1 – ERA as leader

- ERA brings idea
 - ERA creates consortium
- + In this case the project is under ERA's control;
most of the programmes are convenient for the leaders
- limited number of partners

Model 2 – ERA as initiator

- ERA monitors specific calls
 - ERA proposes a specific project for specific partners
- + active role of ERA; ERA can influence the event
- submission of the project is up to the partners; ERA can(not) be an active member

Model 3 – ERA as inspirer

- ERA prepares set of type projects
 - ERA offers type projects to MOs – like cross border Interreg
- + only way to support domestic projects of our MO ERA has no control;
- project is up to the national federations; ERA is not an active member

Variety of funds:

- Balkan-Mediterranean
- Interact – South-West–
- Adriatic-Ionian initiative
- Atlantic area Interreg
- Erasmus +

- Black Sea Economic Cooperation
- Interreg Europe
- Interreg Central Europe
- Cross-border cooperation
- Life (operating grant)
- Horizon (for scientific research institutions) ...

What ERA wants to do:

- To build a network of possible partners – start with the ERA MOs, then look outside the ERA MOs like EUMA or ENOS.
- If we intend to work on the research project the best partners are the universities.
- To concentrate on what we want follow, these are topics we can offer to the EU and show that we are experts in this field.
- To look for a smaller project which we can manage. Through the smaller projects ERA will build a reputation as an expert and get better credits for the further projects.
- Another possibility is to find another type of project with the lead partner. In that case ERA will stay in the position of the partner.

What ERA has to do:

- Very important is that the core of the problem which is being treated in the ***project must adhere to the ERA strategy with 7 objects***. In the case we change the topics for a project, we have to change our strategic plans for 2023 and also later years.
- **In this way we strengthen the connection between ERA and MOs**

2. Results of the Questionnaire

ERA Board prepared a questionnaire for our MOs to learn about their interest in cooperation on projects.

- Goal is to integrate MOs with and without knowledge on projects.
- ERA creates the pool (consortium) with the interested MOs for specific topics they can support and bring the valuation.

Questionnaire was sent to all 62 ERA MOs.

We have got 22 answers. Only one said that they are not interested in this matter.

From 21 MO **10 MOs have any experiences**

No of MO which participated in projects	Number of the MOs
4 and more	2
3	1
2	3

1	4
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11 MOs have **NO EXPERIENCE**, but wish to participate!

ERA STRATEGIC PLANS for 2023:

Focus on common interests for walking in Europe

15 MOs

- E-paths (development of information for E-paths, to improve and promote them for all user)
- LQT activities
- Developing web-sites and other communication channels
- Building up "ERA RECOMMENDS" which places ERA and the MOs as experts.
- Protection of the waymarking (Peter Nygard)
- Access to the landscape

MOs:

Hrvatski planinarski savez
 Sauerländischer Gebirgsverein e. V.
 Frankenwaldverein e.V.
 Odenwaldklub e.V.
 Български туристически съюз
 Fédération française de la Randonnée pédestre
 Federazione Italiana Escursionismo
 Klub českých turistů
 Planinarski savez Srbije
 Planinarski savez Crne Gore
 Polskie Towarzystwo Turystyczno-Krajoznawcze (PTTK)
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 Magyar Természetjáró Szövetség

Focus on exchange of ideas and experiences among the MO in ERA

12 MOs

- New types of activities like Aqua Walking and Competitions (exchange of ideas and experiences)
- Researching possibilities for specific walking activities for the young walkers

Hrvatski planinarski savez
 Schweizer Wanderwege
 Berner Wanderwege
 Federazione Italiana Escursionismo
 Dansk Vandrelaug
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 Svenska Turistföreningen

Focus on being an active NGO in the European context, to the benefit of ERA and

its MOs and for walking in Europe

9 MOs

- Participation in CoE and EU institutions
- MOs could create and maintain relations with national tourist boards, regional destination management organizations (regional DMOs) and local DMOs, specially about path development and potential future EU fund financing (rural development etc)

Български туристически съюз
Schweizer Wanderwege
Fédération française de la Randonnée pédestre
Federazione Italiana Escursionismo
Dansk Vandrelaug
Mountaineering Ireland
Planinarski savez Srbije
Polskie Towarzystwo Turystyczno-Krajoznawcze (PTTK)
FEDERATION DU CLUB VOSGIEN

Focus on cross border activities between MO

10 MOs

- Bilateral or trilateral meetings on topics of interest to neighboring MOs as well as common walks

Frankenwaldverein e.V.
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Quality

9 MOs

- Implementation and recommendation LQT-BE family
- Promote and communicate the quality label towards tourism and European bodies
- Walk Leader

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Frankenwaldverein e.V.
Bernese Wanderwege
Federazione Italiana Escursionismo
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European walking events

6 MOs

- Support Winter Walking Days
- Conduct the European Walking day
- Conduct the European Landscape day

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Klub českých turistů
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Youth

10 MOs

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Dansk Vandrelaug
Schwarzwaldverein e.V.
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Proposals of ERA MOs

Here are the ideas for the projects proposed by our MO.

I. Frankenwaldvereine.V.

More financial resources for the maintenance/expansion of the hiking infrastructure + support for the clubs and their volunteers

Comment: Financial resources you can get through the projects and it could not be the topic for the project. About hiking infrastructure – later.

II. Fédération française de la Randonnée pédestre

FFRP already made presentations during the ERA conference in Denmark: European hiking system/ MonGRPréféré Europe version (contest of European gr) / Olympics games 2024

This idea correspond with the plans no. 1 and 3 (up). FFRP can be the leader of the project and find partners for the consortium in the lists reviewed earlier.
ERA supports this idea!

III. Federazione Italiana Escursionismo

One project that we are certainly interested in and that has priority is to find a way to communicate with the younger generation so that we can get them involved in our hiking activities, the purpose of which is hiking, but as a function of environmental protection education. This suggestion has already been made to the ERA Board through ERA Vice President Pandolfo.

This idea correspond with the plans 1, 3 and 7. Leader of the project can be FIE!
ERA supports!

IV. Klub českých turistů

1/ Connecting long-distance trails of the V4 states (Višegrad Group – the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia)

This idea correspond with the plans 1 and 4. Leader of the project can be KČT!
ERA supports!

2/ Improving the quality of accommodation in historic tourist huts

This is a part of infrastructure, which Erasmus + do not finance, but it can be interesting in some other financing funds (like INTERREG). It could be maybe also under plan no 5 Quality.

V. Planinarski savez Srbije

At this very moment we are in preparation phase of the Interreg partnership project with topic of E-paths and LQT standards. We already invited ERA to join in, as the basic preliminary project proposal has to be submitted before November 21st.

Last info – PSS could not prepare in time the documentation for the First call and they will prepare it for the second call in September 2023.
ERA will be PARTNER in this INTERREG project!

VI. FEDERATION DU CLUB VOSGIEN

Nous étudions la mise en place de circuits pour personne à mobilité réduite (translated by Google:

We are studying the implementation of circuits for people with reduced mobility.)

This is connected with the plans no. 1 and 5
ERA can support!

VII. Eesti Matkaliit

Free access

Plans no.1 and 3

ERA has adopted declaration FREE ACCESS TO THE NATURE in 2017 ???

VIII. Lietuvos kaimo turizmo asociacija

Now as we have the E9 and E11 routes in Lithuania, it has become relevant for us to develop circular routes. Not all travelers are ready, experienced or have the energy to travel from start to finish. Therefore, it would be relevant to connect several sections of the route so that when they do a circular route, they could return to the starting point, where they usually have accommodation.

Such project is interesting only for one MO. If they found at least one or more participants for consortium, to participate for Erasmus +.
In any variant, ERA can support!

Reminding on conditions for the ERASMUS + (2021-2027)

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support

- EDUCATION
- TRAINING
- YOUTH
- SPORT

The 2021-2027 programme places a strong **focus on**

- ❖ SOCIAL INCLUSION
- ❖ THE GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITIONS and
- ❖ PROMOTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC LIFE

It supports priorities and activities set out in:

- the European Education Area,
- Digital Education Action Plan and
- the European Skills Agenda.

The programme also supports:

- the European Pillar of Social Rights
- implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- develops the European dimension in sport

There are 3 Key Actions in ERASMUS +

Key Action 1: **LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS**

Learning mobility opportunities aim *to encourage the mobility of students, staff, trainees, apprentices, youth workers and young people*. The role of the organisations in this process is *to organise these opportunities for individuals*.

The benefits for the organisations include an increased capacity to operate at an international level, improved management skills, access to more funding opportunities and projects, increased ability to prepare, manage, and follow-up projects, a more attractive portfolio of opportunities for students and staff at participating organisations, the opportunity to develop innovative projects with partners from around the world.

Key Action 2: **COOPERATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS**

The cooperation among organisations and institutions is expected to result in the *development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices at organisational, local, regional, national or European levels*.

It can be realized through the following ways:

❖ Partnerships for Cooperation

This action enables participating organisations to gain experience in international cooperation and to strengthen their capacities, but also to produce high-quality innovative deliverables. Depending on the objectives of the project, the participating organisations involved, or the expected impact, among other elements.

Partnerships for Cooperation can be of different sizes and scope, and adapt their activities accordingly:

- Cooperation Partnerships
- Small-scale Partnerships

❖ **Alliances for Innovation**

Strengthens Europe's innovation capacity among higher education, vocational education and training, businesses and beyond.

❖ **Capacity building (higher education)**

Supports the modernisation, accessibility, and internationalisation of higher education in Partner Countries.

❖ **Capacity building (youth)**

Consists of initiatives designed to foster cooperation and exchanges, ***improve the quality and recognition of youth work and support new non-formal learning mobility*** schemes in Partner Countries.

Key Action 3:
SUPPORT FOR POLICY REFORM

Opportunities under this Key Action contribute to supporting the overall EU policy agenda, ***the Education and Training 2020 cooperation framework, and the Youth Strategy.***

Organisations will contribute ***to improving the quality of education, training, and youth systems*** in Europe, as well as ***promoting transnational learning and cooperation between authorities.*** They will also contribute to ***developing the basis for evidence based policy-making, as well as supporting networks and tools for policy implementation.***

Organisations will also contribute to ***improving the involvement of young people in democratic life and their engagement with politicians.***

The actions
Cooperation Partnerships

Designed for organisations to ***develop and implement joint activities to promote*** (among others) ***sport and physical activity***, as well as ***deal with threats to the integrity of sport*** (such as doping or match-fixing), ***promote dual careers for athletes, improve good governance, and foster tolerance and social inclusion.***

Small-scale Partnerships

For grassroots organisations, less experienced organisations and newcomers to the Programme!

Small-Scale Partnerships have simpler administration, smaller grants and shorter durations than Cooperation Partnerships.

Not-for-profit European Sport Events

Designed *to encourage sporting activity, implement EU strategies for social inclusion through sport, foster volunteering in sport, fight against discrimination and encourage the participation in sport and physical activity.*

Capacity Building in the field of sport

Capacity-building projects are *international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of sport* in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme (previously called Programme countries) and the Western Balkans.

They aim to support sport activities and policies in as a vehicle *to promote values* as well as *an educational tool to promote the personal and social development of individuals and build more cohesive communities.*

SCHEDULE FOR 2022.

(FOR 2023 NOT YET KNOWN)

Partnerships for Cooperation

Deadline for submission	23.03.2022 @ 17 h
Beginning and duration	begin of 2023. 12 – 36 months
Budget (choose fixed amount)	120, 250 or 400.000 EUR

Small-scale Partnerships

Deadline for submission	23.03.2022 @ 17 h
Beginning and duration	begin of 2023, 6 – 24 months
Budget (choose fixed amount)	30 or 60.000 EUR

Capacity Building in the field of sport

Deadline for submission	07.04.2022 @ 17 h
Beginning and duration	begin of 2023., 12/24/36 mth
Budget	from 100. up to 200.000 EUR

Not-for-profit European Sport Events

Deadline for submission	23.03.2022 @ 17 h
Beginning and duration	begin of 2023. 12 – 18 months
Budget (automatically)	200, 300 or or 450.000 EUR

Partnerships for Cooperation

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: The applicant must be from 3 organizations from 3 different EU Member States and or a third country associated.

LEARNING, TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES (LTT)

These projects may involve *the organization of transnational learning, teaching and training activities of individuals and groups of individuals*, if they bring added value in achieving the goals. The format, purpose and type of proposed activities, as well as the number of participants, need to be described and explained in the project application.

Small-scale Partnerships

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: Minimum Partnership program: 2 organizations from 2 different EU Member States and/or a third country associated to the programme, of which it is recommended that at least 1 be a local / regional club.

Guideline for small-scale partnerships: Such projects are designed as the FIRST STEP in the cooperation of organizations at the European level. It tends to provide access to the program to organizations that have not participated in it so far, as well as smaller actors with weaker capacity through:

- simpler administrative procedures,
 - shorter project duration,
 - more flexible formats (a mixture of international and national activities, but with a European dimension) .
 - lower amounts of grants awarded in relation to the Partnership for Cooperation;
- support the inclusion of disadvantaged target groups and harder-to-reach individuals;
 - support active European citizenship and bringing the European dimension closer to the local level.

Capacity Building in the field of sport

GOALS: International cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organizations active in the field of sport. Their goal is to support sports activities and sports policies in **THIRD COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM** as a means of promoting values and as an educational tool to promote personal and social development of individuals and build cohesive communities. From third countries that do not fully participate in the program, cooperation only with the countries of Region 1 (Western Balkans) is possible. Minimum 4 organizations from 3 countries

Not-for-profit European Sport Events

Sports organizations from EU Member States and/or third countries associated with the program can participate

ORGANIZING SUPPORT

- one European sporting event in one program country
- European local events in several program countries

PRIORITIES FOR SPORT EVENTS

- volunteering in sports
- social inclusion through sport combating discrimination in sport,
- including gender equality encouraging participation in sport and physical activity

WHAT IS FINANCED?

- preparation and organization of events
- educational activities ahead of events for athletes, coaches, volunteers ...
- accompanying activities (conferences, seminars ...)
- training of volunteers
- activities after a sports event (evaluation, creation of future plans)
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WHAT IS NOT FINANCED

- regular sports competitions in organizations of national, international or European leagues / federations
- professional sports competitions

EUROPEAN LOCAL EVENTS - TYPE 1

- minimum 3 and maximum 5 organizations from 3 to 5 different EU Member States and / or third countries - at least 1 event in each of the participating countries
- project budget (fixed) 200,000 €
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EUROPEAN LOCAL EVENTS - TYPE 2

- minimum 6 organizations from 6 different EU Member States and / or third countries associated with the program- at least 1 event in each of the participating countries
- project budget (fixed) 300,000 €

EUROPEAN EVENTS

- at least 10 organizations from 10 EU Member States and / or third countries associated with the program
- 1 event in the country of the applicant organization, with the participation of at least 10 organizations from 10 EU Member States and / or third countries associated with the program
- project budget (fixed) 450,000 €

