

## NEW EU PROGRAMMES 2014-2020 OVERVIEW

NAME	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	MORE INFORMATION
<p><b>Erasmus for All Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport</b></p>	<p>Erasmus for All is the new programme proposed by the European Commission for education, training, youth and sport that aim is to contribute to the reduction of early school leaving rates and increase the number of 30-34 years old students having completed third level of education. The target number is around 5 million people to get involved in mobility actions.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To support young people gain more and better skills by studying &amp; training abroad.</li> <li>- To enhance teaching quality in the EU and beyond.</li> <li>- To support Member States and partner countries in modernising their education and vocational training systems.</li> <li>- To promote youth participation in society.</li> <li>- To support teaching and research on European integration.</li> <li>- To support European grass-roots sport.</li> </ul> <p>The programme will support three main types of actions: learning opportunities for individuals, both within the EU and beyond; institutional cooperation between educational institutions, youth organisations, businesses, local and regional authorities and NGOs; and support for policy reform in Member States and cooperation with non-EU countries. Also, two completely new elements will be part of Erasmus for All: a loan guarantee scheme to help Master's degree students to finance their studies abroad and to acquire the skills needed for knowledge intensive jobs.</p> <p>Erasmus for All would replace seven existing programmes with one: it brings together the existing Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius and Grundtvig), Youth in Action, and five international cooperation programmes (Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink and the programme for cooperation with industrialised countries).</p>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/doc/legal_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/doc/legal_en.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/">http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/</a></p>

<p><b>Connecting Europe Facility</b></p>	<p>The Connecting Europe Facility shall enable the preparation and implementation of projects of Common interest within the framework of the trans-European networks (TEN) policy in the sectors of energy, transport and telecommunications. In particular the Connecting Europe Facility shall support the implementation of projects aiming at the development and construction of new or upgrading of existing infrastructure in the field of transport, energy and telecommunications.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth by developing modern and high performing trans-European networks, thus bringing forward benefits for the entire European Union in terms of competitiveness and economic, social and territorial cohesion within the Single Market and creating an environment more conducive to private and public investment through a combination of financial instruments and Union direct support and by exploiting synergies across the sectors. The achievement of this objective will be measured by the volume of public and private investment in projects of common interest, and in particular the volume of public and private investments in projects of common interest realised through the financial instruments under this Regulation.</li><li>- Enable the Union to achieve its targets of a 20% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, a 20% increase in energy efficiency and raising the share of renewable energy to 20% up to 2020, while ensuring greater solidarity among Member States.</li></ul>	<p><a href="http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=124#euf">http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=124#euf</a></p>
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<p><b>LIFE</b></p>	<p>The new LIFE Programme with two subprogrammes: one for Environment and one for Climate Action. The creation of a subprogramme for Climate Action upgrades the former thematic strand "climate change" under the LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance component.</p> <p>LIFE Programme is a catalyst for promoting implementation and integration of environmental and climate objectives in other policies and Member State practice.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To contribute to the shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon and climateresilient economy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss;</li> <li>- To improve the development, implementation and enforcement of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation, and to catalyse and promote integration and mainstreaming of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and public and private sector practice, including by increasing their capacity;</li> <li>- To support better environmental and climate governance at all levels.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=129#euf">http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=129#euf</a></p>
<p><b>Rights and Citizenship</b></p>	<p>The Rights and Citizenship Programme is the successor of three 2007-2013 programmes: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Daphne III, the Sections "Antidiscrimination and Diversity" and "Gender Equality" of the Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (PROGRESS).</p> <p>The general objective is to contribute to the creation of an area, where the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, are promoted and protected. In particular, this Programme should promote the rights deriving from European citizenship, the principles of non-discrimination and equality between women and men, the right to the protection of personal data, the rights of the child, the rights deriving from the Union consumer legislation and from the freedom to conduct a business in the internal market.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=136#euf">http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=136#euf</a></p>

<p><b>Europe for Citizens</b></p>	<p>Europe for Citizens aims to promote active European citizenship with the main scope of bridging the gap between citizens and the European Union through financial instruments that promote active European citizenship. It intends to encourage cooperation between citizens and organisations from different countries and facilitate the development of a sense of belonging to common European ideals and to promote the process of European integration.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>The programme aims to address the need for more genuine debates on Union related issues at the local, regional and national levels, which can be translated into a pan-European perspective. It seeks to reach out to the large group of citizens – those who would normally not seek to influence or take part in Union affairs – through a broad set of organisations to take a first step towards involvement, whatever the (Union related) topic or format, as long as it is trans-national or has a European dimension.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=137#euf">http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=137#euf</a></p>
<p><b>Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME)</b></p>	<p>The programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME)'s aim is to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the Union's enterprises, including in the tourism sector, encourage an entrepreneurial culture, and promote the creation and growth of SMEs.</p> <p>It largely continues the activities started under the current Competitiveness and Innovation programme (CIP) and also ensures continuity with initiatives and actions already undertaken under the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP), such as the Enterprise Europe Network.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve the framework conditions to make for the competitiveness and sustainability of Union enterprises including in the tourism sector</li> <li>- Encouraging an entrepreneurial culture and promoting the creation and growth of SMEs.</li> <li>- Improving access to finance for SMEs in the form of equity and debt</li> <li>- Improving access to markets inside the Union and globally</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/cip/cosme/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/cip/cosme/index_en.htm</a></p>

<p><b>Health for Growth Programme</b></p>	<p>The Health for Growth Programme is the third action supporting the objectives of the EU's Health strategy. The general objectives of the Health for Growth Programme shall be to work with Member States to encourage innovation in healthcare and increase the sustainability of health systems, to improve the health of the EU citizens and protect them from cross-border health threats. All these actions shall fully respect the responsibilities of the Member States for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- to develop common tools and mechanisms at EU level to address shortages of resources, both human and financial and to facilitate up-take of innovation in healthcare in order to contribute to innovative and sustainable health systems;</li><li>- to increase access to medical expertise and information for specific conditions also beyond national borders and to develop shared solutions and guidelines to improve healthcare quality and patient safety in order to increase access to better and safer healthcare for EU citizens;</li><li>- to identify, disseminate and promote the up-take of validated best practices for cost effective prevention measures by addressing the key risk factors, namely smoking, abuse of alcohol and obesity, as well as HIV/AIDS, with a focus on the cross border dimension, in order to prevent diseases and promote good health; and</li><li>- to develop common approaches and demonstrate their value for better preparedness and coordination in health emergencies in order to protect citizens from cross-border health threats.</li></ul>	<p><a href="http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=139#euf">http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=139#euf</a></p>
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<p><b>Creative Europe</b></p>	<p>Creative Europe programme gives support to safeguard and promote the European cultural and linguistic diversity and support to strengthen the competitiveness of the sector; thereby it will contribute to the EU 2020 strategy and its flagship initiatives.</p> <p>"Creative Europe" framework programme brings together the 2007-2013 Culture, MEDIA and MEDIA Mundus programmes, and includes a new financial facility to improve access to finance for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and organisations in the cultural and creative sectors.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To support the capacity of the European cultural and creative sectors to operate transnationally;</li> <li>- To promote the transnational circulation of cultural and creative works and operators and reach new audiences in Europe and beyond;</li> <li>- To strengthen the financial capacity of the cultural and creative sectors, and in particular small and medium-sized enterprises and organisations;</li> <li>- To support transnational policy cooperation in order to foster policy development, innovation, audience building and new business models.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/documents/proposal-regulation_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/documents/proposal-regulation_en.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>HORIZON 2020 The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation</b></p>	<p>Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Running from 2014 to 2020 with an €80 billion budget, the EU's new programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe. Horizon 2020 provides major simplification through a single set of rules. It will combine all research and innovation funding currently provided through the Framework Programmes for Research and Technical Development, the innovation related activities of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). Horizon 2020 will tackle societal challenges by helping to bridge the gap between research and the market by, for example, helping innovative enterprise to develop their technological breakthroughs into viable products with real commercial potential. This market-driven approach will include creating partnerships with the private sector and Member States to bring together the resources needed. International cooperation will be an important cross-cutting priority of Horizon 2020. In addition to Horizon 2020 being fully open to international participation, targeted actions with key partner countries and regions will focus on the EU's strategic priorities. Through a new strategy, a strategic and coherent approach to international cooperation will be ensured across Horizon 2020.</p>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=home&amp;video=none">http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=home&amp;video=none</a></p>

<p><b>Youth Employment Initiative</b></p>	<p>The European Council has decided to create a Youth Employment Initiative to add to and reinforce the very considerable support already provided through the EU structural funds. The Initiative will be open to all regions (NUTS level 2) with levels of youth unemployment above 25%.</p> <p>It will act in support of measures set out in the youth employment package proposed by the Commission in December 2012 and in particular to support the Youth Guarantee following its adoption.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>From the Council conclusions:</p> <p>On several occasions the European Council stressed that the highest priority should be given to promoting youth employment. It devoted a special meeting to this theme in January 2012 and gave it a strong emphasis in the Compact for Jobs and Growth. It expects the Council to adopt soon the recommendation on a Youth Guarantee. It invites the Commission to finalise the quality framework for traineeships, to establish the Alliance for Apprenticeships and to make proposals for the new EURES regulation in the coming weeks. The EU budget should be mobilised in support to these efforts.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=157#euf">http://www.eustrainingsite.com/2014-2020.php?id=157#euf</a></p>
<p><b>Structural Funds 2014-2020</b></p>	<p>To continue and strengthen the focus on European economic priorities the European Commission has today adopted a legislative package for cohesion policy for the period from 2014 until 2020. The Programmes are to focus on innovation, SME competitiveness, shift to low carbon economy, ICTs, sustainable transport, employment, skills &amp; combating social exclusion. More innovative 'financial engineering instruments' (evolving loan funds) involving EIB. The impact of the funds will also be strengthened by simplifying and harmonizing the rules of different funds, including rural development and maritime and fisheries. And a more integrated approach will make sure the various funds serve coherent goals and strengthen each other's impact.</p>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/what/figure/proposals_2014_2020_en.cfm">http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/what/figure/proposals_2014_2020_en.cfm</a></p>