

### Top news

#### **Spotlight on free movement: Bringing Europe Together**

Celebrating 30 years of Erasmus is not the only European accomplishment we're honouring this year. In March we're also celebrating the <u>60th</u> <u>Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome</u>. These two anniversaries provide us with the perfect opportunity to reflect on the importance of openness, mutual understanding, and solidarity.



# Take a closer look at inspiring Erasmus+ stories and help us spread the word!

Check out the inspiring stories of celebrities who took part in the Erasmus+ programme and its predecessors! Find out more about the exciting careers and unique stories of a Finnish journalist, a Slovakian actress, a Swedish award winning writer, an Estonian singer, an Icelandic 2012 presidential candidate, a Lithuanian entrepreneur and many others!

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## You too can take part in the Erasmus+ 30th anniversary campaign!

Check-out the toolkit were you will find a wide variety of resources including infographics, factsheets and videos. All are available to anyone who would like to promote the programme, organise events or debates and generally contribute to the future of the Erasmus+ programme! You can also create a direct link from your website to the Erasmus+ website by using the widget!

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#### We need you!

The mid-term evaluation of Erasmus+ has already started! Let us know







how you think we can improve the programme by taking part in the public consultation. The consultation runs from 28/02 to 31/05/2017. Young people, students, teachers, youth workers, sports people, staff, employers, organisations and other interested parties are invited to submit their contributions. Do not hesitate to spread the message around you!



# Want to increase the internationalisation of your organisation? Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships could help you!

Is your organisation interested in implementing joint initiatives promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience at European level? Do you want to support the development of innovative practices? Check out the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships in education, training and youth.



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### Vocational education and training

# **Erasmus+ supports VET staff mobility, leading to quality training**

Each European country has something to share with others in terms of education - a different method, attitude or insight. For teachers wanting to keep their skills fresh and up to date, a professional job-training or shadowing in another European country can be just what they need. Pick up on alternative teaching methods and implement them in your own classroom.



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## Erasmus+ helps with language skills - addressing one of the barriers to free movement of citizens in Europe

European citizens can freely travel and work around Europe. However, having to learn a new language can prevent many from moving abroad. Erasmus+ opens doors for young Europeans every year, providing them a first-hand learning experience in a foreign country. Moreover, Erasmus+ makes it easier to learn the language of a fellow European country through an <u>online linguistic support</u> (OLS) system. Interested? Check out the tools and projects created by Erasmus+ to facilitate language learning.



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## IVET Mobility Scoreboard – A new tool to support the implementation of Erasmus+

Mobility matters more and more with regard to the success of Erasmus+. So too does the analysis of the movement of people within education. To ensure that all of this information is used to its full potential, the IVET (initial vocational education and training) Mobility Scoreboard has been set up to help EU Member States with policies and reforms in the field of mobility.



# Erasmus+ helps in addressing one of the barriers to citizens' free movement in Europe: lack of common curricula

It can be difficult to achieve the same level of skills across European countries. However, the pioneering work of European cooperation has helped to improve the situation for professionals across Europe. Find out more about the trans-European recognition of skills and compare qualifications and regulations.



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#### **Erasmus+ Call for proposals - Sector Skills Alliances**

Today's technology developments are creating tremendous opportunities for innovation, yet many sectors and occupations face a shortage of skilled workers who can make the most of these advances. A new call for Sector Skills Alliances has been recently published with the aim of tackling this problem. Projects funded through the call will focus on reducing skills and labour gaps in economic sectors. Furthermore, the call will pilot the implementation of the "Blueprint for sectorial cooperation" in 6 specific sectors. Interested in submitting a proposal or initiative?



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### Adult learning

#### Have you joined EPALE yet?

The Electronic Platform for Adult Learning (EPALE) is a useful resource for professionals that want to expand their horizons and gain new knowledge and skills. The platform is an online community where users can share experiences, engage with their peers and find useful content to help them in their professional roles. Focusing on a different topic each month, EPALE is available in all EU countries and languages!



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### **European mobility for Adult education professionals: what for?**

Want to provide the best quality teaching to your adult learners? Erasmus+ mobility can play a key part in achieving this goal. Teaching in a foreign country or taking part in a conference abroad can help you gain valuable experience and help keep you up to date with the latest changes in technology or the newest skills and teaching methods.



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### **European mobility for adult education professionals: where do I start?**

Working with adults and want to avail of some of the opportunities that Erasmus+ has to offer? The EPALE Calendar of events and courses could be



just what you need to plan a training course or seminar. Other EPALE tools such as the partner search function are also available together with financial support in certain cases. Find out more and get started on a course or event.

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#### Adult education facilitates EU citizens' free movement

Learning a new language is one of the greatest challenges adults face when seeking to move across Europe. Thanks to Erasmus+, several tools and projects focusing on culture and language skills make it easier for these barriers to be overcome. All material is available online free of charge, with benefits for both language learners and teachers!



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