

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLUS IN ERASMUS+?

Adult education is tackling many of Europe's most pressing challenges when it comes to social cohesion, employment and digitalisation. Despite of the future budget increase proposed by the European Commission, the share for adult education still remains low. In order to fulfil its tasks, adult education needs more funding.

WHERE'S THE PLUS?



While the proposal for the future Erasmus programme still includes all educational sectors, also adult education, renaming Erasmus+ back to Erasmus might send a signal that the programme will resume its focus on mobilities of students in higher education. Erasmus+, however, stands for lifelong learning and all educational sectors and measures included.

BIGGER BUDGET NEEDED



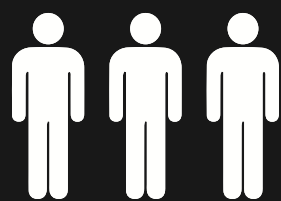
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WIDER TARGET GROUP



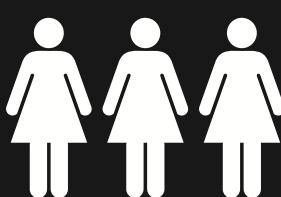
Adult education in the new programme is supposed to focus (exclusively) on low qualified people. Yet adult education is not only a tool to fill the gaps from the formal education system but a means for active citizenship, better health and wellbeing at different stages of adults' lives.

PARTICIPATION RATE



25% BENCHMARK OF 2025

15% BENCHMARK OF 2020



11% REALITY

Unless the budget for adult education is increased, the benchmarks set by the European Commission for the participation of adults in lifelong learning won't be reached.



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ADULT EDUCATION IN THE EU BUDGET

2014-2020



2021-2027



The European Commission proposes to double the overall budget. Yet the share for adult education remains the same.

At the same time, the potential target group of adult education is significantly larger than in any other educational field.



Budget share for
adult education

3,9%

Adults in Europe
aged 25-65

55%

Adults in Europe
aged 15-99

85%

