What does it mean for you?

The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) Post-2020 will set the budgets for all EU programmes, including Erasmus+ and the ESF - key financial tools for non-formal adult education in EU countries. Negotiations on the new MFF have already started among the Member States. Key decisions will be taken in the upcoming weeks and months.

If you want to make sure that EU funding for non-formal adult education will be sustained and increased in the next funding period of the European Union, now is your time to act!

The process leading up to the MFF Post-2020

15 February 2018
EU Education Ministers will discuss the future Erasmus+ programme at the Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council.

15 and 16 February 2018
The Buganingen EU Presidency will bring together stakeholders of the Erasmus+ Social Fund to discuss priorities and expectations of the post-2020 period.

20 February 2018
EU Finance Ministers will discuss the MFF Post-2020 at the Economic and Financial Affairs Council.

23 February 2018
The Heads of States will meet for an informal debate on the pastiche priorities of the MFF Post-2020.

May 2018
The European Commission will publish a first proposal for the MFF Post-2020 with the main narrative and key figures.

What will happen after that?

In the second quarter of 2018, the European Commission will publish a package comprising a comprehensive proposal for the MFF Post-2020. This will be followed by proposals for the next generation of programmes and new own resources.

Our key messages

1. More funding for Erasmus+ and European Social Fund

Erasmus+ and the ESF need better funding to enable innovation and development of new programmes and to increase the accessibility of educational offers for more learners, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

2. Increase allocated budget for non-formal adult education

Currently, only around 5 percent of the total Erasmus+ budget are allocated to non-formal adult education. In order to increase participation rates in adult education in the EU, a bigger share of the budget for adult education is needed.

3. Easier access to funding

Many adult education organisations and providers operate on a very small budget and staff, some of them even on a voluntary basis. Easier application and reporting procedures in Erasmus+ and the ESF would enable more of them to access funding.

For more information, see the EAEA statements "Put the Plus into Erasmus+" and "Adult Education needs ESF Funding" on www.eaea.org.

Call for action

Get in contact with your Education Ministries, and, if possible, with your Finance Ministries. Share our statements with them!

Find allies across the sectors at the national or regional level.

Our advocacy tools can support your lobbying work: download our papers and statements on Erasmus+ and the ESF on www.eaea.org.

Fill in the consultation of the European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-eu-funds-area-values-and-mobility_en - EAEA will provide a response that you can use for filling it in.

Join the Erasmus+ campaign for a 10-times increase of the budget: http://erasmusx10.eu/