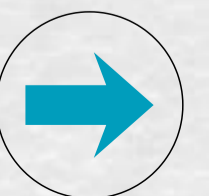


EAEA presents the campaign

Cuts cost more!

*Protect Erasmus+, ESF+ and
Europe's investment in people.*

What's at stake in the next
Multiannual Financial Framework
(**MFF**) and why we need to
act **NOW**.



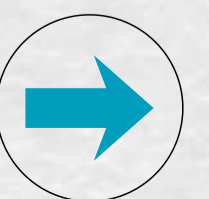


THE FUTURE OF ADULT LEARNING AND EDUCATION (ALE) IN THE NEXT MFF (2028-2034) IS IN DANGER

The future of programs such as the Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund (ESF+) are being discussed right now at the European level.

**This discussion will impact ALL OF US for
years to come.**

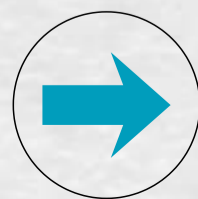
The EU Member States want to cut the initially proposed budgets, pushing the ESF+ to become the only program to fund ALE. A cut to Erasmus+ is a cut to schools, universities, adult education centres, vocational education centres, and to all Europeans!





A FAIR MFF SHOULD:

- Provide an adequate overall budget that treats people as a priority, not merely as a means to economic growth.
- Protect a diverse funding ecosystem for adult learning where Erasmus+ and ESF+ should complement, not replace, each other.
- Invest in ALE as a strategic priority for Europe's competitiveness, resilience and democracy.





BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE GENERAL MFF

**€1.98
TRILLION**

*European
Commission*

2.05%

**€40.8 BILLION
FOR ERASMUS+**

**€2
TRILLION**

*European
Parliament*

2.35%

**€47.4 BILLION
FOR ERASMUS+**

**€1.94
TRILLION**

*Council of
the EU*

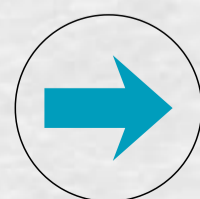
2.01%

**€39.5 BILLION
FOR ERASMUS+**

**AT LEAST €50 BILLION ARE
NEEDED FOR THE PERIOD 2028-2034**

The proposal by the **European Commission** does not take the integration of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) into E+ and actual inflation into account. Adjusted for price changes, the increase in the budget compared to the current MFF is only 37%.

The **European Parliament** proposes a budget share of 73,4% for education and training, a reduction of 10%.





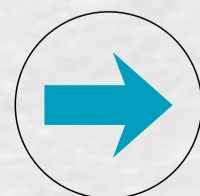
OUR PROPOSAL FOR A FAIRER MFF

**SET THE BUDGET AT €47.4 BILLION BASED
ON THE PARLIAMENT INTERIM REPORT ON
THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE MFF.**

**DO NOT TREAT ESF+ AS THE SOLE FUNDING
INSTRUMENT FOR ADULT LEARNING.
ENSURE THAT ERASMUS+ CONTINUES TO
SUPPORT ADULT EDUCATION ACROSS THE
FUTURE MFF.**

Considering the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) as the main funding instrument for adult education and learning would be detrimental to the social fabric of the European Union.

Rather than concentrating funding in a single instrument, **we should strengthen complementary funding opportunities across programmes**, ensuring that Erasmus+ continues to play a central role in supporting adult education.





OUR PROPOSAL FOR A FAIRER ERASMUS+

**INCREASE
ALE FUND**

FROM

5.2%

TO

5.8%

**REDUCE THE
FLEXIBILITY FUND**

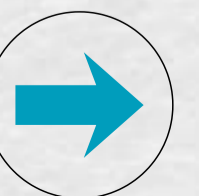
FROM

7.9%

TO

4.1%

**THE CURRENT PROPOSAL WOULD REDUCE
INVESTMENT IN ALE, FURTHER
DESTABILISING OUR SECTOR.
WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.**





EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

Erasmus+

**With 2.1% of the EU budget,
Erasmus+ became the 4th
greatest achievement of
the EU according to
European citizens.**

(Eurobarometer 90)

**TO CUT IMPACT
MEANS TO CUT
PARTICIPATION!**





EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

Erasmus

**Adults who participate
in non-formal job-
related learning earn
around 11% higher
wages on average.**

*(OECD, Returns to different forms of job
related training)*

**CUTTING ERASMUS+
WILL CUT EUROPE'S
ECONOMY!**



Adult education is not only an economic investment — it also improves health, happiness and social connections.

(OECD, Social and health outcomes of education)

**MAKE ERASMUS+
AFFORDABLE FOR ALL!**



Erasmus+





EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the most well known programme and a promoter of democracy.

Nothing protects Europe's democracy as much as giving people the opportunity to see it.



**DISINCENTIVISING ADULT
LEARNING MEANS WEAKENING
OUR DEMOCRACIES!**





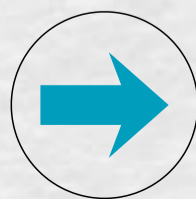
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**73% of young Europeans
say education helps them
identify disinformation.**

(EuroBarometer Survey on Youth and Democracy)

**DON'T CUT OUR
EMPOWERMENT,
DON'T CUT EUROPEAN
CITIZENS' VOICES!**

US+



**YOUR FINANCE MINISTER HAS
THE FINAL DECISION.**

**MAKE SURE THEY KNOW TO
PRIORITISE ERASMUS+.
TAG THEM, CONTACT THEM.**



**CUTS COST MORE! PROTECT
ERASMUS+, ESF+
AND INVEST IN PEOPLE**