

2014-
2020

Erasmus+

Be Active through Lifelong Learning

Kick-off meeting
23 September 2014

Margrét Sverrisdóttir
Senior Advisor



Erasmus+

Erasmus+

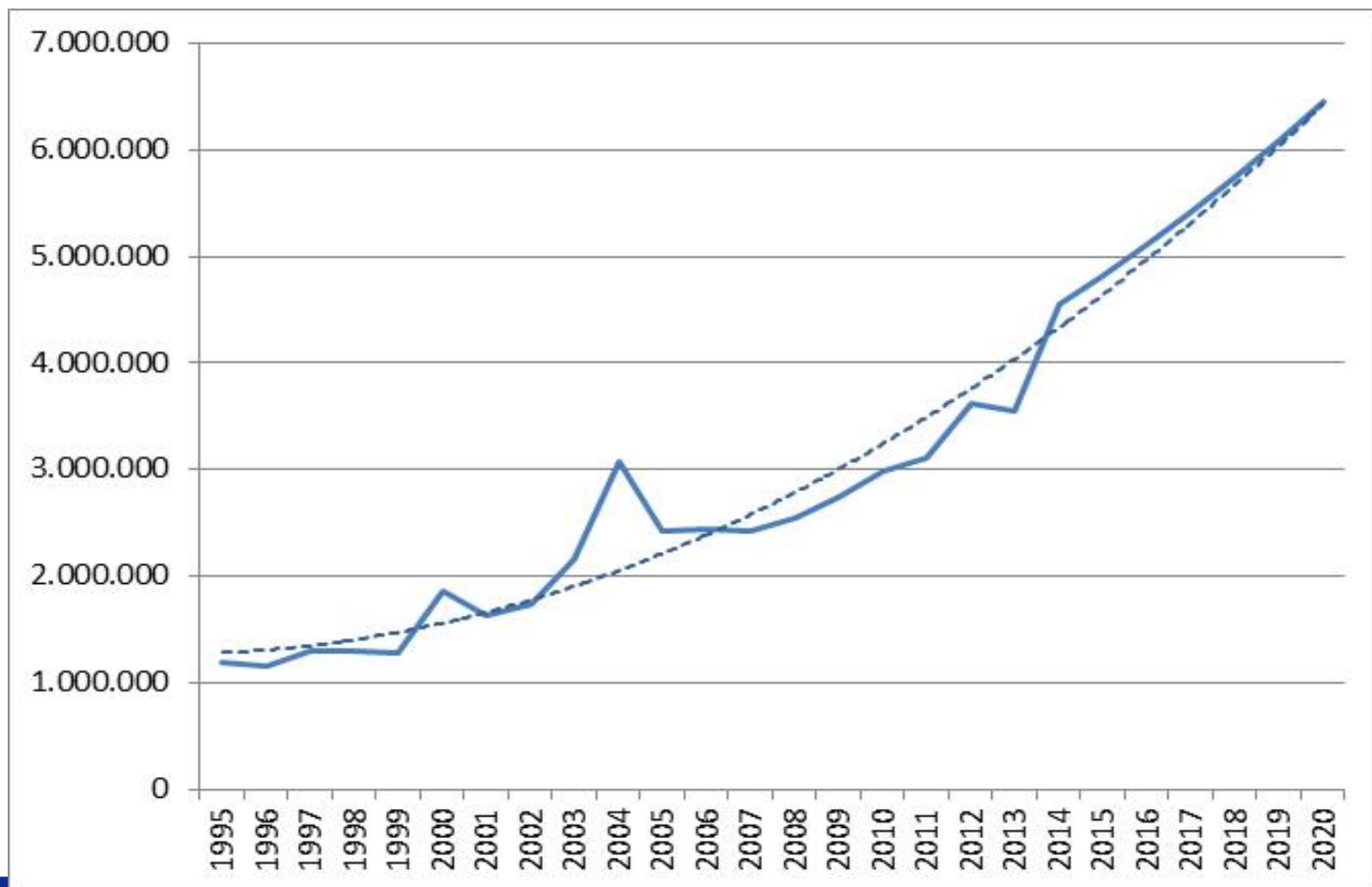
More budget, more people, more opportunities!

- ❑ **40% increase in budget** from previous education and youth programmes
 - 14,7 billion euro until 2020

- ❑ **4 million Europeans** mobile for studies, internships, teaching, training and voluntary work.

- ❑ Iceland's „small size“ a positive factor in budget distribution
 - Budget of 6,4 million euro for 2014
 - Estimate that 7000 Icelanders will be mobile until 2020

Erasmus+ budget prediction until 2020 for education & training (IS)



Erasmus+

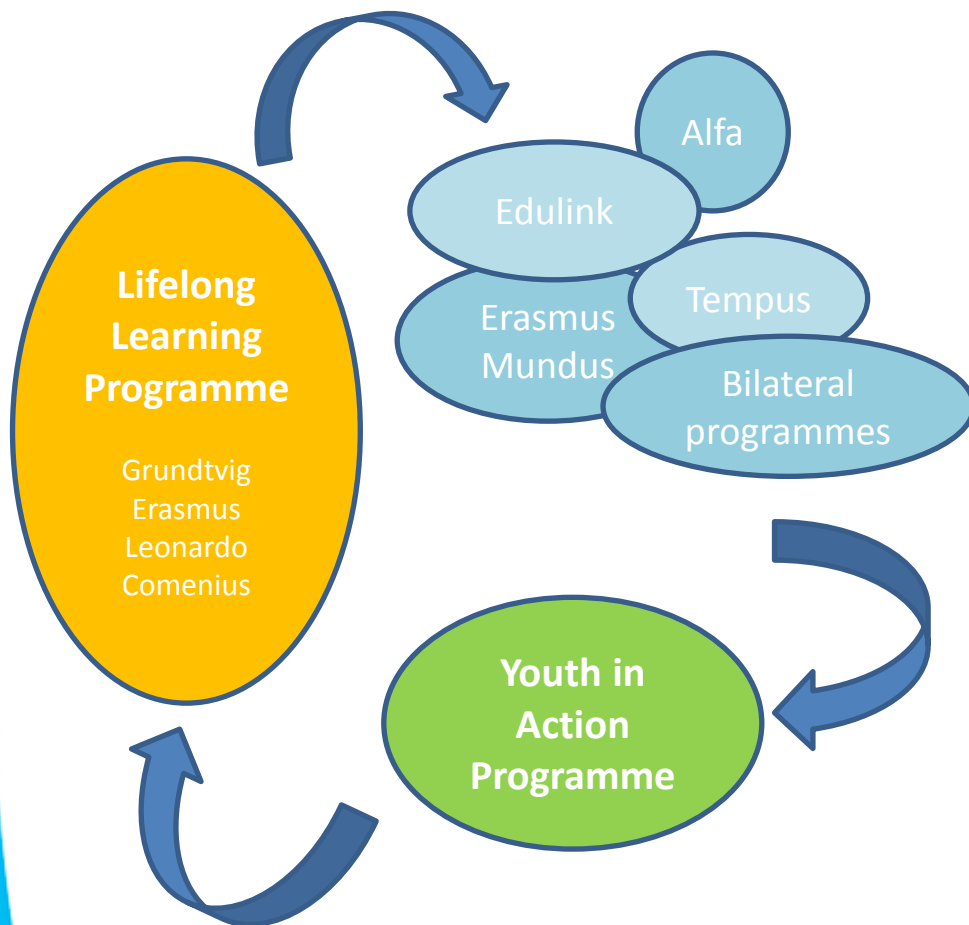
A photograph of a classroom or computer lab. In the foreground, a young boy with blonde hair and a young girl with long dark hair are sitting at a desk, looking at a computer monitor. The boy is pointing at the screen. In the background, a female teacher is leaning over the desk, smiling and pointing at the screen. Another student is visible in the background, also working at a computer. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a large window in the background.

Erasmus+

Organisation of the
programme

Previous EU Programme setup

Previous programmes



One new programme



Other supported activities :

- Jean Monnet
- Sports – **NEW!**



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ objectives

Europe 2020 – EU policy on growth and development until 2020

Three headline targets related to education:

- ☐ Proportion of 30-34 year olds with university degree **40%**
 - ✓ Iceland 2012: 42.8%
- ☐ Proportion of 18-24 year olds in 2020 without an Upper Secondary degree **10%**
 - ✓ Iceland 2012: 21,9%
- ☐ Employability: **82%** of 20-34 year olds in employment three years after graduation
 - ✓ Not measured in Iceland

Education & Training 2020 – EUs priorities in education and training until 2020

- ☐ making lifelong learning and mobility a reality
- ☐ improving the quality and efficiency of education and training
- ☐ promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship
- ☐ enhancing creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship, at all levels of education and training



Erasmus+

Results of the 2014 Call

Key Action 2 – Strategic partnerships

Adult Education in Iceland

- 4 applications
- 2-3 Icelandic projects funded
- Thereof BALL: 199.446 €

Role of the National Agency

DECENTRALISED MANAGEMENT

- NA receives funding for all the projects, under one contract
- NA makes individual contracts with projects
- NA pays EU grant to the projects (the beneficiary/coordinator)

SUPPORT

- NA advises the projects
- NA organises training
- NA supports dissemination

→ Aims to maximise the impact of the project

The Grant Agreement & ANNEXES

Part I Special conditions (p. 3 – payment arrangements)

Part II General conditions (p. 10)

Part A: Legal and administrative provisions (p.10)

Part B: Financial provisions (p.25)

Annex I = The application (Description of project output)

Annex II= Approved budget

Annex III= Financial and contractual rules

Reporting to National Agency

- **Contractual period: 1.9.2014 – 31.8.2016**
24 months
- **Interim report by 01.10.2015**
Reporting period 01.9.2014 – 30.9.2015
Content and finances
- **Final report by 30.10.2016**
60 days after project is closed, reporting period
01.09.2014 – 31.8.2016
Content and finances

Important:

- Synergy between application and final report
- Quality of project and impact

Mobility Tool

Mobility tool – management tool for EU projects, finances and reporting

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eac/mobility>

Guide on Mobility tool for beneficiaries available for IS coordinator on www.erasmusplus.is + a guide on ECAS Account + examples of reports.

NA will provide training to coordinator.



Erasmus+



Mobility Tool layout

**European Commission**
Mobility tool

GR1 Greek State Scholarship's Foundation

My Home > Project Details

HomeProject DetailsPartnersMobilitiesBudgetUpdates and Reports

Project Details for 2013-1-GR1-ERA02-04800

Context & Period Sub-programme: ERASMUS Action: ERASMUS Mobility HEI Call year: 2013	Project Identifiers & Summary Grant Agreement No: 2013-1-GR1-ERA02-04800 National ID: Project Title (national language): ERA02 SMP project created by Sem Villegas
Start of activity: End of activity:	Beneficiary Latin Name: BEN_ORG_NATIONAL_LEGAL_NAME_LANTI



Erasmus+

Payments from NA to beneficiary

- Normally: **50% + 30 % + 20 %**
- All payments are considered as advances/ pre-payments until the NA has formally approved the final report, including the financial report and the project outcomes.
- Financial evaluation and the evaluation of the quality of the project outcomes determines the amount paid as balance.

Payments from beneficiary to partners

- Every project has their own internal payment plan based on the work programme etc.
Should be defined in partnership contract.

Payments from NA to BALL project

- Total applied for: €227.338 Funding: **€199.446**
- **First pre-financing 50% = 99.889** paid in 2 installments to BALL: Within 30 days following the entry into force of the Grant Agreement **59.834 €** and a second payment by March 1st 2015 a payment of **39.889** on the receipt of documentation proving that 70% of the first pre-financing payment has been used.
- Amount of final payment determined in accordance with the total amount of pre-financing payments already made and receipt of documentation proving the use of full grant amount and based on results of external evaluation of outcomes of project.



Coordinator contracts with partners

NA makes contract only with the coordinator, no form provided by NA for partner contracts.

Tips for making partner contracts:

- ✓ Roles and responsibility of each partner
- ✓ Deadlines for delivering work
- ✓ Copyright issues
- ✓ Internal project rules for payments
- ✓ Contractor to create a joint project sheet for travel, project meetings and staff costs.

ANNEX 3 – Financial & Contractual Rules

- **Rules** applicable to the use of the grant under different budget categories.
Budget transfers shall respect limits set in Article 1.3.2. of the Agreement etc.
- **Rates** applicable to budget categories for which unit contributions apply
Amount per participant per project meetings etc.
- **Checks** that the beneficiary may be subject to and the related supporting documents
Desk check, On the spot check during or after action

Quality management

- Self-evaluation of meetings and events
- External quality assurance of outputs from the beginning
- National Agency Monitoring once during project period
- Systems check (visits) projects randomly selected
- Desk check: Final report
- Keep documents for 5 years after project is finalised

Eligible costs

- Unit costs must be actually incurred by the beneficiary/partner organisation and be recorded in his accounts in accordance with the applicable accounting principles → costs must be identifiable and verifiable
 - Must be connected with the project and be provided for in the estimated project budget
 - Must be generated during the lifetime of the project (eligibility period) Must be reasonable and justified.
- See Grant Agreement

Budget categories

Project management.....30.000-

- 500 €/250 € per month
- Unit cost – not reported to NA
- Can be used for dissemination activities, reporting, covering extra travel cost, dissemination of project and results

Transnational project meetings.....20.520-

- Distance 100-1999 km = 575 € per participant per meeting
- Distance 2000 km or more = 760€ per participant per meeting
- Maximum amount 23.000 € per year for the project as a whole
- Have to show proof of attendance

• Intellectual outputs.....106.511-

- See table for rates, have to keep time sheets

Multiplier events.....29.800-

- 100 € per local participant
- 200 € per international participant
- Maximum 30.000 € for the project as a whole
- Have to proof attendance of participants, does not cover costs for partners

Exceptional costs.....12.615-

NB! Exceptional costs treated as real cost, 25% own contribution



Erasmus+



The 20% rule of budget transfer

The beneficiaries are allowed to transfer up to 20% of the funds allocated for Project management, Transnational Project meetings, Intellectual Outputs, Multiplier events and Exceptional costs to any other budget category with the exception of Project management and implementation costs and Exceptional costs.*

* *Exception Special Needs (See Grant Agreement Article I.3.2. Budget transfers)*

NB! Transfers of more than 20% = AMENDMENT REQUIRED!

© Copyright issues

General conditions, Article II.8.1,2,3

Article II.8.3:

- The beneficiaries shall warrant that the NA and/or the Union has the right to use any industrial and intellectual property rights, which have been included in the results of the project.
- Information about the copyright owner shall be inserted when the result is divulged by the NA and/or the Union.
- Simple cases can be settled by the project
 - Each partner must see to it that their organisation has the rights to their material
 - Partners should mention copyrights in their agreements
- Open access to project results: Open Educational Resources (OER)

MORE INFORMATION:

www.erasmusplus.is
erasmusplus@rannis.is

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Twitter: #ErasmusPlus

Facebook: Erasmus+
Menntáætlun ESB