

ERASMUS+: Scottish Independence Referendum – Knowledge Exchange on Democracy for the Young project

Phase 1: Generating a project idea (completed in March 2014)

Phase 2: Identifying call for proposals (completed in April 2014)

Phase 3: Project development phase (on-going)

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Call for proposals identified and confirmed:

Key Action 3: Support for policy reforms

Structured Dialogue: Meetings between Young People and Decision-Makers in the field of Youth promotes the active participation of young people in democratic life and facilitates discussions between young people and policy-makers.

As such, I can now confirm that we are now entering the project development phase. Based on the requirements drafted in the call for proposals we have identified, I drafted a list of elements to take into account when developing the project. It is a necessary step to ensure that all parties to the project, including the youngsters involved, understand the remit of what can be covered through the project, the format that can be used and more generally the application process.

Such elements include:

- **General details about the call**

- **Articulating the project**

- **Award criteria**

- **Budget**

General details

Project Acronym: SIR–KEDY project

Managing Authority: British council

Link: <http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/>

Duration of the project: 3 to 24 months

Timeline: Projects to start between 1st January 2015 and 30 September 2015.

Budget: up to 50 000 euro

Co-financing: Flat rate

Notification of award decision: 4 months max from submission deadline

Number of participating organisations:

- Min 2 from at least 2 countries (International meetings)

Eligible participating organisations

- NGO
- European youth NGO
- Public body at local level

Eligible participants:

- Young participants: between 13 and 30 y/o
- Decision-makers: no limit on age and geographical provenance

Minimum number of participants:

- at least 30 young participants

Deadline: 1 October at 12 pm (midday Brussels time)

Link to the Erasmus + programme guide (pages 146 – 150)

http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/sites/default/files/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf

Articulating the project

Articulating the project has to be aligned to the call's requirements.

<http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/key-action-3/meetings-between-young-people-and-decision-makers>

Such requirements include:

- Young people should be actively involved at all stages of the project

Structure

The project has to be structured around 3 phases:

1. Planning and preparation

For example: Dialogues possibly through Skype in preparation of an event (meeting or debate)

2. Implementation of the activities

3. Evaluation (including reflection of a possible follow-up).

This has to do with the indicators we must develop through the project (ex: number of participants attending, number of participants who voted etc...)

Format

Three possible options related to activities to be developed as part of the project:

- Consultations of young people, with a view to find out their needs on matters relating to participation in democratic life (online consultations, opinion polls, etc...)
- Events that promote debates and information on youth policy themes linked to the activities organised during the European youth Week
- Meetings and seminars, information events or debates between young people and decision-makers / youth experts around the theme of participation in democratic life.

Objectives

- *Definition of structured dialogue*: name used for discussions between young people and youth policy-makers in order to obtain results which are useful for policy-making

- *Project objective*: Promoting the active participation of young people in democratic life and fosters debate around topics/ themes / priorities set by the Structured Dialogue and the renewed political framework.

- Look for priorities in the renewed political framework in the youth field
http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/education_training_youth/youth/c11059_en.htm
- Priority will be given to projects that pursue one or more of the relevant priorities described in the introduction chapters on Youth in part B of the programme guide
<http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/key-action-3/meetings-between-young-people-and-decision-makers> (pp 28-29)

Outputs

Through participation to these events, young people are able to make their voice heard through the formulation of positions, proposals and recommendations) on how youth policies should be shaped and implemented in Europe.

- Looking at discussing issues with the aim of drafting positions
- Based on youth policies in the EU

Award criteria

The European commission assessed projects based on 3 criteria:

- Relevance of the project (max. 30 points)
- Quality of the project design and implementation (max. 40 points)
- Impact and dissemination (max. 30 points)

To be considered for funding:

- proposals must score at least 60 points
- scoring at least half of the points for each category

Below is a more detailed summary:

AWARD CRITERIA

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

Relevance of the project (maximum 30 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The relevance of the proposal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the objectives and priorities of the Action (Please see section "What are meetings between young people and decision-makers?" above) - the needs and objectives of the participating organisations and of the individual participants ▪ The extent to which the proposal is suitable of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - producing high-quality outcomes for participants - reinforcing the capacities of the participating organisations ▪ The extent to which the project involves young people with fewer opportunities
Quality of the project design and implementation (maximum 40 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The clarity, completeness and quality of all the phases of the project proposal (preparation, implementation of mobility activities, and follow-up) ▪ The consistency between project objectives and activities proposed ▪ The quality of the practical arrangements, management and support modalities ▪ The quality of the non-formal learning participative methods proposed and the active involvement of young people during all the stages of the project ▪ The appropriateness of measures for selecting and/or involving participants in the activities ▪ If appropriate, the quality of cooperation and communication between the participating organisations, as well as with other relevant stakeholders
Impact and dissemination (maximum 30 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The quality of measures for evaluating the outcomes of the project ▪ The potential impact of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on participants and participating organisations during and after the project lifetime - outside the organisations and individuals directly participating in the project at local, regional, national and/or European levels ▪ The appropriateness and quality of measures aimed at disseminating the outcomes of the project within and outside the participating organisations

Budget

Maximum grant awarded: 50 000 euro

Budget: Flat rates apply. In other words, any costs going beyond and above those rates will have to be covered by partners.

We need to agree on a principle

Elements covered include:

Travel cost: unit cost (distance related)

Travel distance calculated using the distance calculator supported by the EC.

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

Organisational support: 40 euro per day and per participant

Special needs support: 100% of eligible costs (request for financial support to cover special needs support must be motivated in the application form)

Exceptional costs: 100% of eligible costs (request for financial support to cover exceptional costs must be motivated in the application form)