

General Information (Erasmus +)



Who We Are

We are a UK based organisation led and managed by experienced education professionals. As a team, we have been working together around the world including throughout Europe for over twenty years. We continue to work also in developing countries. We have over twenty years' experience of offering successful courses and training experiences for international participants in the World Heritage City of Bath and the historic City of Bristol. We know our local schools and colleges very well over many years, so we are able to select the best experience for our course members. We have a team of tutors and consultants who are highly experienced and knowledgeable in their fields. Most of them have worked in other European countries as well as in the UK. Our website www.merganser.co.uk gives more information.

Erasmus+ offers funding support for exciting opportunities for school education staff from the 28 countries of the EU as well as those from Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey and Norway.

We offer courses as well as a range of opportunities and training events for teachers, headteachers and other school staff. We have many years successful experience of putting together exciting and valuable international professional development experience. If we are all to make our schools vibrant and exciting, then the training of the professionals must reflect that. We ensure that it does.

Merganser Opportunities and Courses

We are extremely flexible in our approach and are able to offer specially designed courses, training events and opportunities to meet your needs and interests, responding to your European Development Plan. Job shadowing opportunities in local primary and secondary schools are available. We are always very pleased to design specific courses for groups of teachers coming from the same location.

We offer our popular training courses on the following themes. All courses can include a significant English language element if required.

- Inclusive Teaching and Special Education Needs
- Focussed Job Shadowing
- New Initiatives in Teaching, Learning and Classroom Management.
- Employability: equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and competences to enter and thrive in the working world.
- Using ICT to facilitate new developments in Teaching and Learning.
- School Leadership
- Developing a European Dimension in your School

- Education in the heritage City of Bath
- Negotiated Courses to suit the needs of client schools and institutions.

How Our Courses and Opportunities Work

Get in touch with us, preferably using the contact e-mail information below. Explain what you are looking for and we will come back saying how we can best respond to your request. You can get in touch with us at any time, **but you may find it best to contact us even before you make your grant application**, because we may be able to help with that. Once you receive notification of grant success from your national agency we work with you in more detail to support you in making sure that all the professional and logistic arrangements (flights, accommodation and so on) are in place. Teachers attending our courses normally arrange their own accommodation (and pay direct) although we can make suggestions.

Mobility Projects and your European Development Plan

Applications for funding are within the context of a mobility project. Under a mobility project, funding is available for teachers, school leaders and other school staff to participate in structured courses or training events abroad.

A mobility has to:

- be framed within a European Development Plan
- respond to clearly identified staff development needs
- be accompanied by appropriate selection, preparation and follow-up measures
- ensure that the learning outcomes of participating staff are properly recognised
- ensure that the learning outcomes are disseminated and widely used within the organisation
- last a minimum of 2 days, excluding travel time

Please contact us if you would like help or guidance with your European Development Plan. The Merganser team can help you structure your school's plan to meet the EU criteria as well as your individual school's needs. Each plan will be unique and we can show you how our training opportunities can match your requirements.

Applying for Funding

The next deadline is February 2nd 2017 for training starting after 1st July 2017. Funding is available for course fees, travel and subsistence and under Erasmus+ a school can now apply for support for preparation and monitoring. Schools need to apply through the national agency of their own country. The national agency will also be able to offer advice and information on the new programme. Webinars and Information Days about Erasmus + may also be on offer.

Before being able to apply for funding a school needs to register on the European Commission Authentication Service (ECAS).

Application e-forms and more guidance on the application process for grants are available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

We look forward to meeting you!

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