

Public consultation on EU funds in the area of values and mobility

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Introduction

'A stronger Union needs to be equipped with appropriate financial means to continue to deliver its policies. The Union has changed fundamentally in recent years, as have the challenges it faces. Our Union needs a budget that can help us achieve our ambitions. The Multiannual Financial Framework for the period after 2020 must reflect this.' (Commission Work Programme 2018)

The EU budget currently amounts to less than 1 euro per citizen per day. Although a modest budget, at around 1 % of the EU's gross national income or 2 % of all EU public spending, it supports the EU's shared goals by delivering essential public goods and tangible results for EU citizens. These include: investing in skills, innovation and infrastructure; ensuring sustainable food supply and developing rural areas; promoting joint research and industrial projects; funding shared activities in the field of migration and security; and supporting development and humanitarian aid.

The current Multiannual Financial Framework — the EU's long-term budget — runs until the end of 2020. In 2018, the Commission will put forth comprehensive proposals for the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework and for the next generation of financial programmes that will receive funding. These programmes/funds provide financial support to hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries such as regions, towns, NGOs, businesses, farmers, students, scientists, and many others.

The Commission's proposals will be designed to make it possible for the EU to deliver on the things that matter most, in areas where it can achieve more than Member States acting alone. This requires a careful assessment both of what has worked well in the past and what could be improved in the future. What should the priorities be for future policies and programmes/funds? And how can they be designed to best deliver results on the ground?

As an integral part of this process and following on from the [Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances](#), the Commission is launching a series of public consultations covering all the major spending areas to gather views from all interested parties on how to make the very most of every euro of the EU budget.

The scope of this public consultation covers programmes and actions aiming at protecting and promoting European values as well as supporting mobility, education and training, cultural diversity, fundamental rights, an EU area of justice, digital competence, creativity and European historical memory and remembrance. Such programmes and actions empower citizens, develop their skills and competences and contribute to open, democratic, more equal, inclusive and creative societies. This public consultation seeks to identify strengths and weaknesses of existing programmes and actions, as well as possible ways forward and highlight any possible synergies among them.

Recent consultations already covered several policy areas, including on current performance and future challenges. The views already expressed by stakeholders in these consultations will be taken into account as part of the preparatory process for the future of the multiannual financial framework.

Link to portal for recent consultations:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en

Consultations in the policy area education and training:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en?](https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en?field_consultation_status_value=All&field_core_policy_areas_target_id_selective=1203)

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Consultations in the policy field culture and media:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en?](https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en?field_consultation_status_value=All&field_core_policy_areas_target_id_selective=1184)

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Consultations related to values:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en?](https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en?combine=values&field_consultation_status_value=All&field_core_policy_areas_target_id_selective=All)

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About you

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*13 Type of organisation

Please select the answer option that fits best.

- Private enterprise
- Professional consultancy, law firm, self-employed consultant
- Trade, business or professional association
- Non-governmental organisation, platform or network
- Research and academia
- Churches and religious communities
- Regional or local authority (public or mixed)
- International or national public authority
- Other

*22 Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?

If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation. [Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

*23 If so, please indicate your Register ID number.

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*24 Country of organisation's headquarters

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary

- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

*26 Your contribution,

Note that, whatever option chosen, your answers may be subject to a request for public access to documents under [Regulation \(EC\) N° 1049/2001](#)

- can be published with your organisation's information** (I consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including the name of my organisation, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication)
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*27 Please let us know whether you have experience with one or more of the following funds and programmes.

at least 1 choice(s)

- Erasmus+ programme
- European Solidarity Corps
- Creative Europe programme
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme
- Europe for Citizens Programme
- EU programme for employment and social innovation
- EURES – the European job search network
- European Social Fund
- Justice Programme
- Consumer Programme
- EU aid volunteers
- None of the above

*29 Please let us know to which of the following topics your replies to this questionnaire will refer.

- Learning mobility
- Education and training apart from mobility

- Volunteering, humanitarian aid, solidarity
- Youth work
- Labour mobility
- Culture, media and arts
- Citizenship and values
- Justice area, judicial cooperation, rights
- Consumer Protection
- None of the above

EU funds in the area of mobility and values

31 The Commission has preliminarily identified a number of policy challenges which programmes/funds in this area – mobility and values - could address. How important are these policy challenges in your view?

	Very important	Rather important	Neither important nor unimportant	Rather not important	Not important at all	No opinion
Support lifelong skills development through learning mobility	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support employability through lifelong learning mobility	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support digitalisation and digital transformation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote modernisation of education and training	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote cooperation between education and training and labour market actors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support innovation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote solidarity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote social inclusion and fairness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support active citizenship, democratic						

participation in society, and the rule of law	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote European identity and common values	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote rights and equality	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Foster European cultural diversity and cultural heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Support competitiveness of European cultural and creative sectors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Reinforce the EU area of justice strengthening judicial cooperation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Promote consumers' interests and ensure high level of consumer protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (Please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

33 To what extent do the current policies successfully address these challenges?

	Fully addressed	Fairly well addressed	Addressed to some extent only	Not addressed at all	No opinion
Support lifelong skills development through learning mobility	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support employability through lifelong learning mobility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Support active citizenship, democratic participation in society, and the rule of law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Other (as specified in Question 1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*34 To what extent do the current programmes/funds add value, compared to what Member States could achieve at national, regional and/or local levels?

- To a large extent
- To a fairly good extent
- To some extent only
- Not at all
- Don't know

35 Please specify how the current programmes/funds add value compared to what Member States could achieve at national, regional and/or local levels.

1500 character(s) maximum

Please clearly indicate to which policies, programmes and funds your answer refers.

The Erasmus+ programme brings a strong added value at the EU level. It impacts far beyond the EU member states' national borders and supports the participation of individual and organisations from most countries in the world either as programme or partner countries. It has opportunities for a wide variety of individuals and organisations.

Erasmus+ offers opportunities for people of all ages, helping them develop and share knowledge and experience at institutions and organisations in different countries. People can then experience other cultures and European identity in its diversity and this can not be replicated at national or regional contexts.

Erasmus+ also supports a wide range of organisations, including universities, education and training providers, think-tanks, research organisations, and private businesses. These can exchange knowledge and best practices by setting up cross- country partnerships that are financially supported through the programme's Key Actions 2 and 3. The aim of Erasmus+ is to contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for growth, jobs, social equity and inclusion, as well as the aims of ET2020, the EU's strategic framework for education and training. The ambitious objectives set up in both strategies can only be achieved through the involvement in projects and sharing of experiences at multi-country/multi-regional levels.

36 Is there a need to modify or add to the objectives of the programmes/funds in this policy area? If yes, which changes would be necessary or desirable?

1500 character(s) maximum

Please clearly indicate to which policies, programmes and funds your answer refers.

In order to maximize the programme's impact and reach out all possible target groups, the programme objectives should be described in a more flexible way to take into account different situations and national /regional contexts. This flexibility is of particular importance in the VET sector. VET is required to respond quickly to training needs identified in a rapidly changing world and the programme's objectives should reflect this changing environment. Some excellent initiatives might have been left out of the programme because their link to the specific objectives was not too obvious.

The programme objectives could also promote more cross-sector and lifelong learning approaches. The initial aim of the programme was to merge seven programme to allow for a greater cross-sectorial synergy and coherence.

We also believe that the Erasmus+ objectives should have closer alignment with other EU funding provisions like ESF, Progress, Horizon 2020 etc. This would facilitate the recognition of political priorities and challenges to tackle through the participation in European projects and initiatives.

37 The Commission has preliminarily identified a number of possible obstacles which could prevent the current programmes/funds from achieving their objectives. To what extent do they apply in your view?

	To a large extent	To a fairly large extent	To some extent only	Not at all	Don't know
Lack of dedicated instruments to address new or specific needs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient outreach towards potential partners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Too narrow geographical scope of the programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Target groups too restricted	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of support to first-time applicants	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language obstacles	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles to mutual recognition of study or training periods abroad and qualifications	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of budget of the programmes to satisfy demand	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low value of individual grants	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient information and guidance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of coordination with other funds and sectoral policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient support provided to small-scale stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient use of results of individual projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limited possibilities for funding actions across the sectors of education, training and youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39 The Commission has preliminarily identified a number of steps that could help to further simplify and reduce administrative burdens for beneficiaries under current programmes/funds. To what extent would these steps be helpful in your view?

	To a large extent	To a fairly large extent	To some extent only	Not at all	Don't know
Clearer focus/priorities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Higher involvement of stakeholders in programme implementation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of more simplified application forms, reports and grant selection process	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased dissemination and better exploitation of results	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Simpler access for "new-comer" applicants and smaller/grass-root organisations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Incentives for people with fewer opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating structured networks and partnerships	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating funding for actions cutting across the sectors of action	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better coordination between different programmes/funds	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

41 How could synergies among programmes/funds in this area be further strengthened to avoid possible overlaps/duplication? For example, would you consider grouping/merging some programmes?

1500 character(s) maximum

Please clearly indicate to which policies, programmes and funds your answer refers.

Synergies should be considered between Erasmus+, Europe for Citizens, European Solidarity Corps, European Social Fund, European programme for employment and social innovation, and Creative Europe programmes. To a lesser extent, synergies should be made with Horizon 2020 and other initiatives and funding schemes from DG CONNECT and DG GROW

Document upload and final comments

42 Please feel free to upload a concise document, such as a position paper. The maximum file size is 1MB.

Please note that the uploaded document will be published alongside your response to the questionnaire which is the essential input to this public consultation. The document is optional and serves as additional background reading to better understand your position.

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43 If you wish to add further information — within the scope of this questionnaire — please feel free to do so here.

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