

Promoting Molecular Life Sciences Education in a Wider Europe: A Potential FEBS EU Project

Possible Objectives

Building networks

Defining skills and knowledge

Addressing standards

Developing a *core* curriculum

Enabling mobility

Encouraging more life science students

Continuing professional development of lecturers

Erasmus+ Programme Grants

You can submit a grant application under **one of three key actions** (each key action submission is a separate grant application).

Key Action 1: Mobility of individuals

Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices

Key Action 3: Support for policy reform

(see page 13 of programme guide)

It was felt that the **Key Action 2** remit was most appropriate to our needs.

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf

NB. This is a 315 page document that is written in EU speak!



Within **Key Action 2**, the focus of the application had to encompass **one** of the following categories:

- 1) Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
- 2) Knowledge Alliance
- 3) Sector skills Alliance
- 4) Capacity building in higher education
- 5) Capacity building in the field of youth



Of these categories number 1 was the felt most appropriate. (see page 105 of programme guide)

ERASMUS KEY ACTION 2 – Strategic Partnerships in Higher Education

The application has to fulfil one of these **2 objectives:**

• Strategic Partnerships supporting innovation;

or

• Strategic Partnerships supporting exchange of good practices.



(see page 107 of programme guide)

I think that what we want to achieve encompasses both objectives

To be funded, the strategic Partnerships must address either **a)** at least one horizontal priority or **b)** at least one field-specific priority.

Horizontal priorities are:

- a) Improve achievement ✓
- b) Inclusive education.....
- c) Open and innovative education embedded in the digital age..... ?
- d) Improving educator recruitment and training throu' CPDs..... ?
- e) Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications. Improving employability and mobility..... ✓
- f) Sustainable investment and efficiency in education.....

Field-specific priorities are:

- a) Increasing attainment levels and social inclusion. Improving the quality and relevance of higher education through cross-border cooperation. ✓
- b) Promoting the development of new modes of delivery and exploiting new technologies in learning and teaching..... ✓/?

Key Information

-Minimum of 3 countries. Eligible countries can be found with link below (An institution from one country is the lead, the others are the partners). <https://erasmusplus.org.uk/participating-countries>

-Maximum Euro 150k per year for maximum of 3 years. It is very detailed and prescriptive on spending, ie how much and on what the funds can be used for. (pages 118-121)

Partners can be:

-Any institution involved in Higher Education Institution, but they must hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

-Although FEBS is a NGO / charity it is already a Partnership in its own right, therefore not sure it can be a partner???. I think National biochemical societies could be included as partners? Need to check.

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-Deadline 31st March 2016. Therefore could develop for next year March 2017

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-The typical size of an application for key action 2 is around 5 or 6 partners, but it's fine as long as there are at least three. (NB for funding purposed a maximum is 10 partners)

-Can have a maximum of 100 participants for any output events, etc. Not sure if can only be from partner organisations??

Word of Caution about applying for this type of grant.....

**-There were 95 Key action 2 HE
partnership applications in 2015,
of whom 48 met the criteria. Of
these, only 8 were funded. This
was due to budget constraints
rather than quality shortfalls.**