



ERASMUS+ 2017

KEY ACTION 2: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

Strategic Partnerships offer the opportunity to organisations active in the fields of education, as well as public authorities and civil society organisations active in different socio-economic sectors to cooperate in order to implement innovative practices leading to high quality teaching. The aims of a Strategic Partnership are:

- Enhancing the **quality** and relevance of the learning offer in education by developing new and innovative approaches and supporting the dissemination of best practices
- Promoting take-up of innovative practices in education by supporting personalized learning approaches, collaborative learning and critical thinking, strategic **use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)**, open educational resources (OER), open and flexible learning, virtual mobility and other innovative learning methods
- Promoting **structured inter-regional and cross-border cooperation**: enhancing the commitment of local and regional public authorities in the qualitative development of the education, training and youth fields
- Enhancing the **professional development** of those working or active in the education, training and youth fields by innovating and increasing the quality and range of initial and continuing training, including new pedagogies, ICT-based methodologies and use of OER fostering equity and inclusion in education, to enable quality learning for all as well as to prevent drop-out and promote participation of disadvantaged groups in society;

Erasmus+ offers great flexibility in terms of activities that Strategic Partnerships can implement, as long as the proposal demonstrates that these activities are the most appropriate to reach the objectives defined for the project:

- a) Activities that strengthen the cooperation between organisations with a view to establishing **exchanges of practices**
- b) Activities that promote the development, **testing and/or implementation of innovative practices** in the field of education
- c) The **recognition and validation** of knowledge, skills and competences
- d) Activities of **cooperation between regional authorities** to promote the development of education, training and youth systems and their integration in actions of local and regional development.



EU grant: the funding covers the expenses for coordination, mobility, training events, dissemination events and products of the project.

SERN will support the members in finding new partners and promote the project idea. The deadline for submitting applications for Erasmus+ will be **March 29th 2017 (for projects starting in late 2017)** Swedish schools interested in **participating as a partner or leading organization have to** inform the SERN contact person in their municipality and fill in the [partner search form online](#) **no later than 12th December 2016**.

STEPS FOR SCHOOLS

- 1) Fill in the [partner search form online](#) no later than **12th December 2016**
- 2) Once the expressions of interests are received they are circulated in the other country for matching. In case of positive matching, the school will be informed by the SERN secretariat or directly by the Italian school in January 2016.