

## European Conference

### »Skills for Future - Schools for Future«

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in Frankfurt (Main)

#### Purpose of the Conference

In an ever-evolving and rapidly changing world, education is a necessary compass – essential to navigate the challenges of an uncertain future. Schools are challenged to design their educational approaches with a forward-looking perspective to equip their students with necessary adaptable skills, critical thinking and lifelong learning habits.

But how to do that? While school development may often be perceived as cumbersome this conference invites participants to approach it from a European perspective – putting Erasmus+ at the heart of the process.

This conference intends to present the broad range of possibilities within the Erasmus+ programme that can help to create an environment that invites to learn, discover and participate – hence, to acquire and explore new skills. It will highlight successful school development projects carried out within the programme and aims to provide practical tools to facilitate skills-based learning.

The event provides a platform for sharing examples of good practice and developing new approaches to transform schools into future-oriented learning environments.

The event »Skills for Future - Schools for Future« targets school leaders, teachers, and educational staff involved in school development across the European Union member states and wants to contribute to building the »Union of Skills«.

Participants are encouraged to contribute actively to the event by sharing their ideas and experiences. There will be opportunities to network and plan new projects. A good command of English is essential.

## Conference programme

- Scientific perspectives and innovative Erasmus+ projects will be presented to demonstrate how schools can benefit from Erasmus+ school projects.
- An emphasis will be placed on the benefits of eTwinning – the online community in Erasmus+. Especially with view to its potential for project-based learning and its concept of eTwinning Schools, it offers innovative opportunities to explore the digital dimension in education whilst building school partnerships across Europe.
- Workshops matching various skill areas of the Union of Skills will allow participants to dive into the topics, set the start for fruitful discussions and provide the starting point for the development of own projects.
- The conference will showcase a set of tools and helpful materials to support participants when addressing future skills areas in their school development mission.
- There will be a dedicated hands-on part in which participants can start drafting Erasmus+ projects (mobility, cooperation and eTwinning projects), test tools and materials and transfer conference input to take home.

## Guiding Questions

- How can Erasmus+ be used as a driving force to innovation and democratic participation at school and to establish a school climate that invites to learn, discover and participate?
- How can Erasmus+ be used to upskill the school community and support the shift towards a more inclusive and sustainable learning environment?
- How can collaborative work and blended learning succeed and how can successful project work be upscaled to school level? Special attention will be given to the use of eTwinning both in classroom and in blended or online settings and to the eTwinning School concept.
- How can Erasmus+ support the development of knowledge, skills, and values needed to thrive with integrity and resilience in an increasingly complex world?

## Target groups

- School leaders, teachers, and educational staff (from primary school to upper secondary level) involved in school development and experienced with or interested in starting Erasmus+ projects (Focus on Key action 1 and 2 and eTwinning) on the conference topic.
- Please note that we particularly welcome applications from schools in remote or rural areas, areas with limited public transport or poor facilities, and urban suburbs where many families rely on social security benefits or live in relative poverty.
- Representatives from teacher training institutions, school authorities and Ministries of Education (mobility consortium coordinators) as well as representatives of Erasmus+ Teacher Academies and Jean Monnet activities working on the conference topic

## Organisational information

### Number of participants and participating countries – overview and rationale

This conference expects to host 240 participants from all Erasmus+ programme countries. In this TCA, up to 3 participants per country are welcomed (the share including 1 NA representative). To have a good cross-sectoral mixture among participants working on school development topics, the host countries would very much appreciate if NAs would distribute their places evenly among primary, lower and upper secondary teachers/schools.

### Conference venue

[Scandic Frankfurt Hafenpark](#)

Eytelweinstraße 1  
60314 Frankfurt am Main

**Conference language:** English

### Hosting and co-organizing agencies

The event is hosted by the National Agency for Erasmus+ school education in Germany (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst) in cooperation with the National Agencies of Belgium (BE02), Denmark and the Netherlands.

### Financing

- The conference will be carried out as a Transnational Cooperation Activity among NAs (TCA) and is financed by the EU programme Erasmus+.
- Hosting costs during the conference (accommodation in the conference hotel from 27 – 29 April 2026, meals, conference costs) will be covered by the hosting National Agency (PAD).
- Travel costs are covered by the sending National Agencies. Please get in contact with your National Agency concerning the details of your travel.
- All costs of the cultural programme will be covered by the German National Agency (PAD)

### For further questions, please contact NA-PAD

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