



GLS - The Erasmus+ Programme

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(1) What is Erasmus+ ?

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

The 2021-2027 programme has an estimated budget of €26.2 billion.

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu>

(1) What is Erasmus+ ?

Key Action 1: Learning mobility of individuals

Erasmus+ offers the opportunity for higher education institutions to send students and staff abroad (in other programme countries or other partner countries) to study, teach, or train at participating institutions.

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GLS is participating in KA1 since 2018.

Our Project ***Raising Awareness of Cultural Diversity & Improvement of Language Courses*** is starting it's 3rd round this year.

By now, 67 staff members and teachers already participated in language and methodology courses in Europe.

<https://www.gls-berlin.de/erasmus-plus-sprachkurs-berlin.html>

(2) Our Experience at GLS

Raising Awareness of Cultural Diversity & Improvement of Language Courses

We believe in life long learning and in the continuous broadening of professional expertise. Therefore, we train teachers from around the world and this is why we offer Erasmus+ courses for our teachers.

With the funding of Erasmus+ it is possible to allow our teachers and academic staff to participate in language, methodology and diversity courses around Europe.

(2) Our Experience at GLS

With our current project we could support 55 teachers and staff members to participate in one week courses (language, methodology, diversity) in Europe.

For each participant GLS receives a set amount of support the EU provides – depending on different criteria like duration, country and distance, e.g. for a 5 day language course in Ireland:

Travel costs (distance 500 – 1999 km)	275,- €
Individual support (accommodation, provision)	882,- €
Course fee 5 days	350,- €
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(2) Our Experience at GLS

Additionally, GLS receives 350,- € organisational rate per participant.

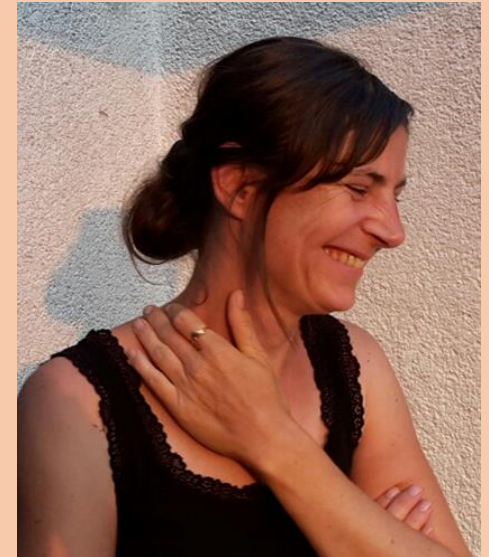
With this money GLS is able to coordinate the project –

- having staff members apply for the funding,
- organise the project, support the teachers and staff members
- and finalise the project
- as well as disseminate the results.

(2) Our Experience at GLS

Ellen, member of the academic team and teacher at GLS participated with funding of Erasmus+ and Bildungsurlaub in April 2019 in a one week workshop in Iceland: „Diverse Society – Diverse Classroom”.

„Cooperative Learning is best understood by learning cooperative! The course was amazing, diverse, intense and very instructive – just as lessons are supposed to be.”



(2) Our Experience at GLS

Cooperative Learning – one example

Please stand up and build two circles – one inner circle and one around.

Please try to find with your opposite partner things you both like to do – without speaking, just via pantomime.

You have one minute for finding similar interests. After this minute the persons in the outer circle switch to the next talking partner in the inner circle..

(2) Our Experience at GLS

Cooperative Learning – one example

The aim is to create a relaxed class atmosphere because for cooperative learning to work, the participants need to know each other.

Did you enjoy the activity? Learn more about cooperative learning here:

<https://ici.is/en/courses-and-education>

(3) Benefits of Erasmus+

Teachers and staff are encouraged to learn more about methodology, diversity in classrooms and language teaching.

They continue their life long learning while enjoying a week at a language school in Europe – all expenses covered.

<https://www.sprachreisen-community.de/de/reportages>

(3) Benefits of Erasmus+

Our teachers appreciate this opportunity to learn and grow.

At the same time, our participants benefit from their knowlegde.



(3) Benefits of Erasmus+

Our courses continuously improve with these exchanges and we gain insight in customer's wishes first hand.

We increase our participants' numbers – by gaining participants who are funded by Erasmus+ because we can offer these courses according to their needs.

(3) Benefits of Erasmus+

Within this programme, everything is funded – costs for a language course, including travel, accomodation and provisioning.

Additionally, the applying institution (e.g. a language school) receives an organisational rate of 350,- € per participant.

It is a win for everyone, for education and for building networks.



(4) How to Apply

Language Schools can apply for different Key Actions focusing on learning mobilities or cooperation with other schools.

We decided to apply for Key Action 1, learning mobilities (KA1).

The application process is managed by the National Agency of the country where the applicant organisation is established.

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/how-to-apply>

(4) How to Apply

You can find examples of good practise on the homepages of your National Agency:

<https://www.na-bibb.de/erasmus-erwachsenenbildung/mobilitaet/good-practice>

You need to register your institution.

There is the possibility to get support for your application by the National Agency.

Thank you so much for your interest.

We wish you all the best with your projects!

We are looking forward to cooperating with you
and to see the Erasmus+ family grow.

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