ERASMUS+ PROJECTS –
THE SEARCH FOR SYNERGIES

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**SYNERGY**

**Συνεργος**

“The interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.” (Oxford dictionary)

Between

- Funding programmes
- Actions within a funding programme
- Projects
• Rationale for participation in Erasmus projects: to improve the quality of our educational offer in a transnational set-up
• Strong bottom-up approach
• With centralised support structure and financial incentives
• Presence in networks to lay foundations
• Challenge: matching strategy with project participation
  • Variety in consortium compositions per project
  • Uncertainty of getting selected
Examples of matching research and education projects
- MARBEF – EMBC – IMBRSEA (KP6 NwoEx to EMJMD)
- FUSION (EMMC + EMJD)
- SINREM (EIT + EMJMD)

Examples of E+ projects with transversal element
- EGRACONS
- Erasmus without Paper
- EQUATIC
EXPECTATIONS POST 2021

• “Evolution, not revolution”
• Aim of each Action clearly communicable to our leadership and academics
• Complementarity between the KA2 Actions, allowing for development strategies (synergy!)
• Accessibility:
  • content before format (in particular for subject area-specific projects)
  • Selection chances
  • Funding levels
• Administrative streamlining between Actions (or even Programmes) where possible
EXPECTATIONS POST 2021 (2)

No need to change the toolbox for the sake of changing it, as long as project outcomes:
  • remain novel
  • find their implementation locally
  • and will be transferred, when relevant, outside of the consortium
→ Greater dissemination/exploitation, assisted by DG EAC, EACEA, NAs, up to Ministries (avoid duplication)
CONCLUSIONS

• Keep the academics interested in / rewarded by Erasmus+
  • They have come under ever increasing publication pressure
  • They form the core engine of our institution
  • They are in the key position to bring education and research together
• Without (transnational) education, (transnational) research and innovation will not last
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