

# Engaging Young Learners in STEM Through Circus and Creative Arts

## MAIN INFO

<b>SALTO E&amp;T link:</b>	<a href="https://salto-et.net/events/show/IE01_0868_TSS_2026">https://salto-et.net/events/show/IE01_0868_TSS_2026</a>		
<b>Sector:</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Priority:</b>	Other
<b>Scope:</b>	Transnational		
<b>Type of presence:</b>	Blended	<b>Venue country:</b>	Ireland
<b>Venue city:</b>	Gaillimh	<b>Working language:</b>	English
<b>Key Action:</b>	KA2	<b>TCA documents:</b>	
<b>Postponed:</b>	No	<b>E+ Academy:</b>	No
<b>Start date:</b>	19.05.2026	<b>End date:</b>	22.05.2026
<b>Subtopic:</b>	<span>newcomers</span> <span>networking</span> <span>strategic partnership</span> <span>EU policy</span>		

## TCA DESCRIPTION

**Themes and goals:** How can educators introduce STEM concepts to young learners in a way that is playful, inclusive, and engaging? This event will explore how circus pedagogy and creative arts-based approaches can support early childhood and primary educators in fostering curiosity, problem-solving, and scientific thinking. The activity is organised in cooperation with Italian and Irish circus and education experts, and is particularly aimed at organisations interested in developing Erasmus+ KA2 Small-Scale Partnerships in the schools sector. It is ideally suited for professionals working in early years education and primary school teachers working with children aged 4–6 years. Focus of the Activity The programme will include: Interactive workshops with circus and creative arts practitioners Exchange of practices on STEM engagement in early education Needs analysis and discussion on research gaps and programme priorities Structured networking and partner-finding sessions Support for shaping project concepts under Erasmus+ KA2 Small-Scale Partnerships This TCA consists of two mandatory sessions: Online pre arrival 13th May 3.00pm CET Residential: Dates: 19-22nd May 2026 in Galway

**Expected results:** Objectives The seminar aims to: Support contact-making and partnership building for future Erasmus+ projects Explore innovative, non-formal approaches to STEM learning in early years and primary education Provide inspiration and practical examples of how circus and creative arts can enrich STEM teaching Encourage the development of KA2 Small-Scale Partnership project ideas Ideal for newcomers to Erasmus+ or/and less experienced participants. Expected Outcomes Participants will: Gain new ideas for integrating STEM through creative and arts-based methods Build international partnerships for future KA2 project cooperation Increase understanding of Erasmus+ opportunities for small-scale partnerships Contribute to inclusive and innovative approaches in early STEM education

**Additional information:**

Target Group This TCA is intended for: Early childhood education and care providers  
 Primary schools and teachers  
 School staff and coordinators new to Erasmus+ cooperation projects  
 Organisations with limited experience in KA2 partnerships  
 Stakeholders working on creativity, inclusion, and innovative STEM learning

## PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

**Organiser NA:** IE01 - Léargas

**Number of participants:** 50

**Target group:** **Teachers** **Education professionals** **Other**

**Erasmus+ Programme experience level:** Newcomers

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**Participants per country:**

**Sending partner(s) - Booked places:** IE01 - - | DE03 - 3 | ES01 - 3 | FI01 - 2 | PL01 - 2 | MT01 - 2 | CY01 - 1 | LV01 - 3 | TR01 - 2 | NL01 - 2 | SE01 - 2 | EL01 - 3 | SI01 - 2 | SK01 - 2 | HU01 - 3 | HR01 - 2 | BE02 - 2 | CZ01 - 1 | NO01 - 2 | AT01 - 2

**Pending Sending partner application(s) - Booked places:** -

**Accepted Sending partner(s) - Accepted places:** IE01 - 10 | DE03 - 10 | ES01 - 3 | FI01 - 2 | PL01 - 4 | MT01 - 2 | CY01 - 1 | LV01 - 3 | TR01 - 2 | NL01 - 2 | SE01 - 2 | EL01 - 3 | SI01 - 2 | SK01 - 2 | HU01 - 2 | HR01 - 4 | BE02 - 2 | CZ01 - 1 | NO01 - 2 | AT01 - 2

**Pending booked places:** 0

**Accepted places:** 61

## TCA PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

**Start date of TCA Participant Application:** 18.02.2026 **Application deadline:** 09.04.2026

**Confirmation deadline for Sending NAs:** 10.04.2026 **Confirmation deadline for Organiser NAs:** 11.04.2026

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