

Your accreditation in Nordic and Baltic countries - What has happened so far and what can we learn from each other?



MAIN INFO

SALTO E&T link:	https://salto-et.net/events/show/IS01_0525_THO_2023		
Sector:	SE VET AE	Priority:	Increase the quality of programme implementation (2021-27)
Scope:	Transnational		
Type of presence:	Face-to-Face	Venue country:	Iceland
Venue city:	Reykjavík	Working language:	English
Key Action:	KA1	TCA documents:	
Postponed:	No	E+ Academy:	No
Start date:	30.10.2023	End date:	02.11.2023
Subtopic:	mobility networking		

TCA DESCRIPTION

Themes and goals:	<p>We are now into our third year of accreditation in Erasmus+ and the list of accredited schools and organisations keeps growing. But how has this new scheme been working so far? What are the main benefits and what are the most common problems/issues that project coordinators have had to face? To answer these and other similar questions, the Icelandic National Agency will host a Nordic and Baltic cross-sectoral training event and contact seminar on the methodology in accredited projects, with the aim to introduce and exchange good practices from experienced coordinators. The event will be co-hosted by the Norwegian and the Swedish National Agencies. The event is open to participants from the Nordic and Baltic countries who already are working with accreditation in SE, VET and ADU (e.g. international coordinators, administrators, teachers and other relevant parties) and are willing to share their experiences and practices with others. Both experienced individuals and newcomers are welcome. The themes and goals of the event include: What is accreditation and how does it work? Go International: International Strategy Erasmus Plan – Quality Standards Flexibility of the budget and implementation of mobilities. How can the budget be used in the most effective way? Partners and partner finding Good practices Impact Problems/Issues that have arisen Priorities</p>
Expected results:	The objective is to support Nordic and Baltic accredited organisations in SE, VET and ADU implementing mobility projects so that they can make to most of

the accreditation system. This will be a hands-on event emphasising quality of mobility where the aim is to strengthen the international work within the participating organisations.

Additional information: The Icelandic NA will cover accommodation for up to three nights, on 30.10, 31.10 and 01.11. Extra nights must be paid separately by the participants.

PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Organiser NA: IS01 - Landskrifstofa Erasmus+ The Icelandic Centre for Research

Number of participants: 40

Target group:

Erasmus+ Programme experience level:

Profile of participants: Project managers, international coordinators, headmasters, teachers or other parties responsible for organising activities and mobilities within the accreditation scheme in the Nordic and the Baltic countries. The event is open to participants from the School, VET and Adult sectors in those countries. As the event will focus on exchange of good practices, both experienced and inexperienced participants will be welcomed.

Participants per country:

Sending partner(s) - Booked places: DE02 - 2 | DK01 - 2 | EE01 - 3 | IE01 - 2 | IS01 - 10 | LT01 - 5 | LV01 - 4 | MT01 - 8 | NO01 - 6 | RO01 - 3 | SI01 - 2 | SE01 - 5

Pending Sending partner application(s) - Booked places: DE02 - 2 | IE01 - 2 | MT01 - 8 | RO01 - 3 | SI01 - 2

Accepted Sending partner(s) - Accepted places: DK01 - 2 | EE01 - 3 | IS01 - 10 | LT01 - 5 | LV01 - 4 | NO01 - 6 | SE01 - 5

Pending booked places: 17

Accepted places: 35

TCA PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Start date of TCA Participant Application: 03.07.2023 **Application deadline:** 28.09.2023

Confirmation deadline for Sending NAs: 28.09.2023 **Confirmation deadline for Organiser NAs:** 28.09.2023

LONG-TERM ACTIVITY INFO

Title:	LTA Accreditation		
Coordinator:	HU01 - Tempus Public Foundation	Priority:	Increase the quality of programme implementation (2021-27)
Subtopic:	mobility capacity building in impact and dissemination	Sector:	SE VET AE
Country:	Denmark Hungary Luxembourg Malta Norway Sweden	Working language:	English
Start date:	01.2021	End date:	06.2024

Rationale and background:

Erasmus Accreditation is a new way to access mobility activities under the new Erasmus Programme (2021-27). The aim is to make the planning of Erasmus mobility projects more strategic, have a significant impact of the projects at institutional level, better correlate with EU educational policies and/or objectives. To achieve the above objectives, the new Programme has been designed to make it easier for organizations to access. With Erasmus accreditation, organizations only need to be accredited once to receive funding for Key Action 1 mobility activities during the seven years of the Programme. Key Action 1 supports organizations in delivering professional and personal development opportunities for learners, teachers and trainers and other education staff. Each Erasmus Accreditation covers one of three fields of education: 1. Adult Education (Including formal, informal and non-formal education) 2. Vocational Education and Training (Including initial and continuing vocational education and training, and work-based learning in all of its forms) 3. School Education (Including early childhood education and care, pre-primary, primary and secondary schools). For further information please refer to the Padlet Platform of the LTA cooperation.

Challenges:

The overall aim of the long-term activity is to help project promoters with the drafting of their Erasmus Plan: drafting the strategic objectives of the accreditation and its possible impact on the organization. (The Erasmus Plan should cover at least two years and extending it further will not require a new application.) The added value of the LTA is making contact with other organizations that apply for Erasmus Accreditation, to support project coordinators to maintain the quality standard of mobilities during the accredited period, thus achieve the expected impact on their organization. The added value of the LTA is sharing know-how with other organizations in the topic. The specific aim is that the LTA will be an umbrella, covering the different work packages, thus Erasmus Plan, Quality implementation and impact of Accreditation has a common understanding and similar level of implementation. For further information please refer to the Padlet Platform of the LTA cooperation.

Planned Activities:

The activities are divided into work packages (WP). WP 1 is the coordination of

the long-term activity on Accreditation. It covers the scheduling, the matching of activities to one another, the monitoring of the activities, the harmonising of WPs. WP 2 is focused on New-comers to Accreditation where the focus of TCA is on strategic planning, on the so called Erasmus Plan. The expected outcome of the WP to help newcomers to get accreditation. The output of the WP : Defining steps of strategic approach/Erasmus Plan objectives(your organizational strategy)/expected impact on your organization. Added value: While developing strategic thinking and Erasmus Plan together with other partners, finding Erasmus Accreditation project partners. WP 3 is focused on national experts of Accreditation where the focus is on the assessment criterias and methods of Accreditation. WP 4 is focused on Accredited project managers who need to evaluate their own accreditation and improve it. Erasmus Plan needs updating during the years, and doing so one needs tools for evaluation and impact measurement. The outcome and output of this WP would be a discussion or a checklist of quality criterias of Accreditation. How to ensure that project outcomes meet project goals. How strategic thinking is maintained throughout the accreditation with an impact on the organization. The added value of this WP is: supporting monitoring. Organizations can peerlearn from each other by meeting with their European counterparts. WP 5 is focused on national experts of Accreditation where the focus is on the quality of implementation of Accreditation. How to guarantee the quality throughout the Accreditation period. WP6: cross – sectoral “summit meeting” of past TCA participants to exchange experience what impact Accreditation brought to their organizations, share experience amongst the sectors. This summit meeting would be the synthesis of the WP outcomes. The outcome and output would be very committed project promoters who could disseminate Erasmus Plan strategic thinking or/and evaluation and impact measurement skills on National TCAs. The added value: commitment of participants, ensuring their role as national multipliers. Involvement of NAs that would organize national TCAs. Building a network of committed Accredited organizations all over Europe which can help to build the European Education Area. WP7 synthesis report (recommendation, collection of good practices, preparing a base survey for a future potential Research Plan maybe in the new period to measure impact of Accreditation etc.) coming from WP6 activity the Planned output is a synthesis report with recommendations. WP8 dissemination - National multiplication TCAs on Accreditation strategic approach and implementation quality, impact measurement. With the involvement of NAs that would organize national TCAs, using the participants/beneficiaries and national experts of WP2-3-4-5-6 as multipliers for sharing good practices. Please refer to the Padlet Platform of the LTA cooperation.

Expected results:

Each type of WP has its own planned outcomes, detailed above. The outcomes of the overall LTA as it follows: stroger collaboration of NAs while organizing their own TCAs in the same Accreditation topic TCAs within the LTA use all materials available on TEAMS, partners can turn for support to each other. synthesis report with recommendation, collection of good practices, and preparing a base survey for a future potential Research Plan maybe in the new period to measure impact of Accreditation etc. For further information, please refer to the Padlet Platform of the LTA cooperation.

SINGLE ACTIVITIES CONNECTED TO THIS LONG-TERM ACTIVITY

MT01_0298_THO_202 Accreditation in Erasmus+ (SE, VET & AE)

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DK01_0359_THO_202 Exchanging assessment experience of experts on accreditation proposals
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SE01_0257_TSS_2021 Accredited Organisations - Long Term TCA Contact Seminar - Creating Cooperation for Accredited Organisations and Monitoring Strategies of Accredited Projects E+ Accreditation

NO01_0266_TSS_2021 Accreditation in Erasmus+

SE01_0333_TSS_2022 Creating Contacts and Cooperation between accredited organisations

SE01_0462_TSS_2023 Creating contacts for accredited organisations 3.0

IE01_0484_THO_2023 ACCREDITATION IN ERASMUS+ (SE, VET & AE)

EL01_0516_TSS_2023 Accreditation in the field of Adult Education

IS01_0525_THO_2023 Your accreditation in Nordic and Baltic countries - What has happened so far and what can we learn from each other?

DK01_0530_THO_202 Exchanging assessment experience of experts on accreditation final reports
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NO01_0448_THO_202 LTA Accreditation - Summit
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NO01_0447_TSS_2023 Consortium: Challenges and opportunities

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