

Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation: Webinar for applicants 2026

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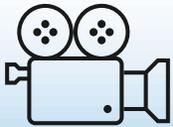
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Agenda

- 14:00 Welcome words
- 14:05 Finnish participation in Alliances for Innovation in past calls
- 14:10 Short presentation of the call
- 14.35 Project cases:
 - DETECT 2.0 - Deep Tech Competence Enhancement for Digital Transition in Dementia Care
 - ESIC - Alliance Fostering Skills Development for Social Economy - European Social Innovation Campus
- 14:45 Panel discussion
- 15:30 Webinar ends



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Statistics

APPLICATION STATISTICS



OVERVIEW



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2021-2025

calls completed (5)



6.3.2025

deadline for most recent call

FINNISH PARTICIPATION 2021-2025



43

projects with Finnish organisations

26,5 %

participation of Finnish organisations as a percentage



162

projects funded in total

13

projects with a Finnish coordinator

FUNDING 2021-2025



14,2 M €

of funding for Finnish organisations

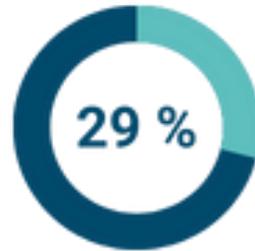
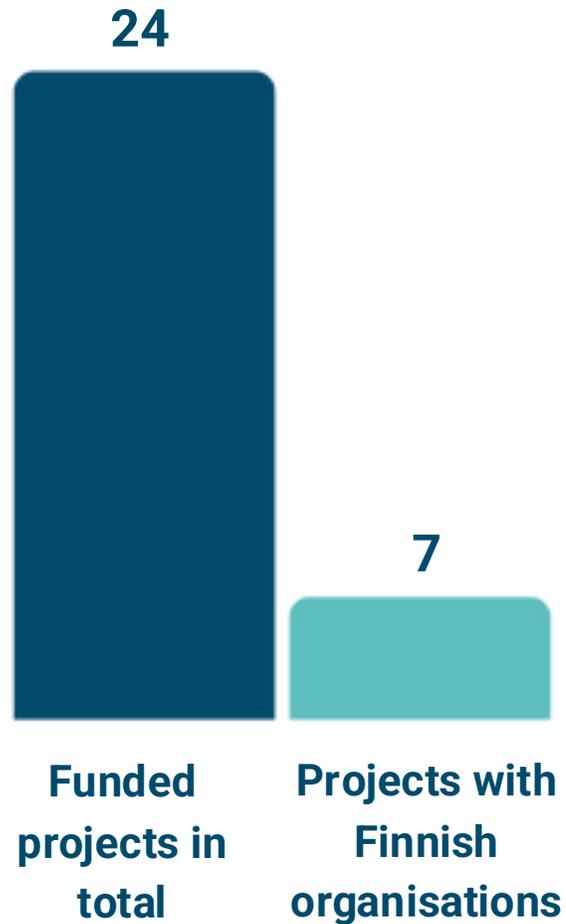
310 M €

total budget available

4,6 %

funding for Finnish organisations from total budget available

FINNISH ORGANISATIONS IN ERASMUS+ ALLIANCES FOR INNOVATION 2025
LOT 1: ALLIANCES FOR EDUCATION AND ENTERPRISES



participation of Finnish organisations in funded projects



30 M € available budget in total



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LAPIN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, KEMI-TORNIOLAAKSON KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA LAPPIA
Business Model Innovation with Artificial Intelligence for Urgent Green Agenda

SAVONIA-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, ISPIM OY
Creating Opportunities FOr Resilience, Entrepreneurship, Sustainability and Training in European Forestry

SPINUNIT LAB OY
DEEP CARBON SHIFT – Alliance for Deep Tech Education towards Decarbonized Cities

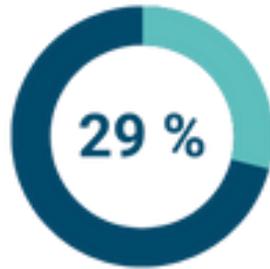
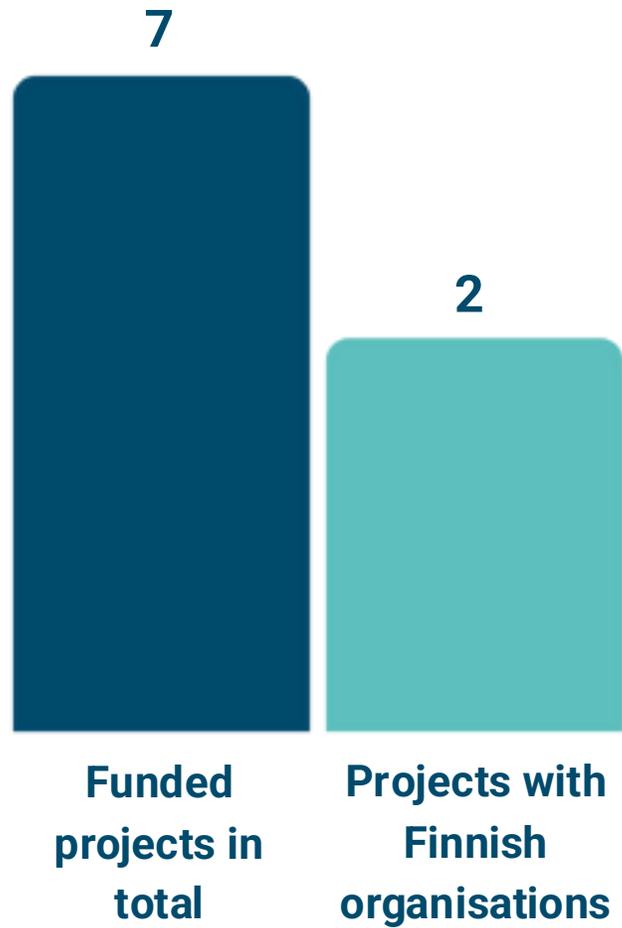
LAB-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, Vision Factory Oy, TAMPEREEN KAUPUNKI (Tredu)
Deep Tech Competence Enhancement for Digital Transition in Dementia Care

TAMPEREEN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, TAMPEREEN KAUPUNKI (Tredu)
Consumers' role in responsible packaging - Improving circular economy innovation capacities in packaging

TURUN YLIOPISTO
AI Transformation in Sports Industry: Bridging Education, Industry, and Market Needs

TURUN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, MARKED Global Oy, Kukunori ry
Towards Innovative Communities: Making Uncertainty Productive

FINNISH ORGANISATIONS IN ERASMUS+ ALLIANCES FOR INNOVATION 2025
LOT 2: ALLIANCES FOR SECTORAL COOPERATION ON SKILLS



participation of Finnish organisations in funded projects



32 M €
available budget in total



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LAUREA-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY
An alliance for the Future of the AEROnautics and Upstream segment Skills Evolution

TURUN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, LAB-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY
Revolutionizing Education and Nurturing Artificial Intelligence Skills for Sustainable AdvaNCEment in cultural and creative industries

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Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation

Short presentation of the call 2026

Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises

- Working together to foster innovation, new skills, initiative and entrepreneurship
- Cooperation between education (higher education and vocational education and training) and enterprises is essential
- **At least 1 HE and at least 1 VET organisation involved**
 - Higher education institutions established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).
- **Consortium:**
 - **At least 4 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme,**
 - **At least 8 organisations, including 3 labour market actors and 3 education and training providers (VET and HEIs)**
- **Duration: 2 or 3 years**
- **Grant: €1 or €1,5 million**

Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the 'Blueprint')

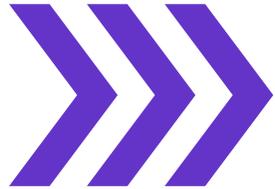
- Strategic competence development and reducing skills gaps in specific sectors
 - E.g. ongoing Blueprint projects and existing CoVEs should be taken into account
- 14 industrial ecosystems
- **At least 1 HE and 1 VET organisation must be involved.**
 - Higher education institutions established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).
- Consortium:
 - **At least 8 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme**
 - **At least 12 organisations, including 5 labour market actors and 5 education and training providers (VET and HEIs)**
 - As of 2026, it is not compulsory to have the entire partnership as members of the Pact for Skills to be eligible, but it is advantageous.
- Duration: 4 years
- Grant: EUR 4 million

Lot 3: STEM Skills Foundries

- STEM Skills Foundries new action in 2026
- The aim is to strengthen cooperation between education and companies in the development of STEM competence.
- At least 1 HE and 1 VET organisation must be involved.
- Consortium:
 - At least 4 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme,
 - At least 8 organisations, including 3 labour market actors and 3 education and training providers (VET and HEIs)
- Duration: 2 years
- Grant: €1.5 million

- STEM Education Strategic Plan: <https://education.ec.europa.eu/document/stem-education-strategic-plan-legal-document>

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Duration

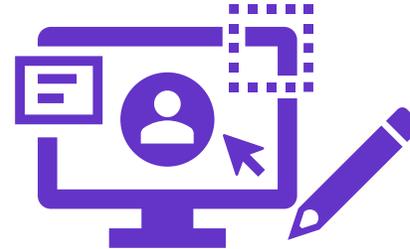
Lot 1: 2-3 years
Lot 2: 4 years
Lot 3: 2 years



Max EU grant

Lot 1: 1-1,5 million €
Lot 2: 4 million €
Lot 3: 1,5 million €
Total budget: 67 000 000 €

Budget: Lump Sum



Where to apply

In Funding and Tenders
Portal
Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises
Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills
Lot 3: Alliances for STEM Skills Foundries



Application deadline

10 March 2026 at
17:00 (Brussels
time)

Policy framework for Alliances for Innovation

Under all Lots

- *Union of Skills*
- *EU Communication on the Renewed Agenda for Higher Education*
- *European Innovation Agenda*
- *Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals*
- *Paris Declaration on Climate Change*
- *Green Deal*
- *Europe Recovery Plan*
- *New European Bauhaus initiative*

Alliances for Education and Enterprises

- *Rethinking of the roles of VET and HE*
- *European Skills Agenda*
- *The Pact for Skills*
- *European Strategy for Universities*
- *New European Innovation Agenda – deep tech*
- *European Education Area*
- *European Research Area*
- *Centres of VET Excellence*
- *European University Alliances*
- *STEM Education Strategic Plan*
- *European Degree*
- *Skills Portability Initiative*
- *European Green Deal, European Digital Strategy, European Industrial and SME Strategies etc*

Policy framework for Alliances for Innovation

Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills - Blueprint



Award Criteria

Criteria	Maximum points	Minimum pass points
Relevance of the project	25	13
Quality of the project design and implementation	30	16
Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements	25	13
Impact	20	11
<p>Total score: Maximum 100 points To be considered for funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Minimum total score 70 points AND2. Minimum pass points per criterion		

Questions ?





Finnish projects in Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation

Panel discussion

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Panel Discussion

Panelists:

ESIC - Alliance Fostering Skills Development for Social Economy - European Social Innovation Campus: <https://socialinnovationcampus.eu/>

- Niina Karvinen, Project Manager (Diaconia University of Applied Sciences)
- Liisa Metsola, Development Manager (Live Vocational College)

DETECT 2.0. - Deep Tech Competence Enhancement for Digital Transition in Dementia Care

- Pirjo Tuusjärvi, RDI Expert (LAB University of Applied Sciences)
- Inga Pönttiö, Project Manager (Tampere Vocational College Tredu)



ESIC



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About the European Social Innovation Campus (ESIC)

Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation, OPH webinar
Niina Karvinen, project coordinator
January 14th, 2026



Schools Resource Centre

The ESIC Partners

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We aim to spread knowledge and education about social innovation to as many people as possible and build skills and know-how in the European workforce, as the European Commission has set the target for the upcoming years. Social enterprises and social economy organisations will benefit in two ways: they can utilise the information and educational resources gathered and profit from the added competence in the sector.



15 partners

Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, University of Tallinn, Odisee University of Applied Sciences, University of South-Eastern Norway, EURICSE, AMUSAL, Adv Romania Foundation, Live Vocational College, Autonomous Province of Trento, Bucovina Institute Association, Federazione Trentina della Cooperazione, FECOMA, Rethink Irelands, Ukrainian Social Academy, Euclid Network



The ESIC Alliance

Universities, research institutions, vocational education and training providers, labour market actors, local authorities, European networks



10 Countries

Finland, Estonia, Belgium, Norway, Italy, Spain, Romania, Ireland, Ukraine, The Netherlands



Programme

Erasmus+ Lot2
Blueprint



Duration

4 years



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DETECT 2.0

Call

ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-ALL-INNO, Lot 1
Alliances for Education and Enterprises

Project title

Deep Tech Competence Enhancement for Digital Transition in Dementia Care

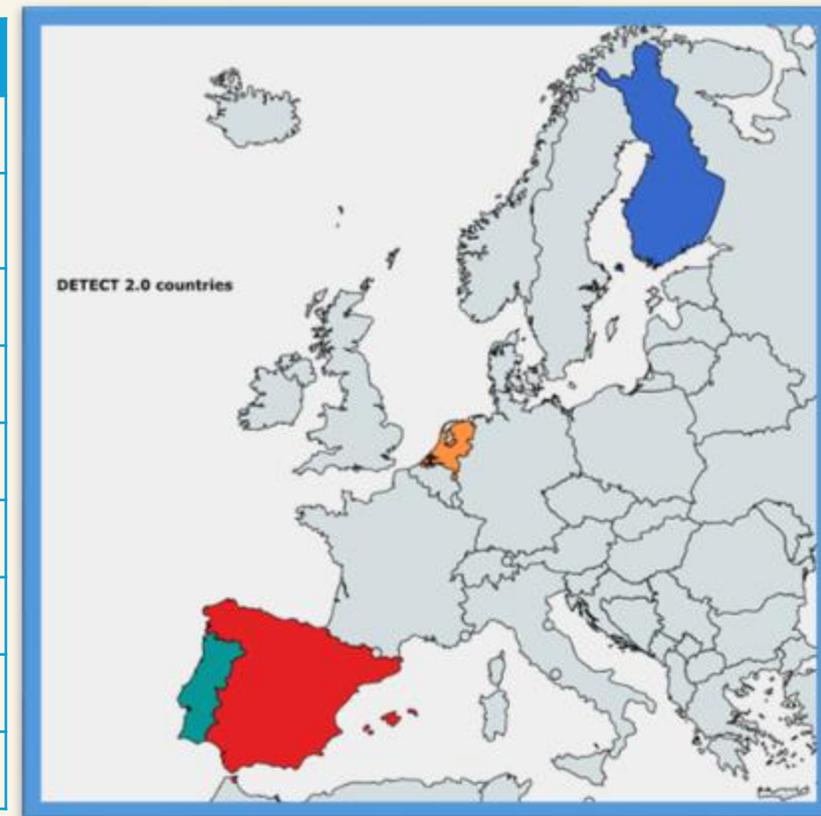
Acronym

DETECT 2.0

Duration

1.11.2025 – 31.10.2028

	Consortium	Country		Role
1	LAB University of Applied Sciences	Finland	HEI	Coordinator
2	Universitat Politècnica de València Campus D’Alcoi	Spain	HEI	Partner
3	Avans University of Applied Sciences	Netherlands	HEI	Partner
4	Instituto Pedro Nunes	Portugal	NPO	Partner
5	Vision Factory Ltd	Finland	Company	Partner
6	Tredu Tampere Vocational College	Finland	VET	Partner
7	Curio	Netherlands	VET	Partner
8	Macomi BV	Netherlands	Company	Partner
9	Zorgstichting 't Heem	Netherlands	Company	Partner





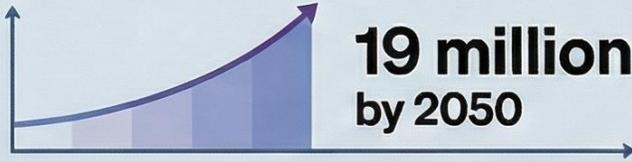
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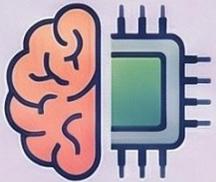
The Challenge

Europe Faces Rising Dementia Crisis



Cases expected to reach 19 million by 2050. This places a significant burden on families and healthcare systems.

Major Skills Gap Slows AI Adoption



61%

61% of Health Professionals lack digital skills training, while ICT students lack healthcare knowledge.

Innovation Hampered by Disconnect

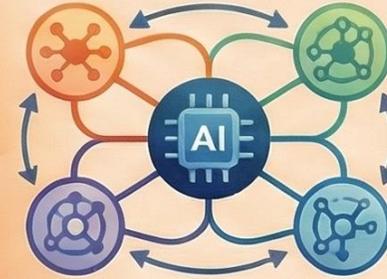


A siloed approach leads to solutions that don't align with real-world needs.

Innovating Dementia Care with AI



The DETECT 2.0 Solution



4 Regional Ecosystems

Establish 4 regional innovation ecosystems and a central AI Innovation Hub to connect universities, companies, and care providers for sustained collaboration.

Hands-on Training & Prototyping

150+ STUDENTS Trained



50 PROFESSIONALS Trained

Teams will develop AI prototypes that solve real-world dementia care challenges.

Modernize Education

5

CURRICULA Modernized

40

DIGITAL MATERIALS Created

To embed AI and innovation skills into future healthcare and ICT training.

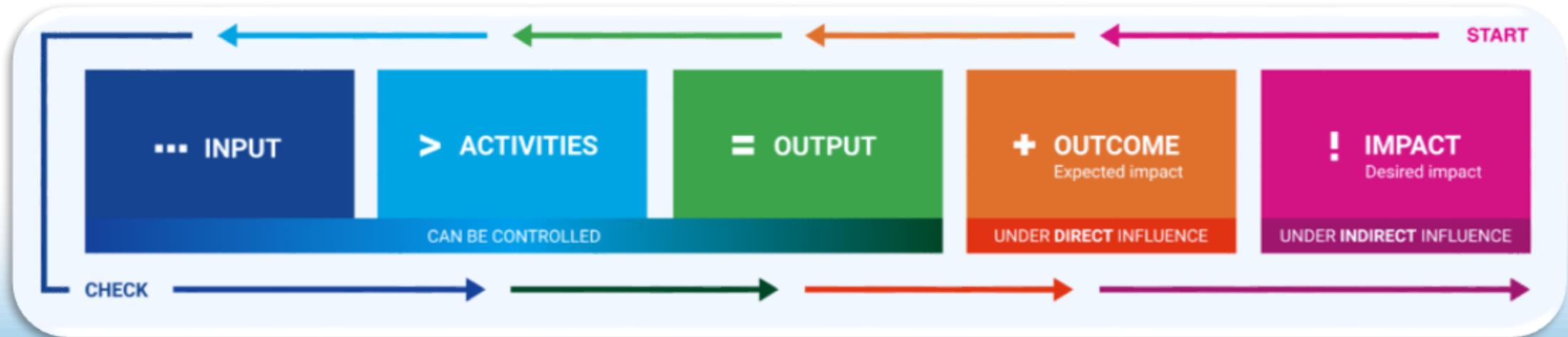
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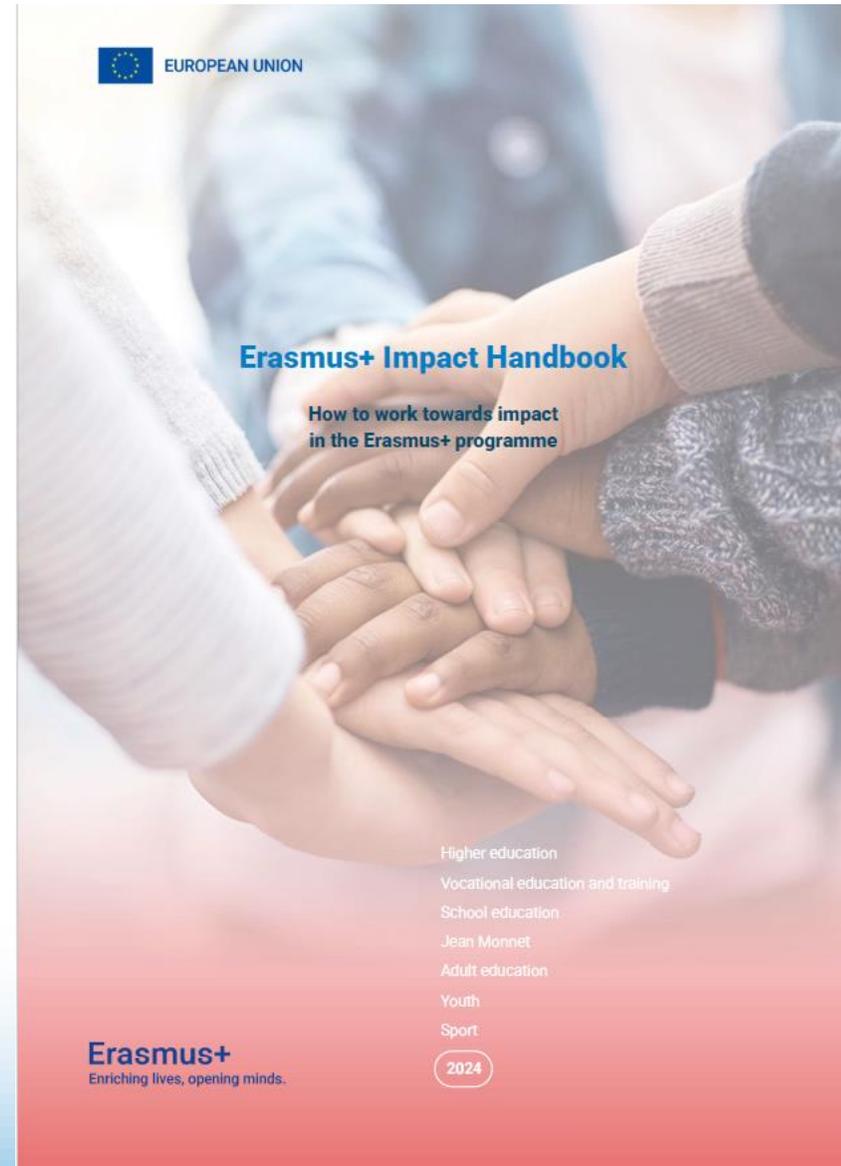
Erasmus+ Impact Tool (vaikuttavuustyökalu)

- Helps you define the changes to be achieved through the project
- Supports choosing the right activities and sufficient resources to reach project goals
- Helps the monitoring of project progress and helps to ensure that the activities contribute to the project's goals and impact
- Tool in Finnish and Swedish and in English



Erasmus+ Impact handbook

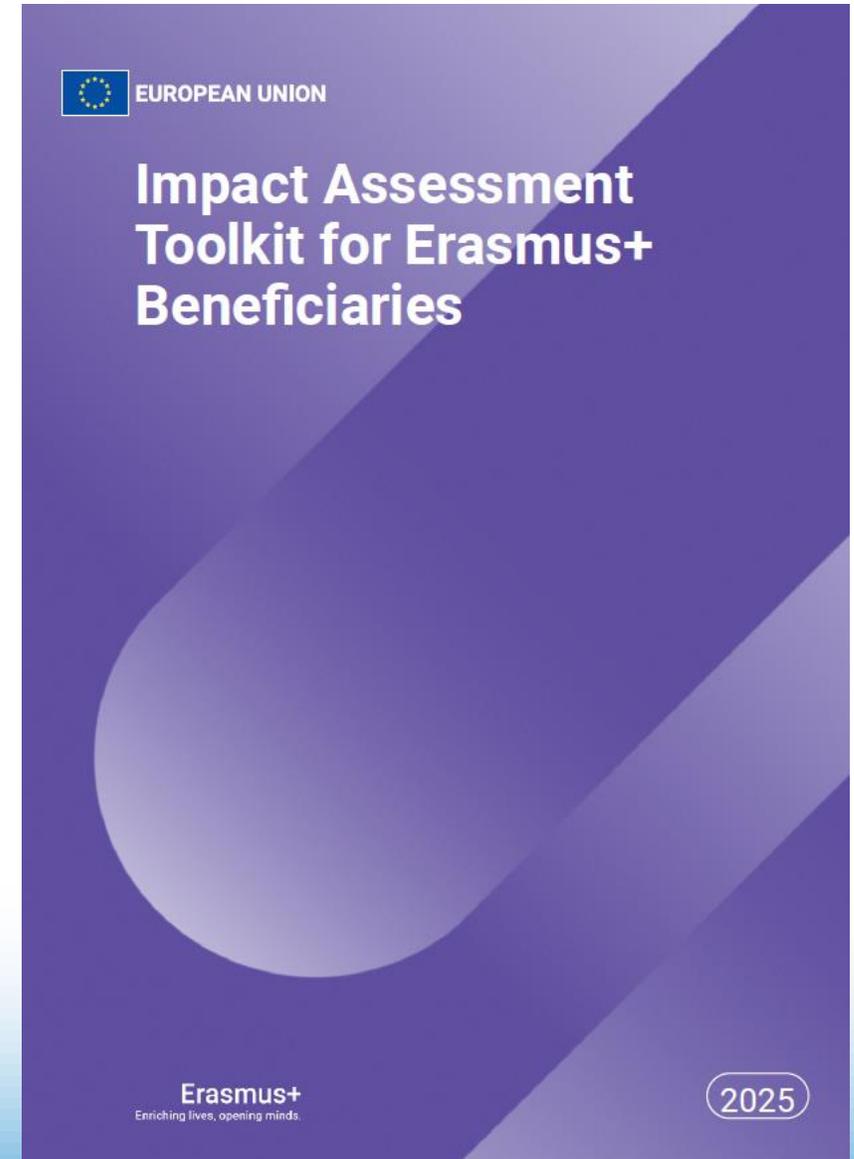
- A short, concise and easy-to-use guide to effectiveness.
- The Impact Handbook covers the following topics:
 1. Understanding impact
 2. Defining impact before applying
 3. Monitoring and evaluation of effectiveness
 4. Impact management



Impact assessment toolkit

- Includes concrete tools for assessing the impact of projects
- The versatile tools are suitable for application to various projects and they are easy to incorporate into the implementation of projects
- Examples of tools: micro-monitoring surveys, impact diary, living learning document...

Both tools can be found on the Finnish National Agency for Education's website:
[Impact of Erasmus+ \(oph.fi\)](https://oph.fi)



More Information for Applicants

- [EACEA page for 2025 call \(NOT UPDATED for 2026 call\)](#)
- [Alliances for Education and Enterprises in FTOP](#)
- [Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills in FTOP](#)
- [Alliances for STEM Skills Foundries in FTOP](#)
- [Alliances for Innovation in the Erasmus+ programme guide](#)
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Kiitos! Thank you!

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