



# European Cooperation in the Youth Field: Myth or Reality?

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# EU has full powers about youth policy

**MYTH**

**EU does not have an exclusive competence about youth policy** ([Art 3 TFUE](#)), for this reason it was established an OMC (Open Method Coordination).



# Only EU citizens are entitled to participate in Erasmus+

## MYTH

Erasmus+ is open to many individuals and organization, although eligibility varies from one action to another and from one country to another. For example under [Key action 2](#) it is possible to present projects with partners from countries in Asia or Latin America.



# The European Commission did not initiated the Bologna process

## REALITY

Despite today the Commission has a crucial role, **it was an initiative of the Council of Europe** which is not even part of EU institutions.



## For the first time, Erasmus+ introduced a specific line of funds for sport

### REALITY

For the first time, Erasmus+ has introduced a specific line of funds for **sports** ([Link](#)). However, from 2009 to 2013 sport events were supported by Preparatory Actions with several objectives (as for example Social Inclusion or fight against Doping).



**« Youth and the World » exclusively aims at fostering dialogue between young Europeans and extra-EU youngsters**

**MYTH**

« Youth and the world » has also other objectives. For instance, it aims example raising awareness about global issues as Global Warming.



**An ERASMUS+ project must directly target/involve Young People (18-30 y.o.)**

## **MYTH**

It is not necessary for a project to target Young People. For example several projects aim to encourage [Staff mobility](#).



Each year, EU Commission alone decides the budget of ERASMUS+

## MYTH

Due to the fact Erasmus+ are part of the entire budget of EU, the **Commission cannot take decision alone** but it needs the approval of the European Council and the EU Parliament as well.



**After the start of the implementation of EU Youth Strategy in 2010, the EU « trio » presidencies focused exclusively on youth employment**

**MYTH**

**EU trio presidencies have focused in these years in several topics. For more information you can check [here](#).**



**Erasmus+ only supports activities exclusively under its three KEY actions**

**MYTH**

**The ERASMUS+ supports other activities too, as for instance « Jean Monnet » or sport activities.**



# Countries can be suspended from the ERASMUS+ funding

## REALITY

Switzerland is the first and only country to have been suspended from ERASMUS+. That [decision](#) was a consequence of the referendum against EU immigrants in 2014. In 2015 the Youth part of the programme has been momentarily [suspended](#) in Greece (it was reactivated in 2017). Moreover, after the events of 2016, there are discussions to suspend [Turkey](#) and [UK](#).



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