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Erasmus+ Youth Mobilisation



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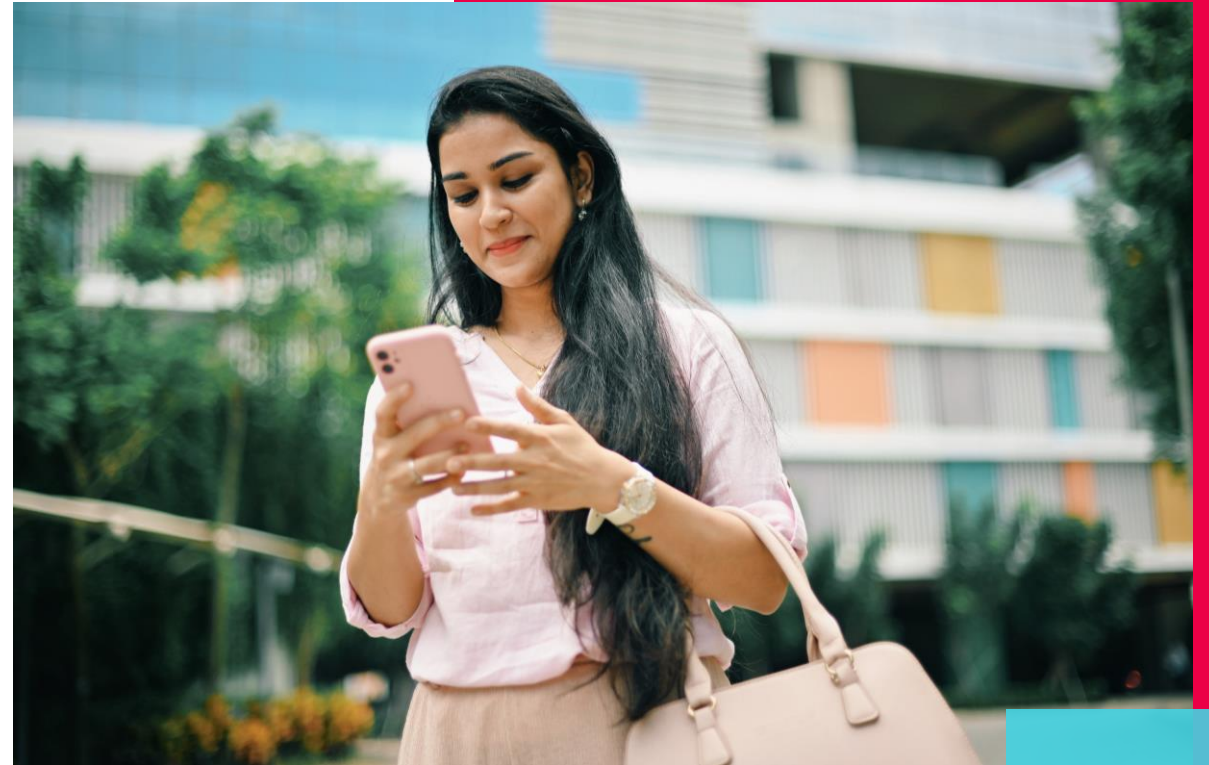
- ❖ Since 1993, the Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE) has managed programmes, projects and initiatives aimed at broadening basic and specialist knowledge and the acquisition of new skills and competencies in formal, non-formal and informal education settings.
- ❖ **National Agency for the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps**
- ❖ In the past, FRSE has coordinated the Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius and Grundtvig) and Youth in Action in Poland. The reputation of the Foundation has resulted in entrusting it being entrusted with the responsibilities of the **Polish National Agency for the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps**.



About British Council



- ❖ The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.
- ❖ We build connections, understanding, and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide. We work in the fields of arts, culture, education, and English language teaching.
- ❖ We operate in over 200 countries and territories. In 2024-2025, we reached 600 million people.



British Council and Youth Engagement

We are supporting young people to thrive and connect internationally

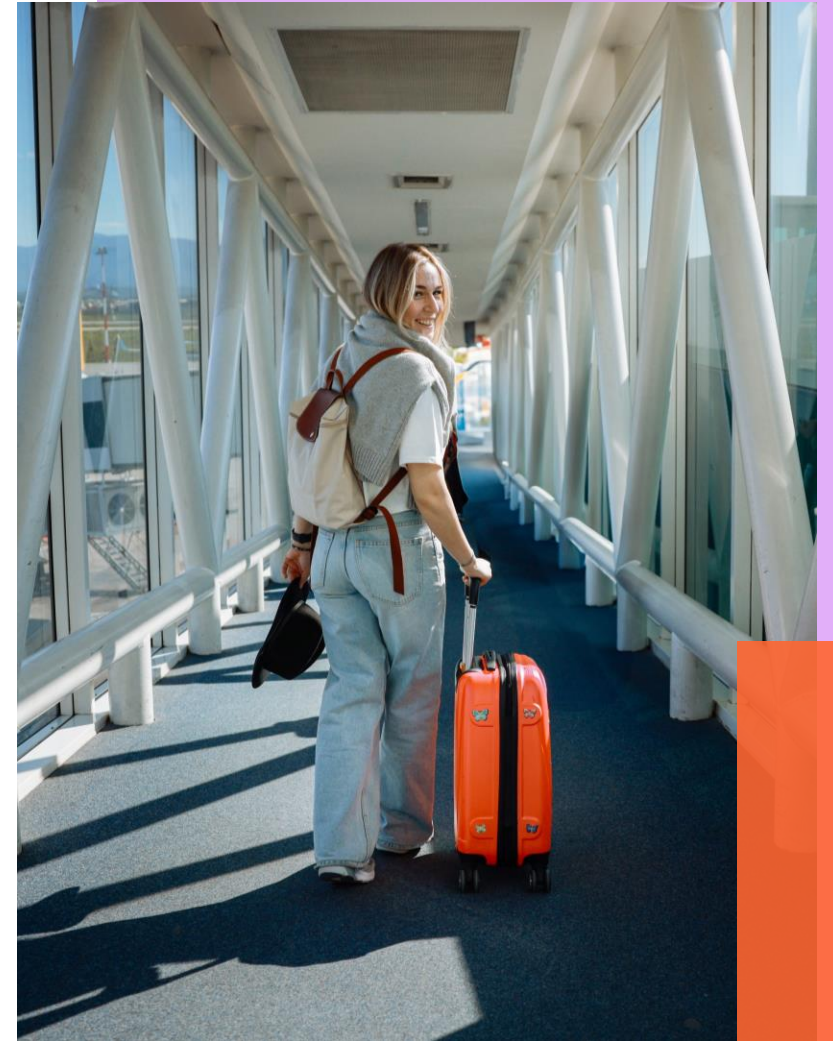
- ❖ Global Youth Connect programme connecting and empowering young people across countries and regions worldwide
- ❖ Development of leadership, civic engagement and employability skills
- ❖ Activities focused on climate action, media literacy, inclusion and social cohesion
- ❖ Partnerships with NGOs, youth organisations, schools and public institutions
- ❖ Strong focus on young people with fewer opportunities and international collaboration

The British Council supports young people to develop the skills, confidence and connections needed to contribute to positive social change in their communities and beyond.



What we know – the current picture

- ❖ **The UK will rejoin Erasmus+** but not Solidarity Corps **in 2027**.
- ❖ The amendment to the **EU-UK Trade** and Cooperation Agreement was formally signed on 15 April 2026, paving the way for the UK's participation in Erasmus+ from 2027.
- ❖ **The British Council is the UK National Agency designate** and will become fully ratified in due course. In Poland, Erasmus+ is coordinated by FRSE (Foundation for the Development of the Education System).
- ❖ **Erasmus+** is much more than student exchanges – it supports cooperation in higher education, schools, vocational education and training, youth work, adult education and sport.
- ❖ **UK immigration arrangements:** Most youth sector mobilities are expected to use the Standard Visitor route, with an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization) required for eligible nationalities.



How can Polish and UK youth organisations prepare?

- ⌘ Reconnect with potential partners and rebuild networks ahead of the 2027 programme.
- ⌘ Develop project ideas and partnerships for youth exchanges, youth worker mobility and international cooperation.
- ⌘ Build organisational readiness by reviewing Erasmus+ priorities, eligibility criteria and funding opportunities.
- ⌘ Stay informed about guidance from the Polish National Agency and updates on UK participation.
- ⌘ Plan for inclusive participation, ensuring that young people with fewer opportunities can benefit from future cooperation.



What the sector is saying

01

“We want Erasmus+ back”

02

“Youth must not be overshadowed by
Higher Education”

03

“Grassroots organisations need support”

04

“Young people with fewer opportunities
must be central”

05

“This must be built with the sector, not for
the sector”

Key barriers and challenges

Low awareness and misperception

Erasmus+ is still widely seen in the UK as a **university/student mobility scheme**, rather than a **youth work and non-formal learning programme**.

Reduced institutional memory

Many organisations have lost staff, experience and confidence to design or manage Erasmus+ Youth projects. Smaller and volunteer-led organisations are particularly affected.

Loss of international partnerships

Many UK youth organisations no longer have strong EU partners or consortium relationships, making early applications harder.

Risk of unequal participation

Without targeted support, uptake may again be concentrated among **larger, better-networked organisations**, rather than those working with young people with fewer opportunities.

Inclusion and safeguarding readiness

Organisations need confidence and practical guidance to work inclusively and safely with vulnerable groups in international mobility contexts.

Need for trust, representation and co-design

The sector expects **structured involvement in programme shaping**, not one-way communications. Governance, guidance and outreach need to be tested with stakeholders.

Suggested focus in 2027

Strengthening the Capacity of the UK Youth Sector for Erasmus+ youth Engagement and Impact :

- ⌘ Strengthen the capacity of UK youth organisations to deliver high-quality Erasmus+ youth projects.
- ⌘ Improve project design, partnership development, and quality standards.
- ⌘ Increase participation of young people with fewer opportunities, particularly in underserved regions of the UK.
- ⌘ Enhance dissemination, visibility, and long-term impact of Erasmus+ youth project outcomes.

Thematic strategies in the youth field

- to promote youth participation,
- reinforcement of the quality of informal and non-formal learning processes and development of quality youth work..

Horizontal Priorities

- **Supporting the green transition**
- **Addressing the digital transformation**
- **Promoting social inclusion and diversity**
- **Fostering stronger participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement**

Q & A Session



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