

Funding for teachers undertaking courses at St Giles International through EU programme, *Erasmus+*

Overview of *Erasmus+*

In previous years, many European teachers have accessed either *Comenius* or *Grundtvig* funding to help meet the cost of taking an English language or Teacher Training Course at St Giles International in the UK. These programmes ceased to exist at the end of 2013 and the related funding is now part of a larger programme called *Erasmus+*, which began on 1 January 2014.

The *Erasmus+* programme supports activities in education, training, youth and sport in all sectors of lifelong learning (Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools, youth activities, etc).

Full details can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

How can I apply for funding from *Erasmus+* ?

Unlike *Comenius* or *Grundtvig*, individuals cannot apply directly for funding from *Erasmus+*. They should instead contact their university, college or school to see whether the organisation has applied for an *Erasmus+* grant.

There is no course database, but if your organisation has *Erasmus+* funding, it will be able to nominate St Giles International's English language or Teacher Training Courses. You will need our **Personal Identification Code which is: 943613867**.

How does *Erasmus+* work?

Erasmus+ is open to a wide range of organisations across all sectors of education and training in the EU and in EFTA states (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). Any public or private organisation which is actively involved in these areas will be able to apply for funding through the programme. Funding for individuals is available **BUT** funding applications must be made through your institution. Funding may also be used to support 'closed groups' sent by institutions.

Please note that Switzerland no longer **fully** participates in *Erasmus+* - for further information please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm



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As a first step, your organisation needs to register with the European Commission's Participant Portal and get its own Personal Identification Code (PIC) number.

Your university, college or organisation will then need to submit a funding application under Key Action 1 (Mobility of individuals in the field of education, training and youth) to your National Agency.

Contact details for National Agencies can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/national-agencies_en.htm

Please note that organisations have **only one opportunity each year** to apply for *Erasmus+* Funding for mobility projects. The deadline for the mobility strand of the programme is usually in **March**.

If your employer does not currently have an *Erasmus+* grant, you could encourage them to apply this year.