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Elements (extent to which)	What to look for in COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS:
☞ Project involves appropriate mix of participating organisations in terms of profile, past experience in the Programme and expertise to successfully complete all project objectives.	☞ Taking into account the nature of the project and its expected impact, participating organisations have the required skills, competences and capacity (plus, where appropriate, qualifications) to ensure effective, efficient and professional implementation and follow-up; proposal concretely identifies the skills, experiences, expertise and management support that each organisation will make available during project delivery; proposal confirms the existence of a cohesive consortium able to ensure active networking and cooperation; for inclusion projects, there is confirmed capacity and expertise in the consortium to support this; where necessary to use the expertise of organisations from different fields , and/or where the project intends to impact on more than one field, relevant organisations, from all addressed fields, participate in the project; proposal convincingly demonstrates why the participation of organisations from different fields/sectors is best suited to project goals and targeted outputs.
☞ Project involves newcomers and less-experienced organisations to the action.	☞ Proposal includes one or more organisations that are considered as newcomers or less-experienced organisations [specific definitions exist] for which impact from participating in the project expects to be particularly high.
☞ Proposed allocation of tasks demonstrates the commitment and active contribution of all participating organisations.	☞ Appropriate distribution of roles and tasks and balanced participation and input of participating organisations in implementation of the work programme, taking into account the nature of the activities and the experience of the involved partners.
☞ Proposal includes effective mechanisms for coordination and communication between the participating organisations, as well as with other relevant stakeholders.	☞ Methods of project coordination and means of communication are clearly defined and described, in the proposal, and are appropriate to ensure good cooperation between the participating organisations.
☞ Where relevant : Involvement of organisation(s) from a third country not associated to the Programme brings essential added-value to the project.	☞ Participation of organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme provides genuine added value because of the specific skills, experiences or expertise that these organisations bring to the project, proving essential for successful project achievement and/or with a view to ensuring a significantly higher quality of project results: where proposals do not provide convincing evidence of added value, organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme can be excluded prior to contracting.

Refer also to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide. Note that the final element on page one is to be considered only where one or more organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme are foreseen as a core partner.

Key Action 2: Cooperation Partnerships and Small-Scale Partnerships

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Assessment Criteria

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Elements (extent to which)	What to look for in SMALL-SCALE PARTNERSHIPS:
☞ Project involves appropriate mix of participating organisations in terms of profile.	☞ Proposal explains the reasons for participation of the involved organisations and their common interests; the role and contribution of each participating organisation is clearly described; participating organisations have the required skills and competences to successfully deliver the project (keeping in mind the specific nature of Small-Scale Partnerships and their focus on newcomer and less-experienced organisations) ensuring quality in project implementation as well as the scope for learning to cooperate and foster development.
☞ Project involves newcomers and less-experienced organisations to the action.	☞ Proposal includes one or more organisations that are newcomers to the action, or that are considered less-experienced organisations , for which impact from participating in the project expects to be particularly high; important to remember that Small-Scale Partnerships are seen as a stepping stone into the Erasmus+ programme and that newcomers are defined as <i>“any organisation or institution that has not previously received support in a given type of action supported by this Programme or its predecessor programme either as a coordinator or a partner”</i> and less-experienced organisations are defined as <i>“any organisation or institution that has not received support in a given type of action supported by this Programme or its predecessor programme more than twice in the last seven years”</i> for which it is important to consider past participation data included in the proposal.
☞ Proposed allocation of tasks demonstrates the commitment and active contribution of all participating organisations.	☞ Clear definition and appropriate distribution of roles and tasks and balanced participation and input of participating organisations in implementation of the work programme, taking into account the nature of the activities and the experience of the involved partners; proposal confirms active and substantial participation for newcomer and less-experienced organisations.
☞ Proposal includes effective mechanisms for coordination and communication between the participating organisations.	☞ Methods of project coordination and means of communication are clearly described, in the proposal, and are appropriate to ensure good cooperation between participating organisations.

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