

Partnership Briefing Sheet: KA220 and KA210 Applications

In this briefing sheet, detail is given on **important elements** that need to be considered when assessing applications for COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS (KA220) and SMALL-SCALE PARTNERSHIPS (KA210). The specific focus of this briefing sheet is the assessment criterion for QUALITY OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

Cooperation Partnerships

For each of the associated sub-criteria for QUALITY OF THE PARTNERSHIP, additional detail is presented below on what to look for when assessing a KA220 application.

- *Extent to which 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.

- *Extent to which 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 in the Glossary of the Programme Guide] for which impact from participating in the project expects to be particularly high.

- *Extent to which 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.

- *Extent to which 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.

- *If applicable: involvement of organisation(s) from a third country not associated to the Programme bring(s) essential added-value to the project*

Participation of organisations from **eligible 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 outputs and results: where proposals do not provide convincing evidence of added value, organisations from eligible third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme can be excluded prior to contracting.

Small-Scale Partnerships

For each of the associated sub-criteria for QUALITY OF THE PARTNERSHIP, additional detail is presented below on what to look for when assessing a KA210 application.

- *Extent to which 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.

- *Extent to which project involves newcomers and less-experienced organisations to the action*

Proposal includes one or more organisations that are **newcomers** to the action, or considered **less-experienced**, 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 “any participating organisation 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” and less-experienced organisations are defined as “any participating organisation 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” for which it is important to consider **past participation data** included in the proposal.

- *Extent to which 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.

- *Extent to which 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.