

Relevance 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 RELEVANCE.

Cooperation Partnerships

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

- *Extent to which the proposal is relevant to the objectives and priorities of the funding action*

Project addresses, in a qualitative manner, one or more **objectives and priorities of the funding action**, as detailed in the Programme Guide; Cooperation Partnerships must convincingly address at least one horizontal or sector-specific priority or be rated as Weak. Where addressing a horizontal priority, the proposal should confirm relevance to the selected field. Where addressing the horizontal priority for **inclusion and diversity**, or one or more **European Priorities in the National Context** (as pre-announced by the National Agency), the proposal should be considered as highly relevant.

- *Extent to which the proposal is relevant for the respect and promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination*

Planned activities align with **EU values**, taking into account: **explicit references or clear articulation** in the proposal (objectives, methodologies, activities, outcomes) on how the project supports and advances these values; efforts to design activities in a **non-discriminatory manner** to benefit a diverse range of participants (including strategies and measures to address any form of discrimination) and proactive **strategies, policies or actions demonstrating a commitment** to fostering a non-discriminatory environment; presence of **educational components** that aim to enhance understanding and appreciation of EU values; efforts to **promote EU values** within the project; and **monitoring and reporting mechanisms** that focus on evaluating the effectiveness of efforts centred on promoting EU values.

- *Extent to which the profile, experience and activities of the participating organisations are relevant to the field of application*

Proposal demonstrates that the participating organisations have **experience in the targeted field**, or that experience from other fields will bring benefit to the selected field; proposal demonstrates that the **areas of activity** of the participating organisations are related to the selected field or have the potential to be extended to this field - this goes beyond formal or nominal relevance and should be evident in the nature of the everyday activities of partner organisations, especially beyond the Erasmus+ programme, and the expertise of their staff.

CLEAR+

- *Extent to which the proposal is based on a genuine and adequate needs analysis*

Proposal proves that a **solid analysis** has been carried out - drawing on existing knowledge, know-how and practice - to identify the needs of target groups, and organisations; identified **needs are relevant for the field of application** and clearly-linked to the priorities of the selected action.

- *Extent to which the proposal is suitable for creating synergies between different fields of education/training/youth/sport or has potentially a strong impact on one or more of these fields*

Project is likely to produce outcomes that may also be relevant for **other fields** of education, training, youth or sport (i.e. beyond the field that is expected to be most impacted by the project).

- *Extent to which the proposal is innovative*

Project is likely to **produce content, results or working methods**, that will be **innovative** either for the selected field, the participating institutions, the targeted audiences or the geographical context of the project (for example, producing something significantly new in terms of learning opportunities, skills development, access to information, recognition of learning outcomes, etc).

- *Extent to which the proposal is complementary to other initiatives already carried out by the participating organisations*

Project will **add to existing knowledge, know-how and/or practices** of those involved; where based on a previous project, or existing innovative content, project demonstrates **significant added value** compared to past project results and/or targets new activities, user groups or geographical reach, enhancing quality in learning and teaching in the participating countries; relationship between partners and the original developer is transparent and respects pre-existing rights; innovation ambitions should be **proportional** to the scale of the project, the experience of participating organisations and the capacities of the targeted audiences, the latter especially important for inclusion projects involving persons with fewer opportunities.

- *Extent to which the proposal brings added value at EU level through results that would not be attained by activities carried out in a single country*

Transnational dimension clearly **adds value** in terms of project outcomes; participating organisations are able to achieve results, together, that would not be reached by organisations from a single country.

Small-Scale Partnerships

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

- *Extent to which the proposal is relevant to the objectives and priorities of the funding action*

Project addresses, in a qualitative manner, one or more **objectives and priorities of the funding action**, as detailed in the Programme Guide. Small-Scale Partnerships must convincingly address at least one horizontal or sector-specific priority or be rated as Weak. Where addressing a horizontal priority, the proposal should confirm relevance to the selected field. Where addressing the horizontal priority for **inclusion and diversity**, or one or more **European Priorities in the National Context** (as pre-announced by the National Agency), the proposal should be considered as highly relevant.

- *Extent to which the proposal is relevant for the respect and promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination*

Planned activities align with **EU values**, taking into account: **explicit references or clear articulation** in the proposal (objectives, methodologies, activities, outcomes) on how the project supports and advances these values; efforts to design activities in a **non-discriminatory manner** to benefit a diverse range of participants (including strategies and measures to address any form of discrimination) and proactive **strategies, policies or actions demonstrating a commitment** to fostering a non-discriminatory environment; presence of **educational components** that aim to enhance understanding and appreciation of EU values; efforts to **promote EU values** within the project; and **monitoring and reporting mechanisms** that focus on evaluating their effectiveness of efforts centred on promoting EU values.

- *Extent to which the profile, experience and activities of the participating organisations are relevant to the field of application*

Proposal demonstrates that the participating organisations operate and have **experience in the targeted field** - this goes beyond formal or nominal relevance and should be evident in the nature of the everyday activities of partner organisations and the expertise of their staff; as Small-Scale Partnerships target the participation of newcomer and less-experienced organisations, prior experience within Erasmus+ is not especially important.

- *Extent to which the proposal brings added value at EU level by building the capacity of organisations to engage in cross-border cooperation and networking*

Transnational dimension clearly **adds value** in terms of project outcomes; participating organisations are able to achieve results, together, that would not be reached by organisations from a single country.