

Information Day on ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnerships

Wed Feb 11th

Library Boardroom 11.15am -12.00 noon

Speakers:

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Strategic Partnerships Funding and lessons from the first call

Dr Emma O'Brien, DMT Dept, UL

The academic perspective of a coordinator Project awarded 2014 with Dr Con Sheahan

Dr Barry Coughlan, Dept Psychology, UL

How and why I got involved as a partner on "Inclusion Training in Intellectual Disability for Educators in Europe" project awarded in 2014.

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Erasmus+ is the European Commission's Programme for education, training, youth and sport. It was launched in 2014 and provides funding across a range of fields for the development of knowledge and skills. The 2015 call for strategic partnerships is launched with a deadline of 31 March 2015. **UL was very successful in the first round of strategic partnerships** (see below list of projects), many more faculty members can avail of this funding. **Proposals are submitted and evaluated within Ireland and so for the success rates are in excess of 50%**

There are four types of Strategic Partnerships, determined by the target participants, ie higher education, VET, adult education and youth. As the HEA have already visited UL to cover higher education opportunities, we are now organising an event to cover VET.

UL Strategic Partnerships which were selected for funding in 2014

UL was successful in 4 projects funded by ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnerships in 2014:

- *Supporting problem based learning in SMEs through IT facilitated mentoring.*
PI: Dr. Emma O'Brien, School of Cultural Communication (**Coordinator**)
- *Inclusion Training in Intellectual Disability for Educators in Europe* PI: Dr Barry Coughlan, Dept Psychology
- *Research on Youth and Social Circus Pedagogy* PI: Dr Niamh ní Ghabhainn, Irish World Academy
- *Learning for Innovative Sustainable Design* PI: Adam de Eeyto, Dept Design & Manufacturing Technology

What do strategic partnerships fund?

Strategic Partnerships in vocational education and training (VET) can last for 2 or 3 years and are a flexible way of working with partners from different countries. Strategic Partnerships activities can include:

- Developing, testing and implementing innovative approaches and practices for VET trainees, staff and organisations
- Recognition of skills and competences

- Credit transfer (ECVET) and quality assurance (EQAVET)
- Training, teaching and learning activities such as blended mobility of trainees, joint staff training events and teaching and training assignments.

Strategic Partnerships in adult education can last for **2 or 3 years** and are a flexible way of working with partners from different countries. Strategic Partnerships in adult education activities can include:

- Developing, testing and implementing innovative approaches and practices for adult learners, staff and organisations
- Providing flexible pathways for adult learners including validation of prior learning
- Improving access to adult education
- Facilitating the recognition and certification of skills and competences
- Training, teaching and learning activities such as blended mobility of adult learners, joint staff training events, and teaching and training assignments.

Strategic Partnerships in higher education can last for **2 or 3 years** and are a flexible way of working with partners from different countries. Strategic Partnerships in HE activities could include:

- Developing, testing and implementing innovative approaches and practices for study programmes, students, staff and organisations
- Facilitating the recognition and certification of skills and competences
- Training, teaching and learning activities such as intensive study programmes, blended mobility of students, joint staff training events, and teaching and training assignments.

Proposal Application Clinics in LEARGAS Dublin

- **04 February 2015**, Key Action 1 (VET and adult ed)
- **25 February 2015**, Key Action 2 (VET)
- **11 March 2015**, (Adult education)

Further Information

The 2015 Programme Guide is now available at the

following location: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm