

Erasmus+ for Apprentices Factsheet

Erasmus+ – funding you to take your VET learners, apprentices and trainees on European work placements

Many UK organisations are taking advantage of Erasmus+ funding opportunities to enhance their apprenticeships and traineeships including major motor manufacturers, national college consortiums and Trailblazer groups.

Funding will increase and will be available again in 2018, where we welcome back our experienced organisations and hope to see some new organisations begin their Erasmus+ journey.

What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is a funding programme for education, training, youth and sport; Key Action 1 Vocational Education and Training (KA1 VET) in particular offers mobility grants to support UK organisations in sending their apprentices to train in Europe on work placements from 2 weeks to 12 months.

What opportunities are there for Apprentices?

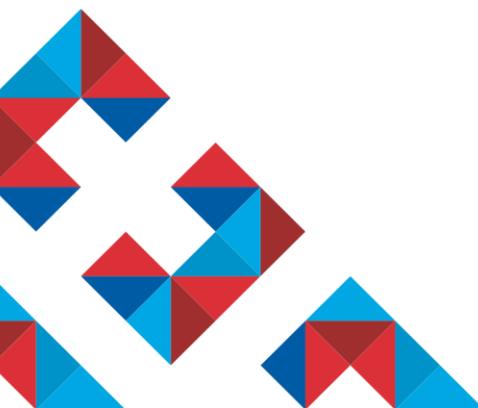
As long as you're already employing or training apprentices within your organisation, you can apply for funding under the KA1 VET.

Apprentices can take part in workplace activities relevant to their chosen career. Whilst other funding schemes may have age limits or funding caps, KA1 VET funding aims to open opportunities to as many apprentices as possible and especially those with special needs or from disadvantaged backgrounds.

- Any age
- Any qualification or sector
- Any number of apprentices
- Any duration from 2 weeks to 12 months
- 'Graduated' apprentices – those learners who have just completed their training can take part up to one year after their completion date.

The benefits for employers

- Provides a unique opportunity for exposure to new, advanced training and techniques;
- Forge relationships with other European companies and organisations;
- A unique selling point for your learning programme, increasing recruitment, recognition and retention;



- Acquire knowledge with European practices not available in the UK;
- Meet the demand for better quality apprenticeships.

The benefits for apprentices

- Acquire new expertise and professional skills.
- Increase confidence, language and intercultural skills.
- Stand out from the crowd at interviews.
- Enhance opportunities to work in other countries.
- Apply new and unique skills and experiences.

Available funding

Erasmus+ KA1 VET Mobility funding can cover:

- Preparation costs including language, cultural and work placement preparatory activities.
- Travel costs.
- Living expenses while abroad including accommodation, insurance, food and local travel
- Special needs costs or those related to learners from disadvantaged backgrounds.

What can your apprentices do?

Apprentices can undertake a wide range of activities in the workplace that are relevant to their chosen area. You can design the placement to suit your organisations and learners' individual needs but funded projects have already been sending their learners to:

- Complete 2-week work placements in Air Malta's training centre, developing hands on experience in airport operations, handling air passengers, avionics and in-air-side work not available in the UK.
- Work alongside nursery care practitioners in the Netherlands, sharing innovative approaches to childcare and alternative teaching methods.
- Shadow tour operations in six week travel and tourism work experience in Spain, supporting in accommodation, hospitality, agri-tourism and attractions delivery.

Where can I find out more?

If you'd like to find out more about Erasmus+ KA1 VET funding, please visit the UK National Agency website at www.erasmusplus.org.uk.

You can also [take a look at our apprenticeship leaflet and VET brochure](#). Read our [case studies](#) for results from organisations that have already benefited under Erasmus+ KA1 VET funding

Contact the team by calling 0121 212 8947 or email us on erasmusplus@ecorys.com and we will be happy to help advise you on your next steps.

