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Key Action 2: Strategic Partnerships

QUALITY OF PROJECT DESIGN

Elements:	What to look for:
☞ Clarity, completeness and quality of the work programme, including appropriate phases for preparation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and dissemination.	☞ Proposal confirms that all project phases have been properly designed in order for the project to successfully realise its objectives; the work programme is clearly defined, comprehensive and realistic ; proposal contains a clear and well-planned timetable.
☞ Consistency between project objectives and proposed activities.	☞ Proposed activities are well-suited to address identified needs and to achieve set project objectives .
☞ Quality and feasibility of proposed methodology.	☞ Proposed methodology is realistic and appropriate with a view to producing expected results, builds on solid arguments/evidence base and takes account of existing knowledge and practice.
☞ Existence and relevance of quality control measures to ensure that project implementation is of high quality, is completed on time and to budget.	☞ Proposal foresees appropriate evaluation activities at critical stages of the project, allowing progress, spending and the quality of the project activities and outcomes to be measured; quality control measures will allow project partners to take necessary and timely corrective measures.
☞ Extent to which project is cost-effective and allocates appropriate resources to each activity.	☞ Proposal confirms value-for-money when considering planned results and the grant amount requested; grant amount is realistic and serves to support good quality project implementation; budget includes (where relevant) appropriate resources to allow staff and young people with special needs or fewer opportunities to participate on an equal footing.
☞ Extent to which transnational learning, teaching and training activities are appropriate to broader project aims and involve an appropriate number of participants.	☞ Only where transnational learning, teaching and training activities are planned: proposed activities contribute directly to achieving the project objectives, are strongly embedded in the overall project logic and sit within a coherent package of activities; proposed activities are of the appropriate volume, bring added value and will have direct impact on the achievement of project results; activities are well conceived (i.e. good quality management, support, selection and preparation of participants; appropriate monitoring and safety arrangements, etc.).
☞ Quality of arrangements for recognition and validation, in line with European transparency and recognition tools and principles.	☞ Only where transnational learning, teaching and training activities are planned: relevant transparency and recognition tools and/or policy approaches, developed in the framework of European policy cooperation (for example, national and European qualifications frameworks, European framework of key competences; European guidelines for the validation of non-formal and informal learning) will be used for recognising and validating learning outcomes.

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Field:	Field-specific elements:
Adult Education (AE)	<p>☞ Where the project provides long-term learning, teaching or training activities for staff, the proposal describes measures for ensuring the quality of mobility that centre on: preparation including linguistic and subject preparation before and during the mobility; and support to and monitoring of participants during mobility by the sending and/or hosting organisation.</p> <p>☞ Proposal comprises necessary measures to facilitate the validation of non-formal and informal learning, and its permeability with formal education pathways: the recommended EU recognition tool for adult education staff is Europass.</p>
Higher Education (HE)	<p>☞ Learning outcomes are recognised/validated following the same arrangements and criteria as KA1 mobility activities in line with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE): the recommended recognition tool for HE is ECTS.</p>
School Education (SE)	<p>☞ Where the project includes activities for pupils, these activities are integrated into the curriculum and contribute to achieve defined learning goals.</p> <p>☞ Proposal clearly describes how the learning outcomes of participating pupils and school staff will be recognised/validated within the context of the school and the curriculum: the recommended EU recognition tool for school education staff and pupils is Europass.</p> <p>This briefing sheet does not apply to School Exchange Partnerships for which a separate Briefing Sheet for School Exchange Partnerships exists.</p>
Vocational Education and Training (VET)	<p>☞ Learning outcomes are recognised/validated using the same arrangements and criteria as KA1 mobility activities: recommended recognition tools are ECVET and Europass.</p>

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