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Session 5 - Small Collaborative  
Partnerships

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FROM  
ERASMUS  
TO  
**ERASMUS+**  
A STORY OF  
**30 YEARS**

# Why Small Collaborative Partnerships?

- ✓ Better promote **grassroots** sports
- ✓ Increase participation of **sport organisations**
- ✓ Give visibility to **local** projects
- ✓ **Simplify** administrative procedure

## Definition

Erasmus+ Legal Basis – Article 2 Definitions (24):

*"**Grassroots sport** means organised sport practised at local level by amateur sportspeople, and sport for all."*

High Level Group on Grassroots sports:

*"**Grassroots sport** is physical leisure activity, organised and non-organised, practised regularly at non-professional level for health, educational or social purposes."*

Local level

Physical Leisure  
Activity

Organised and  
not Organised

Amateur

Health, Education,  
Social purposes

Non-professional  
level

## What are the aims?

- ✓ Develop and reinforce **networks**
- ✓ Increase **capacity** to operate at transnational level
- ✓ Exchange **good practices**
- ✓ Confront **ideas and methods** in different areas relating to sport and physical activity

*through transnational project meetings*



# Topics

Encourage social  
inclusion and equal  
opportunities in sport

Promote European  
traditional sports  
and games

Protect athletes,  
especially the youngest,  
from health and safety  
hazards by improving  
training  
and competition  
conditions

Promote education in  
and through sport with  
special focus on skills  
development

Support the mobility  
of volunteers, coaches,  
managers, staff of  
non-profit sport  
organisations



# Supported activities

Networking

Educational and training modules/tools

Good practices exchange

Awareness-raising activities

Innovative synergies

Evidence-base to tackle societal and economic challenges

Conferences, seminars, meetings, events,  
awareness-raising actions...

# Eligibility criteria





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## Who can apply?

Any non-profit organisation or public body, active in the field of sport, established in a Programme country.

## Who can participate?

Any non-profit organisation or public body, active in the field of sport, established in a Programme country or a Partner country.

## How many organisations?

At least **3 organisations** from **3 different Programme countries**.

*No max nr – but budget for project management capped to 5 partners (incl. applicant)*

## Eligibility criteria

**DURATION:** From 12 to 24 months (12, 18 or 24 months)  
project start date: 01/01/2018

**DEADLINE:** 6 April 2017 at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)

### Attention!

- each organisation independent legal entity
- the meetings and activities must be carried out in the countries of the partners involved

# Statistics of Selection 2016

## TYPES OF ORGANISATIONS



# Award criteria

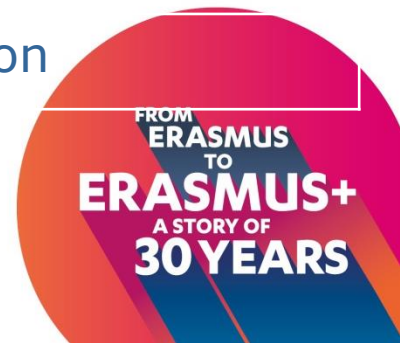




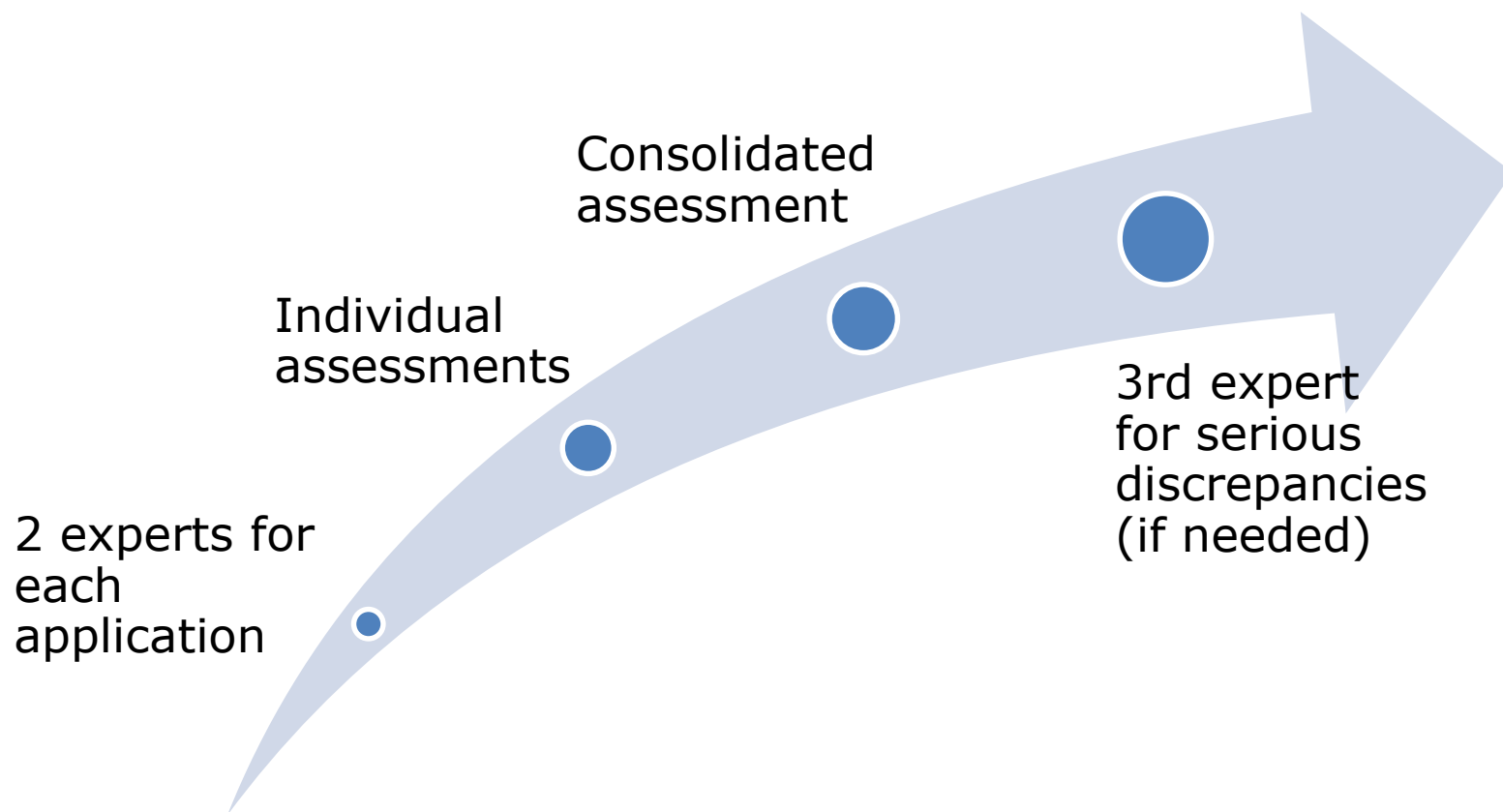


# Award Criteria

| Award Criteria   | Project description (eForm annex)   |
|--|---|
| Relevance of the project                                 | <b>Part D:</b> Aims and activities of organisation<br><b>Part E:</b> Project characteristics and relevance                    |
| Quality of the project design and implementation         | <b>Part F:</b> Quality of the project design and implementation   |
| Quality of the project team and cooperation arrangements | <b>Part D:</b> Aims and activities of organisation<br><b>Part G:</b> Quality of the project team and cooperation arrangements |
| Impact and dissemination                                 | <b>Part H:</b> Impact and dissemination   |



# Evaluation



## Applicants' common mistakes

- Vague **description**
- No **focus**
- No **consistency** between project objectives, methodology, activities and budget
- Inflated **budget**
- Weak **impact** and dissemination



## *Relevance of the project*

- The proposal is **not entirely relevant** to the call objectives.
- The **objectives** should be more realistic. They should be clearly defined and address issues relevant to the participating organisations and target groups.
- The application does not prove the project's ability to bring an **added value at EU level** through results that would not be attained by activities carried out solely in a single country.

## *Quality - project design & implementation*

- There is **no consistency** between the project objectives, methodology, activities and budget proposed.
- The **budget categories** are not applied properly.
- The clarity, completeness and quality of all the **phases of the project proposal** are not ensured.

## *Quality – project team & coop. arrangements*

- The project does not include enough people with **relevant expertise** in appropriate fields.
- The project should involve a more appropriate **mix of complementary participating organisations** with the necessary profile, expertise and experience.
- The **distribution of responsibilities and tasks** between the members of the project team is not convincing.

## *Impact & dissemination*

- The measures for evaluating and disseminating the **outcomes** of the project, including within and outside the participating organisations are not of high quality.
- The expected **impact** is not consistently related to the defined **objectives**.
- The project is not very likely to continue having an impact and **producing results after** the EU grant has been used up.
- The measures ensuring **visibility and media coverage of** the event and EU support should be improved.



## Advice for applicants

- Have the **project idea** firmly in mind before starting to complete the form
- Take time to understand how the **application** is structured
- Be sure your project fits into the Erasmus+ Sport **objectives** and actions
- Ensure that **partner involvement** (work packages and budget) has been fully discussed and agreed

## Advice for applicants

- Allow time for **drafting** *and* reviewing *and* redrafting
- **Test** your draft application on someone outside the partnership
- **Time** required - a few weeks to more than a year from the concept to finalisation
- **Partners who provide low quality input to the drafting of application will not provide high quality input into the project!**
- It is a time-intensive process and will require dedicated **staff** time

## General suggestions (to avoid amendments)

- Don't involve **large number** of partners
- Be familiar with **partners' profile** for a proper project implementation
- Clarify the number & dates of **meetings**
- Make sure you understand **budget categories**
- Make sure you have **adequate project team** for implementation



**113**  
Applications  
submitted in 2016

60 projects selected

**53%**  
of success

**1 out of 2 applications  
selected!**

# Financial aspects



## Financial aspects

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Max EU grant</b>     | 60,000 EUR   |
| <b>Simplified grant</b> | Only 3 budget categories<br>Mainly use of unit costs                                   |
| <b>EU co-financing</b>  | Only for Exceptional costs heading:<br>maximum 80% of the total eligible<br>real costs |



## Budget categories:

| Budget category                              | Description   | Financing mechanism |
|--|---|---------------------|
| <b>Project management and implementation</b> | Staff costs for general project management (e.g. planning, coordination, finances, communication), small-scale training/teaching/learning materials and approaches, virtual cooperation and local project activities, and information, promotion and dissemination (e.g. brochures, leaflets, website). | Unit costs          |
| <b>Transnational project meetings</b>        | Contribution towards the travel and subsistence costs associated with meetings held among partners.   | Unit costs          |
| <b>Exceptional costs</b>                     | Sub-contracting, purchase of goods and services.  | Real costs (80%)    |

| Budget category                              | Financing mechanism   |   | Rule of allocation  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Project management and implementation</b> | Contribution to activities of the coordinating organisation:<br><b>500 EUR</b> per month                                    | <b>Max. 1.500 EUR</b><br>per month per project<br>(capped to 5) | Duration of project and number of participating organisations |
|  | Contribution to activities of participating organisation (partner):<br><b>250 EUR</b> per month per partner (min 2 - max 4) |   |   |
| <b>Transnational project meetings</b>        | For travel distances: 100-1999 km:<br><b>575 EUR</b> per participant per meeting  |   | Distance calculator and number of participants                |
|  | For travel distances: 2000 km or more:<br><b>760 EUR</b> per participant per meeting  |   |   |
| <b>Exceptional costs</b>                     | 80% of eligible costs<br><b>Max. 10.000 EUR</b> per project   |   | Actual costs  |

# Financial aspects

## Example for Small Collaborative Partnerships:

- 4 organisations (DE, BE, IT, ES)
- 3 meetings (18 participants in total)
- 1 event (demonstration of traditional sport)
- 2 years' duration

| Budget items                          | Amounts           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Project management and implementation | 30,000 EUR        |
| Transnational project meetings        | 10,350 EUR        |
| Exceptional costs                     | 6,800 EUR         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>47,150 EUR</b> |

# Good practice examples from selected projects & Discussion



# Think small !





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