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Lessons learnt and good practice: Erasmus+ and ESC





Our Experience

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**ERASMUS+ ACCREDITATION:
MOBILITY FOR LEARNERS AND
STAFF IN ADULT EDUCATION**

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**ERASMUS+ COOPERATION
PARTNERSHIP WITH APOSTOLI**

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**EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS
VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME
FOR YOUNG EUROPEANS**

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ESC SOLIDARITY PROJECTS



Erasmus+ Accreditation





WHAT THE ACCREDITATION IS

Erasmus+ accreditation for adult education (often called the Erasmus Plan / KA120 accreditation) is awarded to an organisation that demonstrates it has a structured plan (the Erasmus Plan) and capacity to run high-quality transnational learning mobility for staff and adult learners. Once accredited you may apply in the special accredited strand (KA121 for accredited projects) instead of one-off short projects.

Educational programmes

Courses, trainings, retreats, other non-formal education activities for social workers, social educators, and volunteers from across the country

Community centres

Delivering social care, day-centre services and community support while also acting as a hub for non-formal education

Staff

Lecturers
Trainers and facilitators
Administrative staff

Learners

Professionals
Volunteers
Adult clients



Develop and
accredit a modern
adult non-formal
education centre,
learning from
partners

Strengthen volunteer
training (day-to-day
support, mental-health)

Support day-centre
clients to build initiative,
entrepreneurial,
interpersonal and
practical skills

Improve staff
knowledge of
integration
processes and
intercultural
communication
with
migrants/refugees

Boost educators' digital
and communication skills

Adopt and
apply best
practice in
adult
education

Improve staff language
skills

Promote inclusion among
educators and learners

What mobilities?

STAFF

Training courses in another country

LEARNERS

Group or individual mobilities: learning activities

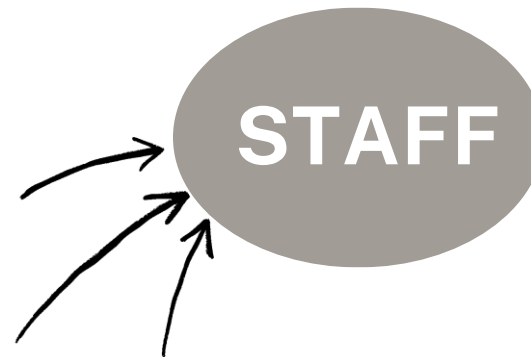
STAFF

Job shadowing: observing good practices

STAFF

Teaching assignments or inviting educators

*we are
here!*



Applied: 1 Oct 2024.

Accreditation awarded: early 2025.

FIRST-YEAR PLAN SUBMITTED: MID FEB 2025.

First-year plan approved: end May 2025.



GRANT CONTRACT SIGNED: JULY 2025.

80% pre-financing paid: end Aug 2025.

Budget for Year 1: €56,000 (to spend by 31 Aug 2026).



Total amount for Year 1 was decided centrally and communicated late — so you must be ready to update plans once you know your allocation.

WE STARTED CAUTIOUSLY: NO EXTERNAL PROVIDER COURSES OR DAY-CENTRE CLIENT MOBILITIES IN YEAR 1 TO AVOID INCLUSION/ORGANISATION RISKS.

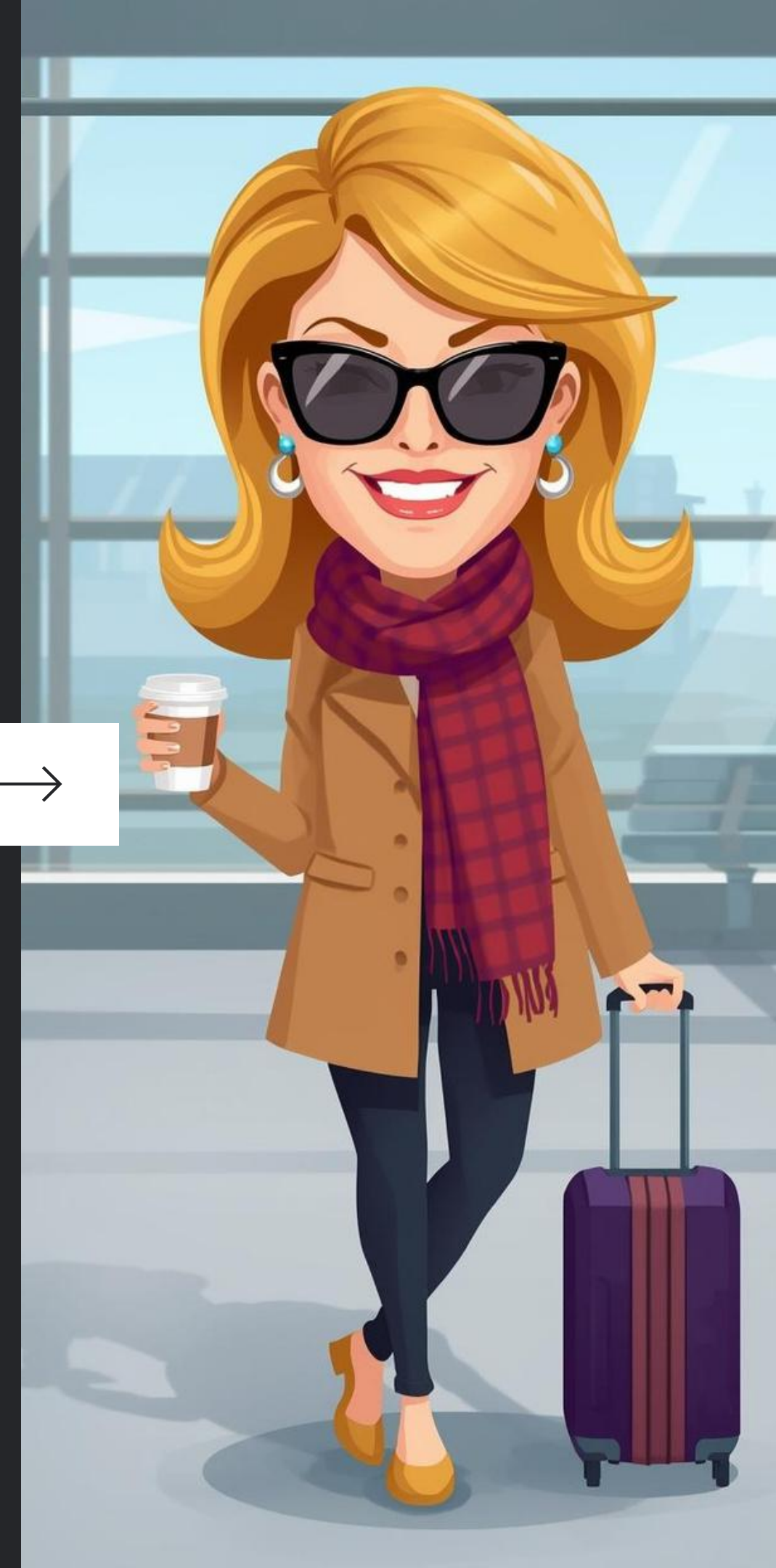
INSTEAD WE PLANNED THREE PARTNER-BASED MOBILITIES (10–12 PARTICIPANTS EACH):

Staff job-shadowing to Poland (staff to learn to organise adult education).

Staff job-shadowing to Lithuania (day-centre staff at partner addiction centre).

Learners to Germany (learning/job-shadowing for volunteers and professionals).

Once familiar with the systems, submitting projects is straightforward; National Agency communication was good and payments arrived quickly.



KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices



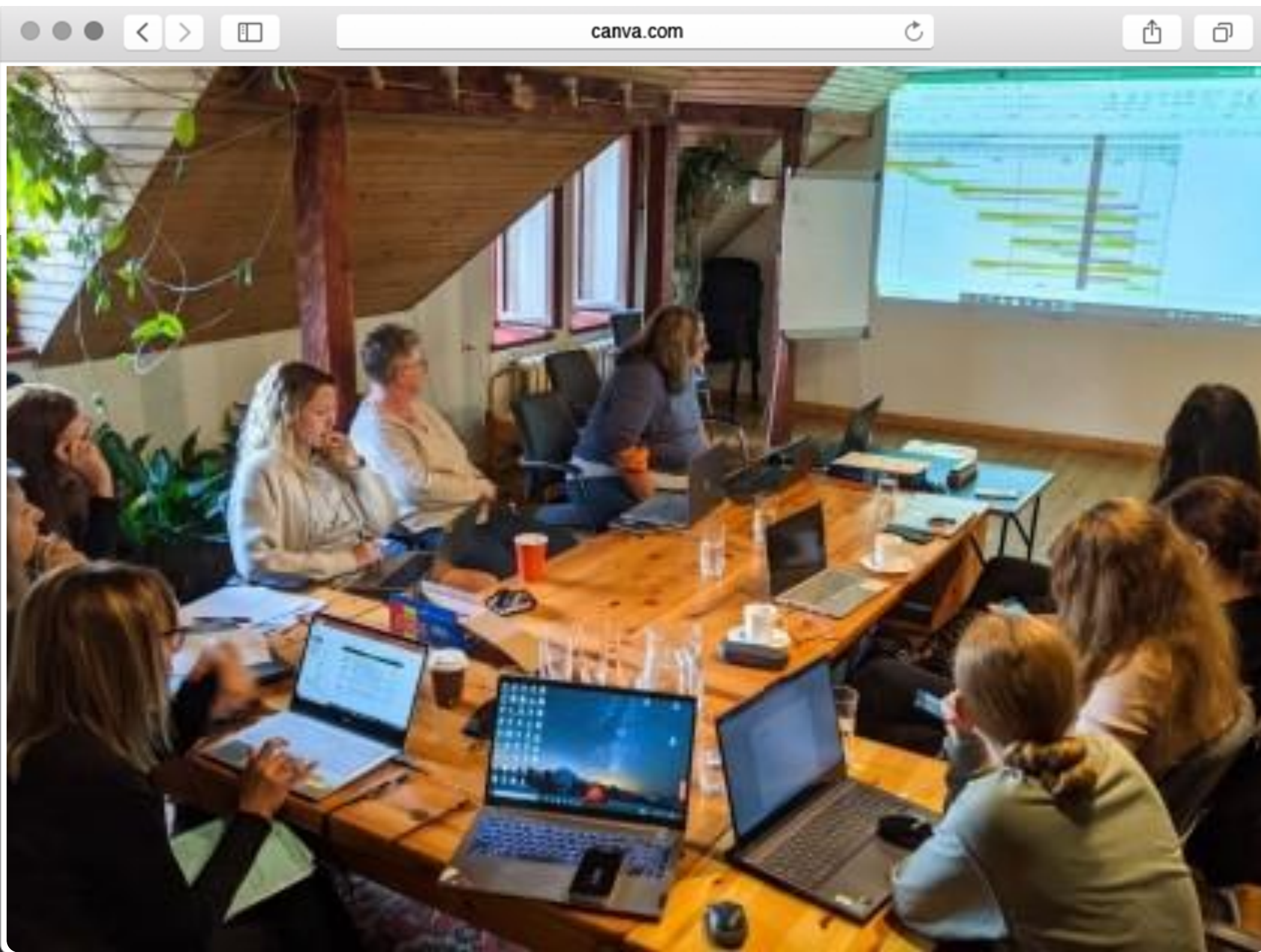
Erasmus+
KA202
Strategic
Partnerships



KA2 - Cooperation
among
organisations and
institutions -
Partnerships for
Cooperation



2020-2022 CQ4DVCI ~200 000 EUR



As one of the project partners, we were involved in developing a qualification and certification scheme for Domestic Violence Response Coordinators:

- developing a qualification profile,
- a core curriculum,
- piloting a blended learning course,
- creating a certification scheme at EQF Level 5,
- setting up an e-platform with learning resources and a virtual network.



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DIAKONIJAS CENTRS"

The background image shows a study desk. On the left, there is a stack of several old, thick books with worn spines. One book at the bottom is open, showing its pages. To the right of the books, a desk lamp with a white shade is partially visible. Further right, a dark-colored laptop is open, and a white cloth or paper is draped over its surface. The overall lighting is soft and focused on the desk area.

European Solidarity Corps





ESC VOLUNTEERS

We hold the European
Solidarity Corps Quality Label

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young volunteers from abroad at our
community centres at any one time

2 out

News: we're sending
volunteers now as well

~50 000

EUR per year (two years to spend)

ESC SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

An activity that a young person can carry out in a group of five people or more to help to bring positive change to the local community.

- Set up and implemented by young people
- In a place where they live
- Clearly identified topic
- Concrete daily activities

2-12 months
~9000 EUR

Simple!





Thank you!

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