

Action Plan for the Implementation of Horizontal Priorities of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes 2026 – 2027

The Action Plan for Strengthening the Horizontal Priorities of the Erasmus+ (E+) and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) programmes covers the period from 2026 to 2027. Through specific activities, the Action Plan aims to provide applicants and beneficiaries with support in developing E+ and ESC projects that address the challenges and needs defined within the horizontal priorities of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes, while enabling mobility participants to develop future-oriented skills and competences.

The horizontal priorities of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes are:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Digital transformation
- Environment and the fight against climate change
- Participation in democratic life

The Action Plan for the implementation of the horizontal priorities of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes forms an integral part of the strategies adopted for each horizontal priority of the E+ and ESC programmes. It serves as a single framework document for the implementation of the adopted strategies through clearly defined activities, deadlines, and responsible teams. Monitoring progress in the implementation of horizontal priorities within E+ and ESC projects is carried out on an annual basis through the analysis of achieved indicators as part of the annual report submitted to the European Commission.

By 2025, the Agency adopted the [*Inclusion and Diversity Strategy in E+ and ESC projects*](#), and as of 2026, the [*Strategy for Green Transition in E+ and ESC projects*](#) enters into force.

The adoption of strategies that will define the direction and objectives within the scope of digital transformation and participation in democratic life is planned by the end of 2026, at which point this Action Plan will be supplemented with additional measures and activities.

Objective 1: Ensuring and promoting horizontal priorities in its work and activities

Measure/activity	Leader	Implementation associates	Implementation deadline	Tasks	Implementation indicators
1.1 Monitoring the implementation of action plans	Horizontal Priority Officers	Working Groups for the Implementation of Action Plans	2026 – 2027	Maintaining the monitoring system and improving objectives and measures	Appointed persons responsible for implementing action plans for horizontal priorities Analysis of implemented measures and annual report on the effects of measures
1.2 Continuous work of horizontal priority officers	Horizontal Priority Officers	Working Groups for the Implementation of Action Plans	2026 – 2027	Regular meetings of officers and working groups, planning activities and discussing achievements and difficulties	At least 3 meetings per year
1.3 Sharing experience and practices with other national agencies and SALTO resource centres	Horizontal Priority Officers	Network of national agencies, SALTO resource centres	2026 – 2027	Sharing experience and practices at international meetings and trainings with colleagues and external associates from other national agencies and SALTO resource centres	Participation in at least 1 meeting / training per year for each horizontal priority
1.4 Informing the decision makers	Horizontal Priority Officers	AMEUP Management	2026 – 2027	Inclusion of data in Agency strategies and reports	At least 1 meeting per year with Agency Management

Objective 2: Informing and educating about horizontal priorities

Measure/activity	Leader	Implementation associates	Implementation deadline	Tasks	Implementation indicators
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<p>2.1 Creating informative content for applicants and beneficiaries on horizontal priorities</p>	<p>Department for Communication Affairs</p>	<p>Horizontal Priority Officers, Youth and Lifelong Learning Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service</p>	<p>2026 – 2027</p>	<p>Collection of good practice examples from final reports and sharing on websites and social media (all horizontal priorities).</p> <p>Regular updating of subpages on horizontal priorities on the AMEUP website</p> <p>Environment and the fight against climate change</p> <p>Creating a “Green Library” on the Agency’s website — a link to SALTO Green, sharing materials for project planning and development, green mobility and other practical aspects, tools and examples of good practice of “green” projects. In the guidelines for applicants, include instructions on integrating green practices into the project.</p> <p>Inclusion and diversity</p> <p>Updating the “Inclusive Library” with adaptation of materials to Croatian</p>	<p>Number of published examples of good practice / success stories (all horizontal priorities)</p> <p>Number of visitors to subpages on horizontal priorities on the AMEUP website</p> <p>Environment and the fight against climate change</p> <p>“Green Library” created on the Agency's website</p> <p>Guidelines for the inclusion of green practices in projects created and updated.</p> <p>Inclusion and diversity</p> <p>At least one publication on inclusion and diversity (SALTO ID RC materials) adapted or translated</p>
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2.2 Developing information campaigns on horizontal priorities	Department for Communication Affairs	Horizontal Priority Officers	2026 – 2027	Publication and promotion of graphics/text on horizontal priorities on the Agency's social media ahead of the spring and autumn deadlines.	At least 2 campaigns per year on the Agency's social media.
2.3 Preparation of guidelines for advising applicants on horizontal priorities	Horizontal Priority Officers	Youth and Lifelong Learning Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service	2026	In the framework of regular consultations, provide information on horizontal priorities and how to fit them into the project design and activities, and refer to informational materials on the website	Guidelines for the environment and the fight against climate change prepared. Guidelines for inclusion and diversity prepared.
2.4 Providing information to beneficiaries on horizontal priorities as part of regular activities	Youth and Lifelong Learning Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service	Horizontal Priority Officers	2026 – 2027	Inform beneficiaries about horizontal priorities, opportunities, news, examples of good practice and available training at initial meetings, thematic meetings and similar events. Develop and/or distribute informational materials.	At least 1 meeting held with beneficiaries per sector that includes information on one of the horizontal priorities. Number of beneficiaries who participated in information meetings and feel that they have improved their knowledge.
2.5 Educating applicants and beneficiaries on horizontal priorities	Department for Strategic Support to EU Programmes Youth and Lifelong	Horizontal Priority Officers Department for Communication Affairs	2026 – 2027	Prepare and implement a TCA/NET/TEC activity on the horizontal priority topic Promote TCA/NET/TEC activities addressing horizontal priorities	At least 1 activity held per year Number of participants in the activity Share of participants in the activity who improved their knowledge and skills

	Learning Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service			organised by other national agencies/SALTO resource centres	Share of participants who plan to implement priority measures in current/future projects Share of participants who participated in TCA/NET/TEC activities focusing on the horizontal priority organised by other national agencies/SALTO resource centres
2.6 Training of project application and final report evaluators for assessing horizontal priorities in projects	Youth and Lifelong Learning Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service	Horizontal Priority Officers, Project Cycle Monitoring and Development Department	2026 – 2027	Conduct training for evaluators on horizontal priorities that will provide a deeper understanding of priorities and enable better recognition of examples of good practice Environment and the fight against climate change Familiarize evaluators with the SALTO Green matrix of sustainability criteria for the evaluation of green projects Inclusion and diversity Introduce evaluators to the SALTO ID ET e-course on inclusion and diversity for evaluators assessing Erasmus+ applications	At least 1 training held per year per sector Number of evaluators who participated in sessions/trainings Number of evaluators who feel they have improved their knowledge and skills Environment and the fight against climate change Number of evaluators familiar with the SALTO Green Matrix Inclusion and diversity Number of evaluators who accessed the e-course
2.7 Educating Agency employees on horizontal priorities	Horizontal Priority Officers Youth and Lifelong Learning Service, Higher	External experts	2026 – 2027	Prepare and conduct a training session, workshop, or webinar on the horizontal priority topic. Participation of staff in activities dealing with horizontal priorities organised by	At least 1 training session held per year Number of training participants Number of employees who improved their knowledge and

	Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service			other national agencies/SALTO resource centres and others.	skills thanks to participation in training sessions Number of employees who participated in activities organised by other national agencies/SALTO resource centres and others
2.8 Ensuring digital accessibility of the Agency's websites	Department for Communication Affairs	Working Groups for the Implementation of Action Plans	2026 – 2027	Ensuring compliance with digital accessibility	Update digital accessibility statement for Agency websites at least once per year
Objective 3: Advocating horizontal priorities					
Environment and the fight against climate change					
3.1 Encouraging mobility participants to become green agents of change	Working Group on Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change	Youth and Lifelong Learning Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service	2026 – 2027	Organise a call for green agents of change to promote green travel (especially during the Time to Move campaign and Erasmus Days), the Interrail Pass for Erasmus+, etc. Organise an annual competition on a green priority theme, e.g. act'EVE	Number of green agents of change Number of <i>actions</i> held by agents of change Number of competition participants
Inclusion and diversity					
3.2 Strengthening and maintaining a network of inclusion and diversity ambassadors	Department for Erasmus+ Programme Priorities	Network of Inclusion and Diversity Ambassadors Youth and Lifelong Learning	2026.-2027.	Ensure consistent and sustainable implementation of the activities of the Inclusion and Diversity Ambassadors through regular support, communication, planning and implementation of informative, educational and promotional activities. Ambassador activities include: creating	Number of ambassador activities held annually At least 1 meeting per year between the ambassadors and the Agency

		Service, Higher Education Service, Pre-Tertiary Education Service		professional content, implementing informative and thematic events, holding informational meetings with potential applicants and/or beneficiaries and disseminating examples of good practice via digital platforms.	
3.3 Encouraging inclusion and diversity in higher education	Higher Education Service	<i>Erasmus Student Network</i>	2026 – 2027	Implementation of promotional activities on inclusion and diversity during visits to secondary schools and higher education institutions.	Number of visits to higher education institutions Number of visits to secondary schools
3.4 Promoting and measuring inclusion and diversity in higher education	Higher Education Service	<i>Academic Cooperation Association</i>	2026 – 2027	Measuring inclusion and diversity at the institutional level by holding individual expert consultation sessions with higher education institutions, with the aim of improving inclusive practices in higher education mobility projects.	Number of expert consultations with higher education institutions held Number of higher education institutions' action plans developed

Horizontal Priority Officers are Agency employees specifically responsible for monitoring and developing specific horizontal topics.

Horizontal Priority Officers bring together working groups and, through joint efforts, implement and evaluate the set objectives.

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