



Rural Inclusion in Erasmus+

Iceland's TCA seminar experience
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Basic facts

Why Iceland and why Akureyri?

- ▶ Iceland is in itself a rural country
- ▶ We wanted to celebrate the theme by going even more rural
- ▶ Schools in the northern part of the country have been creating exceptional projects in Erasmus+



Basic facts about Iceland

- Population: 376.248
- ~3 inhabitants per square km
- Akureyri: 19.642

Welcome

- ▶ 56 participants from 14 countries (we aimed for 40)

Iceland
Croatia
Estonia
Germany
Hungary
Latvia
Slovakia

Austria
Czechia
Finland
Greece
Italy
Poland
Sweden

What to expect ?

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- ▶ We are here to meet our colleagues, create connections and form relationships
- ▶ We will learn about the Erasmus+ programme and the terms Inclusion and Diversity
- ▶ We will learn how schools and institutions in northern Iceland have benefitted from European partnerships
- ▶ We will have a mixture of presentations and interactive activities
- ▶ We will experience Icelandic weather, eat Icelandic food and experience the Icelandic cultural tradition of visiting a geothermal pool
- ▶ We will probably leave with less money than we had when we came

Examples of successful rural schools in Iceland



**Erasmus +
benefits and challenges**

Elías Gunnar Þorbjörnsson
Principal at Lundarskóli, Akureyri, Iceland



EU's Erasmus study abroad programme is 'responsible for 1m

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'You Wouldn't Exist Without Europe': The Erasmus Baby Phenomenon

It is estimated that over one million babies have been born as a result of the Erasmus programme.



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- <https://youtu.be/aVo3tr3JZ1s>



get to know a new country
friendship and confidence
new ways of life
a new vision of education
great experience
beautiful exiting overwhelming i gain security
trying new things confidence new culture the coexistence
life experience
good memories cook new things
culture fantastic formative
learn to cook fun lively adventurous
amazing friendship love enriching growth
control myself wonderful funny friends improve my english
unforgettable learn to live the fullest
beautiful nature an eyeopener crazy new friends happiness unique different interesting instructive discover iceland
fulfilling self development
cooking new food
exchange opinions

Aræði



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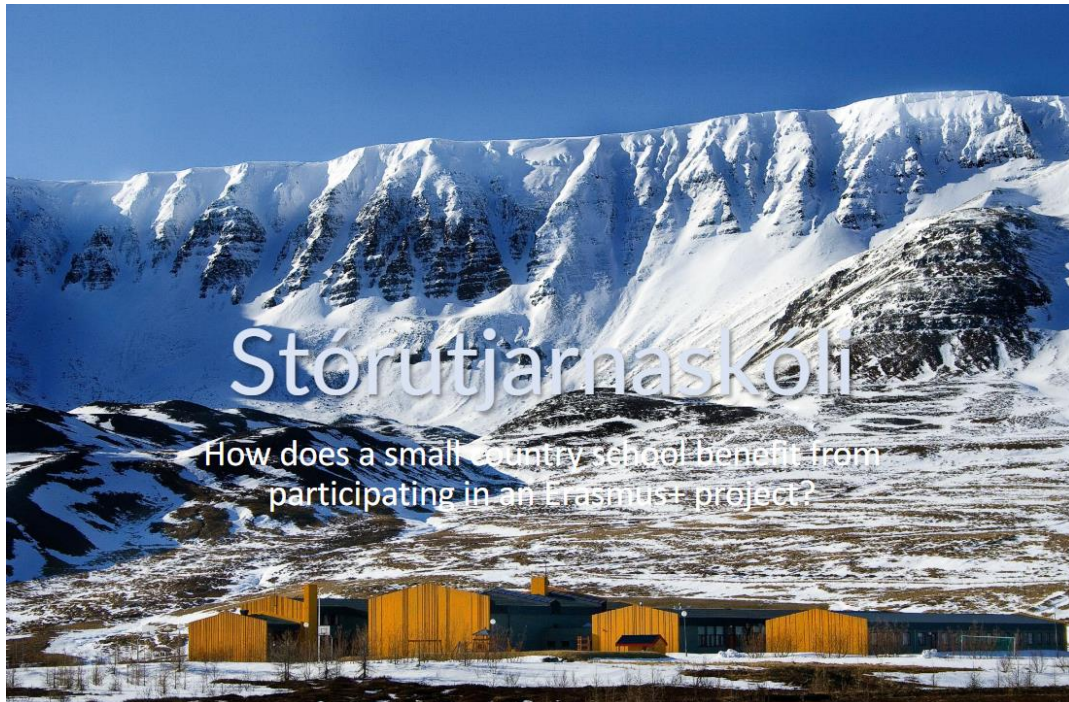


Lára Stefánsdóttir headmaster
Ida Semey project coordinator



Frumkvæði
Sköpun
Áræði

How does a small country school benefit from participating in an Erasmus project?



As small country schools seldom have the funds for proper training and courses for their staff, participation in Erasmus+ projects brings invaluable opportunities.



Benefits of being part of an Erasmus+ project



New ideas

New methods

New thinking

Being part of an Erasmus+ project opens a new world to teachers in small schools like ours!



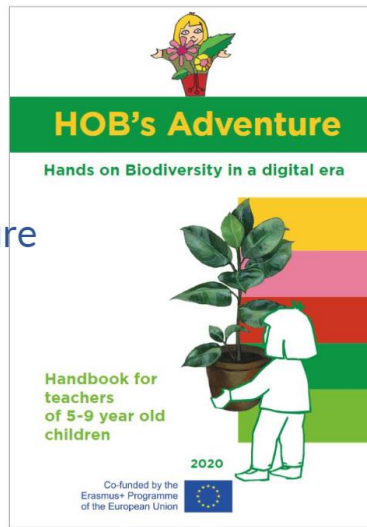
Teaching biodiversity to young children

Stórutjarnaskóli



HOB's Adventure

Teaching Biodiversity
to Young Children



Stórutjarnaskóli



Erasmus+ project 2017-2019

Teaching Biodiversity to Young Children

- Estonia
- Iceland
- Lithuania
- Slovenia



Green Flag Eco School since
2011



Erasmus + cooperation project – Hob's Adventure

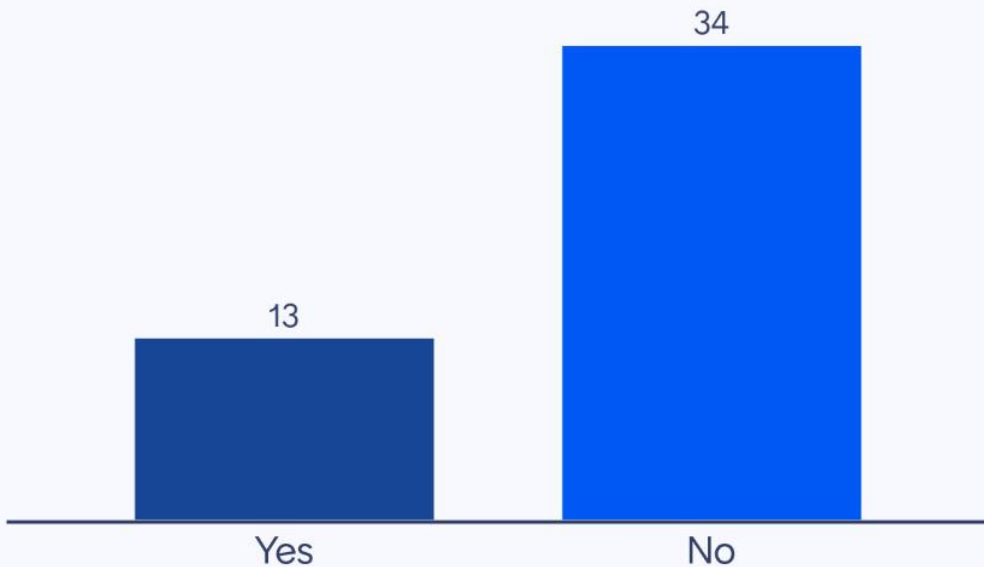
Inclusion strategy and inclusive mindset

When you look at the different factors of your life. Try to imagine a time in history where some part of you would not have been accepted - or is still not accepted - by society.

How does it make you feel? Is it your fault? How would you feel if you would be excluded from opportunities because of this.

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Do you know what *alt* text is?

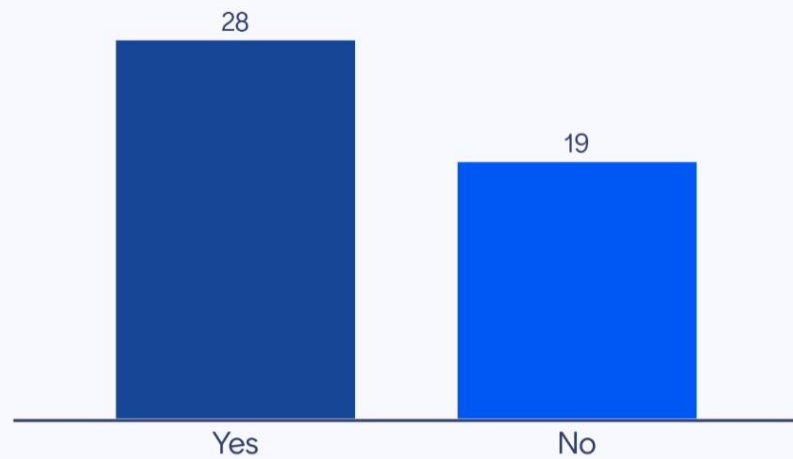


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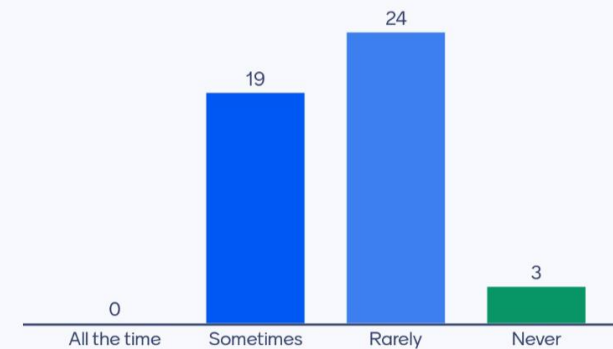
Inclusion starts with „I”

- <https://youtu.be/QDna1RV-tYo>

Is your ethnicity a big part of your self identity?



How often *per day* do you reflect on accessibility?







Erasmus+ opportunities in the field of school education

Programme basics & alterations



Increased Budget 1

With 26.51 billion Euros, the new E+ programme, has a considerably higher budget, at its disposal.

2 Mobility for staff and students

Short and long-term mobility of school staff and students is now accessible for Key Action 1 and not only for Key Action 2.



Accreditation for KA1 3

Schools can request an E+ accreditation for KA1. Once successfully obtained, the accreditation can make the application process more efficient and streamlined.



4 Adjusted project forms in KA2

Partnerships under KA2 can be conducted as small-scale partnerships, choosing from three predefined total grant amounts.



Flexibility with third countries 5

The new programme offers a more flexible movement to third countries, especially for KA1 Youth Exchange.

Horizontal priorities applying to all Erasmus+ sectors



Inclusion and diversity

Offering a more inclusive, diverse and accessible programme.



Environmental sustainability

Making Erasmus+ a more sustainable programme and fostering more environmentally responsible behaviors



Digital transformation

Promote the use of digital platforms and tools, develop digital competences



Participation and civic engagement

Promote active participation and civic engagement as part of the programme and in society in general

Erasmus+

Useful Resources and Tools

to learn about Erasmus+

- **Factsheet Erasmus+ 2021-2027:** summarises all key data on the current programme
- **Programme Guides:** the go-to document covering all basics about the Erasmus+ programme



- **Guide for Experts:** great insight into the assessment process from an assessor's perspective
- **EU Login Tutorial:** a step-by-step instruction to the log-in process
- **EPALE partners' search:** a tool, supporting organisations in finding partners or coordinators for their projects



- **List of the Erasmus+ National Agencies:** the central register for all NAs and their contact details
- **EU Distance Calculator:** to calculate the distances between two places included in one project & justify travel funding



- **Erasmus+ spaces:** projects can create their own area for PM and dissemination on EPALE
- **European Project Results Platform:** EPRP provides an overview/summary of thousands of E+ projects
- **Impact assessment tool:** helps to evaluate the impact of a project through group reflection



Useful information

- Electronic Application forms [link](#)
- Erasmus+ Programme guide [link](#)
- European School Education Platform (Networking and partner finding) [link](#)
- Agencija za mobilnost i programe EU [link](#)

ERASMUS+ KA1

Erasmus+ KA1 can support professionalisation of adult learning staff and the development of learners' competences through mobility projects - here is how!

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

Staff

- Job shadowing
- Teaching assignments
- Structured courses



Learners

- Group mobility
- Individual mobility



TYPES OF PROJECTS

→ Short-term

- Between 6-18 months
- Implemented by one organisation

→ Accredited

- Require an accreditation and an Erasmus Plan, valid until the end of the programme (2027)
- Open to single applicants or consortia



Deadlines for 2023

- Accredited projects & short-term mobility projects – Round 1 – 23 February
- Accreditation application – 19 October
- Accredited projects & short-term mobility projects – Round 2 (optional) – 4 October



Mobilnosti u inozemstvu za učenike i nastavnike (Ključna aktivnost 1 - KA1)

- U tim projektima ustanove šalju ili primaju učenike ili zaposlenike na tečajeve, poučavanje, aktivnosti praćenja rada ili učenja. Aktivnosti se biraju prema potrebama ustanove i njezinih zaposlenika i trebaju voditi postizanju postavljenih ciljeva koji su važni za razvoj ustanove. Trajno sudjelovanje u aktivnosti mobilnosti ustanovama i organizacijama omogućuje [Erasmus akreditacija](#).

SMALL-SCALE PARTNERSHIPS

VS

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

30.000 EUR
60.000 EUR

120.000 EUR
250.000 EUR
400.000 EUR



Min. 2 organisations
from min. 2 countries

Min. 3 organisations
from min. 3 countries



6 - 24 months

12 - 36 months



Partnerstva za suradnju - mala ili suradnička (Ključna aktivnost 2 - KA2)

- U tim (nešto složenijim i opsežnijim) projektima ustanove, tvrtke, udruge ili druge organizacije zajedno osmišljavaju nove metode rada, proizvode nove kurikule, donose različite inovacije, razmjenjuju dobre prakse.
- Ustanove mogu biti i domaćini aktivnosti u projektima mobilnosti - ugostiti učenike iz drugih škola iz inozemstva ili kolege na aktivnosti praćenja rada, ili pak partneri u KA2 projektima, za što ne trebaju prijaviti projekt.
- ROK PRIJAVE: 22.ožujka 2023., 12:00h

ERASMUS+Application Dos and Don'ts

what to be aware of when writing a KA1 or KA2 project application

Dos

- use EPRP for research and inspiration
- use training/consultation opportunities from your NA
- address at least one horizontal and/or one specific priority relevant to the field
- be concise and plan ahead
- acknowledge risks



PRIORITIES



Horizontal

- Inclusion and diversity in all fields of education, training, youth and sport
- Environment and fight against climate change
- Addressing digital transformation

Field-specific

- Improvement of high-quality adult learning opportunities
- Creation of upskilling pathways
- Development of forward-looking learning centres

Dont's

- anticipate wanted answers
- don't shoehorn buzzwords in / name-drop
- assume terminology to be known
- lie
- copy and paste sentences or "see for



Useful tips

- Before the project [link](#)
- Submitting the project [link](#)

. Ciljeve je poželjno osmisliti vodeći se metodom **S.M.A.R.T.** (*Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound*):



Iznimno je važno dokazati jasnu povezanost među postavljenim ciljevima, provedenim aktivnostima i postignutim rezultatima.



- Engage in projects that are relevant to your school
- Get to know your international team
- Create a local team in your school to share the responsibilities
- Get the parents involved from the beginning
- Create a sound and functional application process for students

Thank you for your attention
and have a successful project
planning!



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