Léargas’ National Priorities for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps 2020

The 2020 Programme Guide(s) for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps outline the policy framework and priorities which should be addressed in project applications in 2020.

In our 2020 Work Programme, Léargas has adopted two additional specific priorities at national level:

- Social inclusion
- Environmental and climate goals.

**Social inclusion:**
Social inclusion is an overarching priority across all sectors of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. In 2020, we will promote - especially through innovative and integrated approaches – ownership of shared values, equality, social inclusion, diversity and non-discrimination.

This will be done by supporting in particular:

- Projects that support and assess new approaches to reducing disparities in accessing and engaging with formal and non-formal education; as well as projects that tackle discrimination, segregation and racism
- Projects that address the integration of people with migrant backgrounds, including gathering and disseminating good practices on the issue
- Projects that encourage the establishment of sustainable links between organisations active in education, training, youth and sport and society at large, including at local and regional level.

**Environmental and climate goals:**
Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps aim to support awareness-raising about environmental and climate-change challenges across all sectors.

In 2020, particular importance will be attached to:

- Projects aimed at developing competences in various sustainability-relevant sectors; developing green sectoral skills strategies and methods; as well as future-oriented curricula that better meet the needs of individuals
- The testing of innovative practices to prepare learners, staff and youth workers to become true factors of change (e.g. save resources; reduce energy use and waste; compensate carbon emissions; opt for sustainable food and mobility choices; etc.)
- Projects that - through education, training, youth and sport activities - enable behavioural changes for individual preferences, consumption habits, and lifestyles.

In 2020, our engagement and communication activities across Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps will try to raise project applicants’ and beneficiaries’ awareness of these priorities, and help them meaningfully engage with them.

We will seek to highlight and share good practices and to encourage project applicants and beneficiaries to explore educational approaches related to these priorities through their Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corp activities.