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Call for Project Ideas and Coordinators

Call opens: 7 October 2026 | Project proposal deadline: 25 October 2026

Bring your project idea.
Find the right partners.
Build your next European proposal together.

garagErasmus invites organisations with a concrete European project **idea to apply as coordinators** for EU Projects Factory: an intensive, in-person project development workshop in Vicenza (November 19-20, 2026).
Selected ideas will become the starting point for dedicated working groups, bringing together the proposing organisations and prospective partners.

Who we are

garagErasmus is the European foundation of the Erasmus Generation. With offices in Brussels, Milan and Vicenza, we coordinate a European network connecting universities, education and training organisations, businesses, associations and local communities.
We work to turn international mobility into lasting opportunities for professional development, cooperation and active European citizenship. Our activities connect people and organisations across borders, support the recognition of competences developed through mobility, and create opportunities to design and implement European projects together.
EU Projects Factory builds on this role: bringing complementary organisations around shared challenges and helping them turn project ideas into practical cooperation.

The event

EU Projects Factory creates a dedicated space for organisations to develop European project proposals together. Participants will work in groups built around selected project ideas, with each group led by the organisation that proposed the idea.
The format combines partner matching with intensive collaborative work. It gives coordinators and potential partners time to discuss the needs they want to address, agree on a shared approach and develop the structure of a future proposal.

What will working groups do?

- Refine the project rationale, the needs to be addressed and the target groups.
- Agree on objectives, expected results and the added value of European cooperation.
- Develop the main activities or work packages and discuss partner contributions.
- Identify the expertise still needed and strengthen the prospective consortium.
- Set a practical roadmap for further drafting and submission.

The expected outcome is a more developed project concept, a prospective partnership and an agreed plan for the next drafting steps. The level of development will depend on the starting point of each idea and the work completed by the group.

How the two-stage process works

Phase 1 : Call for Project Ideas and Coordinators

From 6 to 25 October 2026, organisations submit a concept note and express their willingness to lead a project working group. garagErasmus reviews the proposals and selects the ideas to be developed during the physical event in Vicenza. Organisations/HEIs may apply with or without an existing consortium. **Only coordinators guaranteeing in person presence at the event will be selected.**

Phase 2 : Call for Participants

Following project selection, the selected concept notes and the partner profiles sought will be shared through a separate call.
Representatives of interested organisations will apply to join the project working groups at the event in Vicenza on 19–20 November 2026, indicating the ideas they wish to contribute to and their relevant expertise. Applications close on 8 November 2026. Participants will then be selected to form complementary working groups.

Phase 3 : EU Project Factory event, 19-20 november

Selected coordinators and participants will meet in Vicenza for two days of intensive collaborative project development. Each working group will refine its project concept, discuss partner roles and contributions, and agree on a roadmap for drafting and submitting the funding proposal.

Participation in the event is free of charge. Travel costs will not be reimbursed. Lunches, social dinner and coffee breaks will be offered by garagErasmus Foundation.

Call for coordinators

Who is this call for?

This call is aimed at organisations with **a concrete project idea that want to build or expand an international partnership and lead the development of a joint funding proposal**. Relevant profiles include:

- higher education institutions
- schools
- vocational education and training providers
- adult learning organisations
- civil society organisations and networks
- youth organisations
- public bodies
- other organisations with relevant expertise.

The call welcomes project ideas targeting the following funding opportunities:

- Erasmus+ Key Action 2 (KA2): cooperation projects across all sectors — higher education, school education, vocational education and training, adult education, youth and sport.
- Erasmus+ Capacity Building: projects in higher education, vocational education and training (VET), and youth.
- Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV): project ideas targeting the Citizens' engagement and participation and European Remembrance calls.

Applicants should identify the funding programme and specific action they intend to target and explain their organisation's proposed role as coordinator. The idea should be sufficiently developed to guide a working group while leaving room for partners to shape the proposal together.

Organisations may apply with or without an existing consortium.

What should you submit?

Submit a concept note in English using the template provided in **Annex 1**. The concept note should present:

- The project title and proposing organisation, with a named contact person.
- The context, identified needs, target groups and European added value.
- The main objectives, proposed activities and expected results.
- The intended funding programme or action and an indicative project timeline.
- The partners already involved, if any, and the partner profiles and expertise sought.

A fully drafted funding application is not required at this stage. The concept note should give potential partners enough information to understand the idea and assess how they could contribute.

What is expected of a coordinator?

Selected coordinators will present their idea, help identify suitable partners and lead their working group during the event. They should be ready to develop the concept collaboratively, discuss responsibilities and contributions, and coordinate the next drafting steps after the workshop.

How will ideas be selected?

garagErasmus will review the clarity of the identified needs and objectives, the European added value, the coherence of the proposed approach and intended funding opportunity, and the feasibility of developing the idea through the workshop. The review will also consider the proposing organisation's readiness to lead the group and the opportunities for complementary partners to contribute.

Selected concept notes will be shared for the participant call. Applicants should therefore submit information suitable for circulation to prospective partners. Participant selection will take account of the partner profiles sought and the contribution each organisation can make, in cooperation with the selected coordinators.

How to apply

Please send your completed concept note (ANNEX 1) to **projects@garagerasmus.org** by **25 October 2026 at 23:59 CET**. For questions about the call, please contact the same address