

Strategic Partnership for Inclusion We are all in.

The Strategic Partnership for Inclusion

The Strategic Partnership for Inclusion aims to increase the participation of young people with fewer opportunities and facilitate access of new organisations in the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. The objectives of this coordinated approach between 21 national agencies (NAs) are:

- Contributing to a better knowledge of the field;
- Fostering the development of transnational partnerships between organisations working with young people with fewer opportunities;
- Increasing the quantity and quality of inclusion projects;
- Facilitating best practices sharing;
- Raising awareness on the needs and potential of different target groups;
- Promoting Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps as tools for inclusion and capacity building.

Target groups

The NAs in SPI reach out specifically to organisations working with the following youngsters:

- Young people experiencing barriers because of **dissabilities** and/or **health issues**.
- Young people in a **NEET situation**.
- Young people living in **rural areas**.
- Young people facing **barriers in a post-migration society** (e.g. due to migration background, refugee- or asylum status).



Strategic approach

The SPI is organised in 4 different strands, each dedicated to the target groups that are underrepresented in Erasmus+ and Solidarity Corps. The NAs in the strands collaborate strategically by following the same steps:

- **1. Mapping** NAs identify organisations working with the target group in their country. In this way we gain insight in the needs and expectations of organisations and young people. Each NA decides how to approach this taking into account their national context.
- 2. National events National agencies organise a national event that is geared towards their context. We build on the mapping phase by inviting the organisations and tackling the needs and expectations that were identified in it. These events create a space for exchange and encounters between national agencies and organisations. While NAs try to gain more insight in the needs and expectations, we also introduce organisations to the possibilities in the Erasmus+ and Europeans Solidarity Programmes.
- **3. International events** Once national agencies gained enough insight in the expectations and needs of organisations, we organise international events that responds to these. Capacity building is at the heart of international events: we support organisations indeveloping project management skills and create a stimulating environment to foster partnerships. Formats are amongst others study-visits, seminars, and trainings.
- **4. Follow-up** We keep supporting organisations that participated in an national or international event. Depending on the needs and expectations, national agencies focus on mentoring and coaching.
- **5. Monitoring** We monitor the national and international activities to show the efforts of national agencies.

Next to following the same steps, the strategic approach is reflected and strengthened by regular strand meetings. Here the goal is to exchange information and knowledge, to develop common work plans, and to co-create projects. In this way the Strategic Partnership for Inclusion develops activities and tools that strengthen the participation of young people in vulnerable situations.



Involvement

The following National Agencies are actively involved: Austria, Belgium-Flanders, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. The Strategic Partnership for Inclusion is coordinated by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity.

