



EU Fest Teachers Training Programme

Module 4 - The EU Budget and Funding Opportunities

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Module Duration	2 hours
Target Group	• In-service teachers, • Pre-service teachers • In-service teachers • School administrators • VET trainers
Delivery Mode	In-person / Online / Blended

Learning Objectives

Learning Objectives	• Explain how the European Union budget is financed and organised through the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). • Identify the main EU spending priorities, including Cohesion Policy, Erasmus+, the European Green Deal and Digital Transformation. • Recognise the main funding opportunities available to schools, teachers and VET providers through programmes such as Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and eTwinning. • Analyse how EU funding priorities support educational development, innovation and international cooperation through real project examples. • Match educational needs with appropriate EU funding opportunities and justify their choices in relation to EU strategic priorities.
EU Knowledge Areas	• EU Budget • Funding & Financial Strategies Erasmus+ • Educational Mobility Frameworks • European Strategic Priorities (Green & Digital Transition)

Pedagogical Competences Addressed	☒ Active Learning & Learner-Centred Pedagogy ☒ Critical Thinking & Analytical Skills ☐ Civic & Democratic Education ☒ Digital Pedagogy (DigCompEdu-aligned) ☐ Media & Information Literacy ☐ Inclusive & Differentiated Teaching ☒ Interdisciplinary & Cross-Curricular Teaching ☐ Assessment for Learning ☒ Collaborative & Peer Learning ☒ Reflective Practice & Professional Development ☒ Innovation & Pedagogical Creativity ☒ European & International Dimension of Teaching ☐ Other: _____
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Expected Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes	• Describe how the European Union budget is financed and organised through the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). • Identify the main areas of EU expenditure and explain how they support key European priorities, including Cohesion Policy, Erasmus+, the European Green Deal and Digital Transformation. • Differentiate between the main EU funding opportunities available for schools, teachers and VET providers, including Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and eTwinning. • Analyse educational scenarios and select the most appropriate EU funding opportunity, providing a clear justification based on EU priorities and programme objectives. • Recognise how EU-funded projects can support innovation, internationalisation and educational development within their own institution.
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Detailed Session Plan

Time	Learning Focus	Methodology	Learning Activities	Materials/Tools
0:00–0:15	Introduction to the EU Budget	Interactive introduction	Short video followed by a Mentimeter quiz exploring how the EU budget is financed and why it exists.	Video, Mentimeter, Presentation
0:15–0:45	EU Budget Priorities	Interactive lecture	Presentation of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), key spending priorities and NextGenerationEU. Participants discuss how the budget reflects EU policy priorities.	Presentation
0:45–1:15	The €10 Billion Challenge	Group simulation	Groups act as EU decision-makers and allocate a fictional €10 billion budget across competing priorities (education, cohesion, climate, digital, health, etc.). They must justify every decision using EU strategic priorities and publish their allocations on a Padlet before presenting them.	Budget worksheet, Padlet
1:15–1:45	Funding Opportunities for Schools	Interactive presentation + case studies	Overview of Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and eTwinning, illustrated with two or three real school project examples. Participants then complete a Funding Matchmaker activity by selecting the most suitable programme for different school scenarios.	Presentation, Funding Matchmaker Worksheet
1:45–2:00	Reflection & Next Steps	Reflection	Participants identify one funding opportunity relevant to their institution and one concrete action they could take after the training.	Reflection worksheet

Interactive Components

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☒ Group or pair work ☒ Simulation / Role-play ☐ Case study ☒ Debate / Discussion ☒ Problem solving ☒ Digital interactive activity ☐ Other: _____

Final Checkpoint
☐ Short assessment ☒ Reflective task ☒ Practical classroom application ☒ Evidence of Learning (short quizzes or knowledge checks)

Suggested Resources and Digital Tools	
EU official resources	European Commission – EU Budget https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget_en European Commission – Multiannual Financial Framework (2021–2027) https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget_en European Commission – NextGenerationEU https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/recovery-plan-europe_en Erasmus+ Programme https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/ European School Education Platform https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/ Jean Monnet Actions https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-organisations/jean-monnet-actions EU Funding & Tenders Portal (optional for further exploration) https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/
Educational platforms	European School Education Platform Teaching resources, professional development, eTwinning and Erasmus+ opportunities.

	EPALE https://epale.ec.europa.eu/ Erasmus+ Project Results Platform https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects
Digital tools / apps	
Videos / multimedia	European Commission – How the EU Budget Works https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/how-it-works_en European Commission – NextGenerationEU: Europe's Recovery Plan https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/recovery-plan-europe_en Erasmus+ Explained https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3i6QYvLQK9Q
Further reading	EU Budget at a Glance https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget_en Erasmus+ Programme Guide https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide Jean Monnet Actions https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-organisations/jean-monnet-actions European School Education Platform https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/ Erasmus+ Project Results Platform https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects