Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Promoting learning and business exchanges between entrepreneurs across Europe

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About the programme

What EYE is, who can take part, participating countries and who supports you during the process

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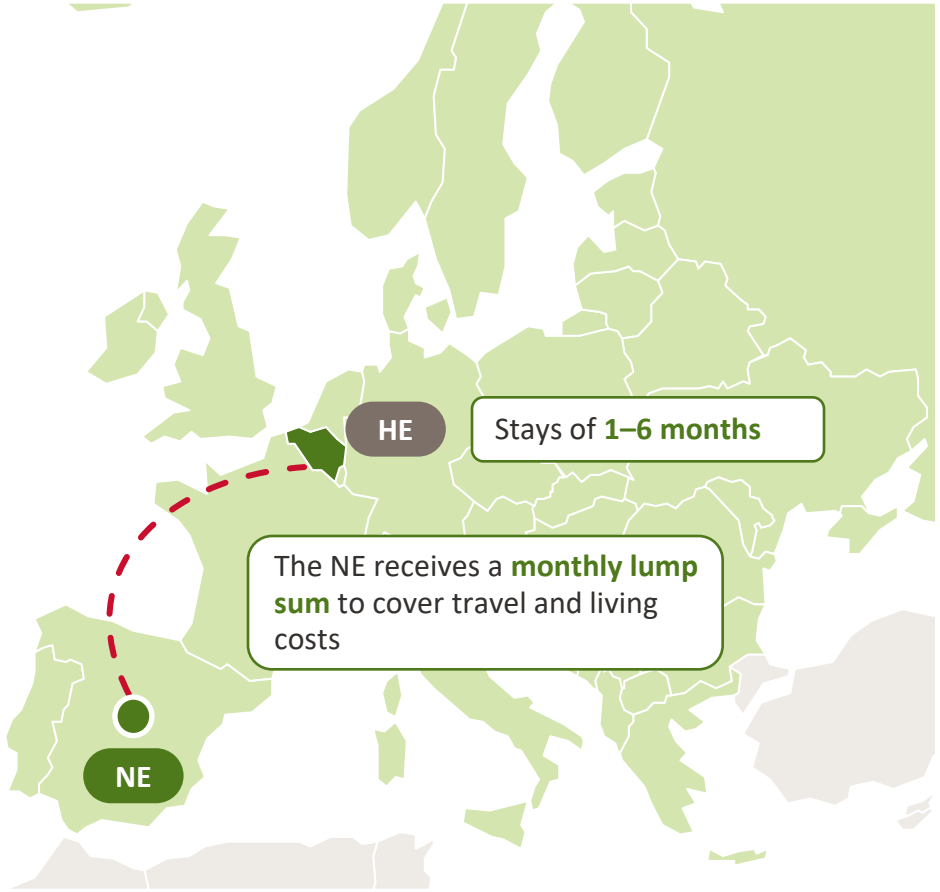
What is Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs?



A cross-border exchange programme co-funded by the European Union.

A **new entrepreneur** with a business project or idea travels to the **host entrepreneur**'s country to work together in a **mutually beneficial collaboration**.

For the new entrepreneur

- Test and validate a business or project idea alongside an experienced entrepreneur
- Receive mentoring on running a small business
- Discover a new market and network

For the host entrepreneur

- Day-to-day support from a motivated new entrepreneur
- Fresh ideas and new perspectives for the business
- Insight into new markets and partners abroad

A flexible programme, tailored to each exchange

Each exchange is built around the two entrepreneurs and what they want to achieve together.

Free to join

Apply at any time, with no deadline, +18 no upper limit

Open to any sector

Any type of business or project, in small and medium-sized enterprises of every legal form

Tailor-made collaborations

Individual matches based on each entrepreneur’s profile, goals and needs

1 to 6 months

Can be split into shorter stays of at least one week within 12 months

Which profile are you? Eligibility criteria



New entrepreneur

Ready to learn from an experienced host

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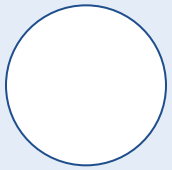
You have	A project or business idea, or a business you have been running for less than 3 years (cumulative experience)
Based in	A participating country, except global destinations
Commitment	Ready to contribute to the host's business with your own skills
Application	Application form, CV and business plan



Host entrepreneur

Ready to share experience

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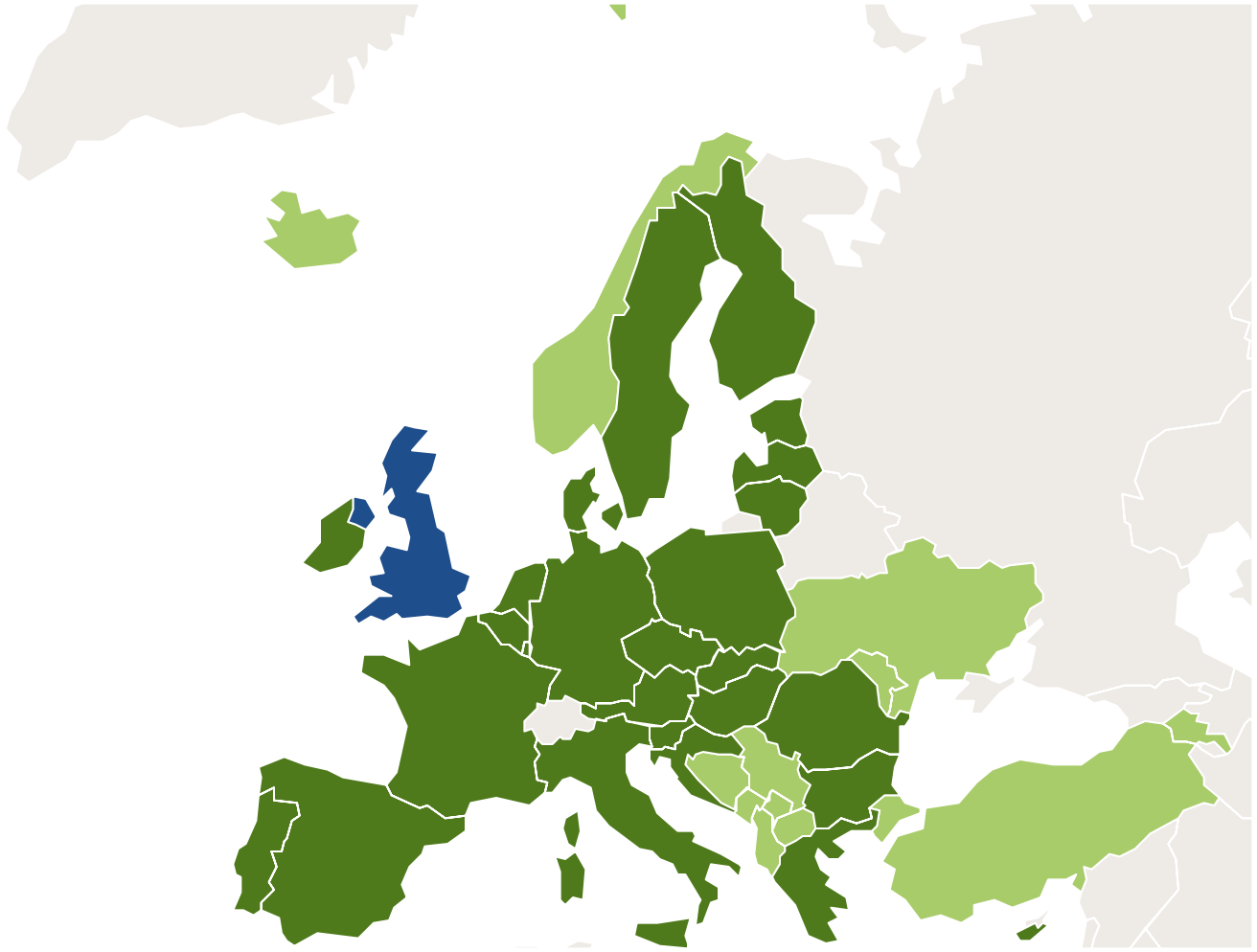
You have	More than 3 years' cumulative experience running an SME, as owner, founder, board member or freelancer
Based in	A participating country, or the UK, the USA, Canada or Singapore
Commitment	Willing to share knowledge and act as a mentor
Application	Application form and CV

Where? 40 participating countries and 4 global destinations



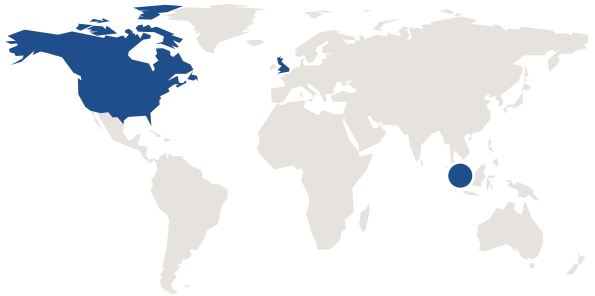
27 **EU Member States**

13 **Other SMP participating countries**

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine

4 **Non-SMP global destinations**

UK, USA, Canada and Singapore. Hosts only, stays of up to 3 months



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How to apply: Intermediary Organisations

What is an IO?
A local business support organisation that runs the programme in its country. Each exchange involves two.

To apply: residency criteria
Apply through an IO in the country where you have been living for at least the last 6 months.

What do we do for you

Check & support
your application and confirm you are eligible

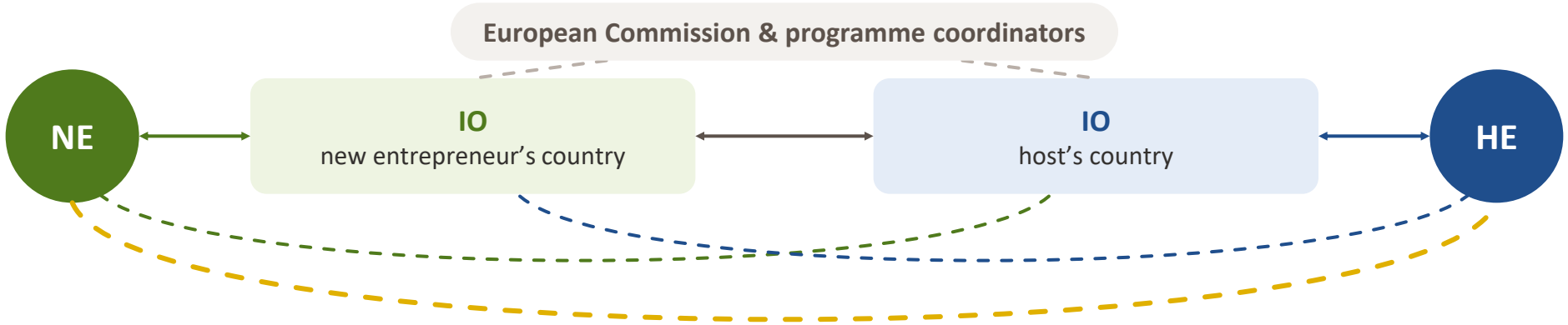
Match
you with a suitable partner, or help you choose one

Prepare
the agreement that all four parties sign

Train
the new entrepreneur before departure

Follow
the whole exchange, from start to finish

Who is involved in the exchange



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