

In this briefing sheet, detail is given on **elements** that should be considered when assessing a Cooperation Partnership or Small-Scale Partnership application, with a specific focus on **Quality of the Partnership**.

Elements (extent to which)	What to look for in COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS:
☞ Project involves appropriate mix of participating organisations in terms of profile, past experience in the Programme and expertise to successfully complete all project objectives.	☞ Taking into account the nature of the project and its expected impact, participating organisations have the <b>required skills, competences and capacity</b> (plus, where appropriate, <b>qualifications</b> ) to ensure effective, efficient and professional implementation and follow-up; proposal <b>concretely identifies</b> the skills, experiences, expertise and management support that each organisation will make available during project delivery; proposal confirms the existence of a cohesive consortium able to ensure active networking and cooperation; for inclusion projects, there is <b>confirmed capacity and expertise</b> in the consortium to support this; where necessary to use the expertise of <b>organisations from different fields</b> , and/or where the project intends to impact on more than one field, relevant organisations, from all addressed fields, participate in the project; proposal <b>convincingly demonstrates</b> why the participation of organisations from different fields/sectors is best suited to project goals and targeted outputs.
☞ Project involves newcomers and less-experienced organisations to the action.	☞ Proposal includes one or more organisations that are considered as <b>newcomers</b> or <b>less-experienced organisations</b> [specific definitions exist] for which impact from participating in the project expects to be particularly high.
☞ Proposed allocation of tasks demonstrates the commitment and active contribution of all participating organisations.	☞ Appropriate <b>distribution of roles and tasks</b> and balanced participation and input of participating organisations in implementation of the work programme, taking into account the nature of the activities and the experience of the involved partners.
☞ Proposal includes effective mechanisms for coordination and communication between the participating organisations, as well as with other relevant stakeholders.	☞ Methods of project <b>coordination</b> and means of <b>communication</b> are clearly defined and described, in the proposal, and are appropriate to ensure <b>good cooperation</b> between the participating organisations.
☞ <b>Where relevant:</b> Involvement of organisation(s) from a third country not associated to the Programme brings essential added-value to the project.	☞ Participation of organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme provides <b>genuine added value</b> because of the specific skills, experiences or expertise that these organisations bring to the project, proving essential for successful project achievement and/or with a view to ensuring a significantly higher quality of project results: where proposals do not provide convincing evidence of added value, organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme can be excluded prior to contracting.

Refer also to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide. Note that the final element on page one is to be considered only where one or more organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme are foreseen as a core partner.

## Key Action 2: Cooperation Partnerships and Small-Scale Partnerships

## QUALITY OF THE PARTNERSHIP

## Assessment Criteria

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Elements (extent to which)	What to look for in SMALL-SCALE PARTNERSHIPS:
☞ Project involves appropriate mix of participating organisations in terms of profile.	☞ Proposal explains the reasons for participation of the involved organisations and their common interests; the role and contribution of each participating organisation is clearly described; participating organisations have the <b>required skills and competences</b> to successfully deliver the project (keeping in mind the specific nature of Small-Scale Partnerships and their focus on newcomer and less-experienced organisations) ensuring quality in project implementation as well as the scope for learning to cooperate and foster development.
☞ Project involves newcomers and less-experienced organisations to the action.	☞ Proposal includes one or more organisations that are <b>newcomers</b> to the action, or that are considered <b>less-experienced organisations</b> , for which impact from participating in the project expects to be particularly high; important to remember that Small-Scale Partnerships are seen as a stepping stone into the Erasmus+ programme and that newcomers are defined as <i>“any organisation or institution that has not previously received support in a given type of action supported by this Programme or its predecessor programme either as a coordinator or a partner”</i> and less-experienced organisations are defined as <i>“any organisation or institution that has not received support in a given type of action supported by this Programme or its predecessor programme more than twice in the last seven years”</i> for which it is important to consider <b>past participation data</b> included in the proposal.
☞ Proposed allocation of tasks demonstrates the commitment and active contribution of all participating organisations.	☞ Clear definition and appropriate <b>distribution of roles and tasks</b> and balanced participation and input of participating organisations in implementation of the work programme, taking into account the nature of the activities and the experience of the involved partners; proposal confirms active and substantial participation for newcomer and less-experienced organisations.
☞ Proposal includes effective mechanisms for coordination and communication between the participating organisations.	☞ Methods of project <b>coordination</b> and means of <b>communication</b> are clearly described, in the proposal, and are appropriate to ensure <b>good cooperation</b> between participating organisations.

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