

Ms Clare Haughey MSP  
The Scottish Parliament

13 November 2017

### Record amount of Erasmus+ EU funding for Scotland in 2017

Dear Ms Haughey

I am pleased to write with an update on the Erasmus+ EU funding scheme, which is delivered in Scotland and across the UK by the British Council and Ecorys UK. New figures for 2017 show that Scotland's share of the funding is up by nearly €5m since last year; this means that a total of €21m will be shared by 159 Scottish organisations working across a range of sectors, as noted below.

- €11.4m for Scotland's universities
- €2.3m for Scotland's schools
- €4.75m for Scottish organisations working in vocational education and training
- €1.6m for Scottish organisations working in adult education
- €756k for Scottish youth work organisations

I include a constituency-level breakdown detailing how the funding is reaching people and organisations in the communities you represent. I trust you will recognise this demonstrates a huge appetite across Scotland's education and youth sectors for international exchange, collaboration and partnership.

Constituency: Rutherglen

Organisation	Purpose	Funding
Calderside Academy	Language Training	€2,165
	Total	€2,165

As this important funding opportunity remains available to UK organisations throughout 2018, I ask that, where possible, you might encourage organisations in your constituency to maintain their strong and well-deserved record in engaging with Erasmus+ and consider applying for funding. Please let us know if you would like further information on eligibility or deadlines.

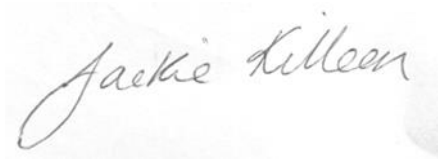
Accompanying this letter is a toolkit containing suggested social media posts and text for a local press release, both of which you can use and adapt to further highlight and celebrate successes in your constituency.

I would also like to emphasise how Erasmus+ reaches beyond Europe, and in turn helps Scotland to do so. For example, in 2016 the number of Scottish higher education students and staff exchanging with their wider international counterparts in countries such as Brazil and India doubled to 544. This is largely due to institutions such as the University of Glasgow and the University of Edinburgh being one of the UK's biggest senders and receivers of students and staff through the scheme.

Overall, the figures for 2017 mean that, at the halfway stage of the current Erasmus+ programme, Scotland has benefitted from €60m of funding across 700 individual projects since 2014.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce British Council Scotland's recently appointed Communications and External Relations Manager, Jordan Ogg. Please do contact him to discuss any aspect of Erasmus+ and our wider work across the arts, education and society in Scotland. We are keen to provide useful information about our work in and for communities across Scotland, and will welcome any feedback on what you would find helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Killeen". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

Jackie Killeen

Director, British Council Scotland

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## Toolkit

### Social media

This is a great opportunity to congratulate organisations in your constituency on being successful in gaining their Erasmus+ funding.

### Facebook

In 2017 Scotland has received its largest ever allocation of Erasmus + EU funding – up nearly €5m since last year. Well done to Calderside Academy on being a part of this incredible success. Follow the link for full details <http://bit.ly/2h6PBFc>.

### Twitter

Well done to Calderside Academy on being part of record €21m Scottish Erasmus+ EU funding bids <http://bit.ly/2h6PBFc>

(Please include the picture below so you can tag the individual organisations and @BCScotland.)



# Erasmus+ can support:

- schools and colleges
- youth groups
- higher education institutions
- vocational education and training organisations
- adult education organisations
- sports organisations

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## Local press

Sample text for local press release:

### **Rutherglen school secures Erasmus+ EU funding**

Calderside Academy in Rutherglen has played a part in Scotland receiving its largest ever allocation of Erasmus+ EU funding in 2017 - up nearly €5m since last year.

New figures from the British Council and Ecorys UK, the National Agency delivering the European Union scheme in the UK, show that a total of €21m is being shared by 159 Scottish organisations working in a range of sectors such as colleges, schools and universities.

Calderside Academy won funding of €2,165 for a Spanish language project.

Clare Haughey MSP is encouraging local organisations to engage with Erasmus+ and apply for funding.

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Welcoming the news, Director of the British Council in Scotland, Jackie Killeen said, "Enabling people and organisations in communities all over Scotland to learn from and share with their international counterparts is at the very heart of what we do.

"These new figures for Erasmus+ demonstrate the huge appetite across Scotland's education and youth training sectors for international exchange, collaboration and partnership."

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