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1. Event details

The session will be held **online via Zoom** and will last **90 minutes**, taking place on **Tuesday, 19 May, from 13:00 to 14:30 CEST**.

2. Policy context and rationale

The United Kingdom and the European Union have formally agreed on the [UK's association to the Erasmus+ programme starting in 2027](#). The legal text enabling this participation was signed in **April 2026**, following commitments made at the **EU-UK Summit in May 2025**. This agreement restores the UK's access to Erasmus+ after its withdrawal in 2020 and places UK institutions on the same footing as EU Member States and other associated third countries.

The agreement currently covers the **2027–28 academic year**, with continued participation beyond that period subject to future negotiations linked to the next **EU Multiannual Financial Framework (2028–2034)**.

The return of the UK to Erasmus+ creates a timely opportunity for UNICA to support its members in understanding the programme's cooperation actions and in rebuilding cross-border partnerships.

This session aims to ensure that UK members re-enter the programme with clarity and confidence, while EU members can reconnect with UK partners in a structured and meaningful way.

3. Objectives

Participants will:

- Gain a clear understanding of all Erasmus+ KA2 actions
- Understand funding models, application requirements, and evaluation criteria.
- Identify potential project ideas and thematic priorities relevant to their institutions.

- Connect with peers across the UNICA network to explore future partnerships and consortia opportunities.

4. Agenda

13:00 – 13:05	Welcome & Opening Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luciano Saso, UNICA Secretary General • Elena Avgoustidou-Kyriacou, Director of the International Relations Service, University of Cyprus and Coordinator of the UNICA IRO Group
13:05 – 13:35	Understanding Erasmus+ KA2: Presentation by EACEA
	<p><i>Who: Invited speaker(s) from European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) (TBC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full overview of all KA2 actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cooperation Partnerships ○ Small-scale Partnerships ○ Partnerships for Excellence (incl. Erasmus Mundus) ○ Partnerships for Innovation (Alliances, Forward-looking Projects) ○ Capacity Building in Higher Education • Funding models, including the lump-sum approach • Key eligibility and award criteria • Common pitfalls and success factors • What to expect in the next programme cycle
13:35 – 13:50	Q&A with EACEA
	<p>Moderated by UNICA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications on KA2 rules and procedures • Questions from participants
13:50 – 14:20	Match-Making & Partner Search (30 min)
	Break-out rooms organised by thematic area, based on participants' selection in the registration form.
14:20 – 14:30	Closing & Next Steps (5 min)