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# Synergies: Proposal for simpler and more efficient use of ESF Plus funds in Erasmus+

By creating synergies between the programmes, ESF Plus can make a valuable contribution to achieving the objectives of Erasmus+. The transfer of funds at Brussels level and administration under the Erasmus+ programme ensures a better outflow of funds.

To achieve an even more efficient use of funds, we propose the following simplifications:

**1) Flexible financial support structures for the implementation of ESF Plus-funded measures in Erasmus+**

In order to be able to implement and expand inclusion measures as broadly as possible and at the same time in a targeted manner, transferred ESF Plus funds should be able to be used for additional actions and/or with different funding schemes and amounts within the existing funding lines and activities in consultation with the EAC. This would allow more sectors and funding lines to use ESF Plus funds. At the same time, national agencies could tailor the funding measures to the needs of participants and organisations and use them more efficiently.

**2) Implementation of ESF Plus-funded measures according to the availability of funds**

National Agencies should be able to suspend ESF Plus-funded activities/measures as soon as the ESF Plus funds are spent. This will prevent a situation where high demand for ESF-funded measures results in cuts to general Erasmus+ activities (e.g. in the duration or number of mobilities) once the funds are exhausted.

**3) Introduction of ESF Plus-financed funding lines to implement the objectives of the union of skills**

To support the achievement of the objectives of the Union of skills, specific ESF Plus-financed funding lines could be introduced. These funding lines could be accessible to all National Agencies that have a partnership agreement to transfer ESF Plus funds to Erasmus+.