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Clarification on Eligibility and Project Management Rules for Informal Groups of Young People

Dear Beneficiaries,

This circular aims to provide important clarifications regarding the eligibility and project management framework for informal groups of young people within the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. These clarifications are intended to reinforce transparency, legal clarity, and alignment with the provisions outlined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

1. Eligibility of Informal Groups of Young People

In accordance with the Erasmus+ Programme definition, an informal group of young people is understood as:

“A group of at least four young people which does not have legal personality under the applicable national law, provided that their representatives have the legal capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf.”

Based on this definition, please note the following:

An informal group cannot be considered as such if it is legally registered under national law (e.g. as a foundation, association, NGO, etc.).

Applications submitted under the name of a legally constituted organisation will be treated accordingly, and not as applications from informal groups.



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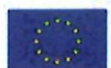
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In cases where a legally registered organisation applies “on behalf of” an informal group, the project will be processed as an application by the organisation, not as an informal group. However, the implementation may still involve the group of young people under the organisation’s supervision.

This approach ensures:

- i) Compliance with the definition and intent of the informal group structure within the Programme.
- ii) Clear allocation of legal responsibility.

Applicants are strongly advised to align their application form and declared status with their actual legal standing. Misrepresentation may result in ineligibility or administrative sanctions.

2. Project Limitations for Informal Groups

To ensure adequate capacity and quality project implementation, the following rule applies:

- i) Informal groups are permitted to manage only one active Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps (ESC) project at a time.
- ii) This restriction reflects the limited structural and administrative resources typical of informal groups and is designed to:
 - a) Support a focused and impactful delivery of projects.
 - b) Mitigate operational and reporting risks,
 - c) Foster responsible management practices among young people.



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Informal groups currently engaged in an ongoing Erasmus+ or ESC project are kindly asked to complete the existing project before submitting new applications.

We appreciate your cooperation in upholding the standards and expectations of the Erasmus+ and ESC programmes. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Programme Coordination Unit.

Yours sincerely,

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