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Programme	SPO - Sport
Action	SCP - Collaborative Partnerships
Proposal	Call for Proposals 2019 - EAC-A03-2018
Application No	613324-EPP-1-2019-1-PT-SPO-SCP
Title	European Fitness Monitoring System
Decision	ACCEPTED

Dear Applicant,

You have submitted an application to the Erasmus+ programme, 2019 call for proposals of the action specified above. The call for proposals closed on 04/04/2019. The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) received 728 eligible applications for this call.

I am writing to inform you about the selection decision taken by the Head of Department of the Agency, acting in her capacity as authorising officer, based on the recommendations of an Evaluation Committee.

I am pleased to inform you that your application has been selected for EU co-funding. It received 87/100 points, which is on or above the minimum threshold for funding given the available budget. You will find the different thresholds in the table below.

The maximum amount of funding to be awarded to your project is 400,000.00 Euro.

The funding threshold has been set as follows:

Action type	Threshold
Collaborative Partnerships projects supporting the participation in sport and physical activity	78
Collaborative Partnerships projects supporting the education in and through sport, EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes and projects supporting voluntary activity in sport	78
Collaborative Partnerships projects supporting the integrity of sport such as anti-doping, fight against match-fixing and good governance in sport	79
Collaborative Partnerships projects aiming at combatting violence, racism, discrimination and intolerance in sport and aiming at encouraging social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport	82
Small collaborative partnership	71
Not-for-profit European Sport events	88



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For your information, out of the 766 applications submitted 260 have been selected for funding (104 Collaborative Partnerships, 144 Small Collaborative Partnerships and 12 Not-for-profit European sport events) and 2 have been placed on a reserve list.

The list of all selected projects will be published on the website of the Executive Agency when all applicants have been notified about the selection results:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/selection-results_en

Attached to this letter you will find an evaluation report by the Evaluation Committee.

Please note that your budget may have been revised following the assessment and the financial analysis of your budget by the Evaluation Committee. If this is the case you will soon receive the amended budget with an explanation of changes in a separate communication. You will be requested to confirm in writing (by signing the document) that you are able to implement your project and to achieve all its objectives and outcomes, as described in your application, with the amended budget. The document must be signed by the legal representative of the applicant organisation.

On behalf of the EACEA, the Research Executive Agency Validation Services (REA Validation Services) may contact you via the messaging system embedded in the [Participant Register](#), requesting you to submit certain documentation within a specified deadline.

- This is in order to prove – in the event that your PIC number (Participant Identification Code) has not yet been validated – the legal existence and status of your organisation. In case of a multi-applicant proposal, each applicant will be contacted individually.
- The REA Validation Services may also contact your organisation requesting documentation to assess the financial capacity of your organisation.

Please ensure that your bank account is registered in the new bank account section of the [Participant Register](#).

This new functionality will allow you to see the bank accounts registered through the new bank account section for your organisation and the status of the validation.

During the registration process, you will have to enter your data in a wizard and upload relevant supporting documents. The preferred option is to upload a bank statement or equivalent document. As a last resort, you can also download a pre-filled Financial Identification Form to be stamped by the bank.

You will be guided through the registration process. If you need further support, please have a look at the [IT manual](#) or contact the [IT helpdesk](#) in case of technical issues.

If you have any question on the validation process, please refer to the [Research Enquiry Service and Participant Validation](#) webpage.

In addition to the documents requested from the REA Validation Services and ONLY if your project is a Collaborative partnership project (Not a Small collaborative partnership) you are requested to send us scanned mandate letters. Please submit the mandate letters from all full partners (signed by the Legal Representative of the partner organisation or a person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of this partner organisation), for which you must use the model downloadable from the website:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/sports_2019_en (see 'Annexes')

The legal representatives of both the (full) partner organisation and your organisation must sign the mandate letters. Please ensure your partners are aware that the mandate letters must be addressed to your organisation. These letters must be collected by you and sent to the Agency in a scanned version in one email to the following email address: EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu (Please do not forget to mention the reference number of your project when sending them.)



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The documentation specified must be submitted within a period of 10 working days from the date of receipt of this letter.

The process of awarding a grant can only be finalised once all requested documents have been received and processed by the REA Validation Services and the EACEA.

The Executive Agency organises a kick-off meeting for newly selected projects every year. The meeting will take place in Brussels on 31 January 2020. Your travel and accommodation costs will be covered as an eligible cost within your project budget, subject to the signature of the contract. Please note that this venue is limited in space and we cannot allow for participation of more than one representative of your project. A full programme of the event and practical information will follow in the next weeks.

This letter does not represent a financial or legal commitment of the Executive Agency. The offer of an award is confirmed only when the legal representative of the Executive Agency signs the Grant Agreement / Grant Decision associated with this application.

We remind you that in accordance with Article 193(2) of the Financial Regulation, a grant may be awarded for an action which has already begun provided that the applicant can demonstrate the need for starting the action prior to signature of the grant agreement. In absence of such justification sent to the Agency and accepted by it, any costs incurred before the signature of the grant will not be financed by the grant.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 - Evaluation report



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	Award Criteria	Comments	Score	Max Score
1	Relevance of the project	<p>The project aims to encourage participation of youth in sport and physical activity with focus on the importance of systematic monitoring fitness in youth.</p> <p>The Applicant clearly indicates links between project objectives and European policies in the field of sport, the Council Recommendation on health-enhancing physical activity and priorities of Collaborative Partnership within Erasmus+ Sport Action.</p> <p>The proposal is based on a genuine and adequate evidence-based needs analysis including relevant scientific evidence, but it lacks information on existing fitness batteries (e.g. Eurofit Physical Fitness Test Battery) and explanation why new tests are needed. The complementarity of proposal to previous project/initiatives carried out by participating organizations is not fully elaborated. It was mentioned under the needs analysis: "from all the EU initiatives and programs on HEPA and all the previous Erasmus+ winning projects on sport, none is dedicated to monitoring fitness levels". Yet, there was a number of projects (covered by Erasmus + or Horizon 2020) that aimed to measure fitness levels across EU countries in order to harmonize data collection and facilitate the flow of information across EU. The application could clarify how the proposed project distinguishes from the previous projects having very similar objectives.</p> <p>The description of innovative aspects of proposal is limited. It underlines implementation of new systematic and holistic approach showing complex actions planned in the project. It has to be noted that not all of them are innovative (e.g. training module for physical education teachers about HEPA or platform with project outputs).</p> <p>The EU value added of the project is well described and the project can be recognized to have potentially vast impact concerning the cross-country database problem solved with experienced organizations with wide expertise and representing diversity of socio-economic and geographical political settings. Also sustainability and transferability of project results, ensured by transferability plan prepared for every intellectual output, can be considered as EU added value.</p>	25	30
2	Quality of the project design and implementation	<p>The project design is clearly presented and includes 6 work packages, with appropriate phases of preparation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and dissemination. Each phase has clearly defined objectives, lead partner organization, indicated duration, and expected deliverables. The timetable, the organogram of project methodology and the Gantt chart offer a clear overview of the activities planned. The proposed methodology is very good and based on theoretical background and approach including Delphi process, systematic literature review and open science concept. The project management is good quality and provide information on meetings, communication, daily progress management, reports and data management in the context of quality control indicators. Although problems mitigation procedure are described, the exact potential risks for this project are not mentioned. The number of transnational meetings is appropriate, the number of participants attending these meetings is reasonable, what results in cost-effectiveness. The number and scale of multiplier sport events (per partner) is relevant for the project. There is a large number of sub-divided intellectual outputs. It should be noted that not all outputs can be classified as intellectual outputs. For instance, small-scale learning/teaching/training materials, tools, approaches, etc. as well as information, promotion and dissemination (e.g. brochures, leaflets, web information, etc.) do not belong to the category of intellectual outputs – as stated in the application form.</p> <p>The Applicant presented detailed data on well balanced budget among project partners with respect to role and responsibilities in the different project activities. Funds under Intellectual Outputs/staff categories requested for the role of 'Manager'/'Administrative support staff' must be clearly described - why it is needed.</p>	17	20
3	Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements	<p>The general description of cooperation arrangements is exhaustive and indicates appropriate involvement of complementary participating organizations (from the field of practice, research, applied sciences with international to national experience) with necessary profile (expertise in the field of education, informatics, sport science and health) to successfully deliver majority of the project activities. The division of responsibilities and contribution project organizations are clearly appointed and demonstrates the active contribution based on participating organisations' expertise. The description of extent to which the involvement of participating organisation from a Partner Country (Montenegro) brings an essential added value to the project is well elaborated.</p> <p>The Applicant provided some information on open access issues within cooperation arrangements (partnership agreement), but issues on structuring intellectual property rights (platform, data bases, tool kit, e-learning modules etc.) and regulation on data protection are not sufficiently described in such cross-country project focus on data collection.</p>	19	20



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4	Impact and dissemination	<p>Quality control of the final outcomes is very concisely presented. Yet, the foreseen measures should ensure a thorough evaluation.</p> <p>The potential impact of project on direct and indirect participants, during and after the project lifetime, at regional, country and European level is very well presented with exact quantitative indicators. The expected project impact could be more comprehensively addressed and aligned with project objectives. For instance, it is mentioned under the project objectives that the project ultimately aims to encourage participation in sport and physical activity. The proposal could elaborate on the connections between the project activities and outputs, and this objective. Parents' knowledge about their children' physical fitness is not mentioned. Yet, this might be listed as significant project impact. A number of studies have demonstrated that parental awareness of childhood overweight or physical activity levels is typically low. Hence, this could be used as a starting point for future interventions that aim to increase children physical activity.</p> <p>Dissemination is planned within and outside the organizations and participants of project at various levels, and ensured by professional national and international networks of project organizations. In this respect, the project would increase teachers' competencies on students' physical fitness assessment, knowledge on existing practices and potential barriers to assessing adolescents' fitness levels in schools. Scientific communities may benefit from the data collected. It focuses on social media, website and online platform, papers, factsheets and newsletters.</p> <p>The dissemination strategy is comprehensive and includes details on target groups, aims, timelines, measures, and expected benefits. It is stated that materials, documents and media produced during the project will be available in open access. Although the Applicant declare that EUFITMOS platform will be active after the end of the project there is lack of exact information how and who will maintain it unless sustainability plan became true.</p>	26	30
		Sum:	87	100