Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other Participating Countries.

The exchange of experience takes place during a stay with the experienced entrepreneur, which helps the new entrepreneur acquire the skills needed to run a small firm. The host benefits from fresh perspectives on his/her business and gets the opportunities to cooperate with foreign partners or learn about new markets.

The stay is partially funded by the European Union.

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) gives young people the opportunity to express their personal commitment through full-time voluntary work in a foreign country within or outside the EU.

The EVS aims to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, while contributing to strengthening social cohesion and promoting active citizenship. Their learning experience is formally recognized through a Youthpass.

Volunteers receive free board and lodging, insurance cover and a grant for the duration of the project (in some cases they may be asked for a contribution for travel costs).

EVS volunteers working for more than two months abroad can get additional support to learn, and test their progress in, the language used during their volunteering.

Erasmus+ will provide opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad. Erasmus+ will support transnational partnerships among Education, Training, and Youth institutions and organisations to foster cooperation and bridge the worlds of Education and work in order to tackle the skills gaps we are facing in Europe.

It will also support national efforts to modernise Education, Training, and Youth systems. In the field of Sport, there will be support for grassroots projects and cross-border challenges such as combating match-fixing, doping, violence and racism.
The European Commission allocates part of the EU budget to companies and organisations in the form of calls for tender, grants or funds and other financing programmes.

Also below you can find more specialized programs, based on the area of your expertise.

The EU provides support to self-employed start-ups and SMEs across Europe and can be accessed through local banks within your country. Many types of funding are available, including loans, guarantees and equity funding. The European Commission provides funding to businesses through local financial institutions in EU countries. These institutions, which include banks, guarantee societies or equity investors, determine the exact financing conditions – the amount, duration, interest rates and fees. Easier access to financing with extra advantages such as reduced interest rates or less collateral requirements.

The European Network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors

The aim of the Ambassadors Network is to have successful entrepreneurs campaigning on the ground to inspire women of all ages to become entrepreneurs and to set up their own businesses. The Ambassadors help to raise confidence necessary for setting up and creating successful businesses. They are also role models to inspire other women to become entrepreneurs by "telling their own story".

The Ambassadors promote entrepreneurship among women by engaging and speaking to groups in schools, colleges, universities, community groups and the media, as well as addressing conferences, business networks and employment initiatives.

The Network is made up of around 270 entrepreneurs who act as ambassadors of female entrepreneurship across Europe.
The WEP is an umbrella organisation based in Brussels that looks to bring like-minded organisations (organisations of women entrepreneurs or women in business) together to exchange best practices and information, keeping both national and European associations of women entrepreneurs abreast of happenings at EU level.

The Platform is engaged in promoting female entrepreneurship on the EU scene and in front of the EU institutions, and will be the first point of contact for policy makers, politicians and stakeholders willing to press the issue further.