

## Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar

### Erasmus+: Developing skills for the future

19-20 May 2026

Hôtel Fleur de Lys (Point E), Dakar, Senegal

#### DRAFT AGENDA

##### Tuesday, 19 May 2026

08.00 Registration

09.00 Opening welcome

09.45 Policy scene setting

- African Union Decade of Education and Skills Development
- Place of skills in the Global Gateway
- European Union - Union of Skills

10.45 Comfort break

11.15 TOPIC 1 - Validating skills

*The session will showcase Erasmus+ projects that make skills visible, comparable, and transferable. Through examples from Capacity Building (CB) in Higher Education projects on micro credentials, Capacity Building for Vocational Education and Training initiatives on qualifications, and Capacity Building for Youth projects recognising non-formal learning, participants will gain practical insights into tools and approaches they can adapt to their own contexts, strengthening skills validation systems to help learners have their competencies acknowledged wherever they study or work.*

12.30 Lunch

14.00 TOPIC 2 - Developing skills for key Global Gateway value chains: Focus on health as an example

*This session uses the health sector as an example to examine how Erasmus+ develops the specific competencies needed across an entire value chain — from community health workers trained in prevention and hygiene, to nurses and midwives, to doctors and researchers specialising in tropical diseases, vaccines or mental health.*

15.15 Comfort break

15.45 TOPIC 3 - Skills for innovation and research

*This session explores how Erasmus+ and related EU programmes develop these higher-order competencies through doctoral training, researcher mobility, and partnerships between universities and innovation ecosystems.*

16.45 Networking for in-situ and online participants

17.45 End of sessions – test your knowledge

18.00 Reception (tbc)

### Wednesday 20 May - Morning

09.00 Welcome back - recap

09.15 TOPIC 4 - Improving teaching skills

*This session focuses on the competencies of educators themselves – how teachers, trainers, lecturers, and youth workers can acquire new pedagogical skills to deliver more effective, engaging, and relevant learning experiences.*

10.45 Comfort break

11.15 TOPIC 5 - Testing skills at the workplace

*This session examines the critical link between education and employment, exploring how Erasmus+ projects prepare graduates for the labour market through workplace learning, traineeships, entrepreneurship training, and stronger connections with employers.*

12.45 Closing remarks and wrap-up

13.00 Lunch