

Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar for Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific

Erasmus+: Developing skills for the future

23-24 November 2026

Sunway Resort Hotel

Sunway University, Persiaran Lagoon, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 23 November 2026

08.00 Registration

09.00 Opening and official welcome

09.45 Setting the scene: Policies for developing skills for the future

- Focus on skills in the Asia, Middle East and Pacific regions
- The importance of skills development in the Global Gateway
- European Union – the Union of Skills

10.15 Comfort break

10.45 TOPIC 1 – Developing skills for key Global Gateway value chains: Focus on transport and mobility as an example

This session uses the transport sector as an example to examine how Erasmus+ develops the specific competencies needed across the transport sector — from professionals trained for smart and sustainable public transport to large-scale global logistic chains.

11.45 Erasmus+ in Asia, Middle East and Pacific: state of play and looking to the future (pt I)

12.15 Networking lunch

13.45 Erasmus+ in Asia, Middle East and Pacific: state of play and looking to the future (pt II)

Participants will be invited to exchange views on the current state of Erasmus+ cooperation across Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific, and share their views and needs regarding the future of the programme.

14.30 TOPIC 2 – Validating skills

The session will showcase Erasmus+ projects that make skills visible, comparable, and transferable. Through examples from projects on micro credentials and other best practices from the region that recognise 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.

15.30 Comfort break

16.00 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 Contact-Making Seminar – in-situ networking and online speed-networking

17.30 Wrap up of Day 1

17:45 Networking reception and conference dinner at Sunway Resort

Tuesday 24 November - 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.

10.15 Practitioner view: fostering cross-cultural understanding and cooperation

This exercise aims to help participants recognise and articulate cultural differences in communication, decision-making, and institutional norms, building self-awareness and shared vocabulary for navigating these differences in international academic collaboration.

11.00 Comfort break

11.15 TOPIC 5 - Employability for life: Lifelong learning and reskilling practices for effective education-industry collaboration

This session capitalises on the experience of different Erasmus+ actions supporting the employability of learners during their whole lives: from pre-graduation career services' examples to continuous professional development across sectors and workplaces. The session will showcase best practices for placement of graduates, industry-education skills partnerships and reskilling pathways to branch towards crucial economic sectors for the future.

12.45 Closing remarks and wrap-up

13.00 Networking lunch