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“No Deal Brexit Creating Uncertainty Today for ERASMUS+ Applicants” says Leading Youth Organisation

Youth organisations and a variety of other groups are seeing the impact of a potential No Deal Brexit in current applications under the EU’s ERASMUS+ Programme for young people. Youth Work Ireland has pointed to a stark warning for UK applicants under the 2019 Revised Programme Guide which warns UK (and Northern Ireland) applicants that their funding is not guaranteed in the event of a “No Deal” Brexit, the organisation says a “chill factor” is now occurring with groups being reluctant to apply for funds due to this warning.

The 2019 ERASMUS+ Programme Guide states on page 22;

“10 FOR BRITISH APPLICANTS: Please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the European Union during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the European Union ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of the relevant provisions of the grant agreement on termination.”

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/erasmus-plus-programme-guide-2019_en_1.pdf

“The ERASMUS+ Programme is enormously popular and a real resource for young people and students, it is an excellent programme and facilitates considerable intercultural learning and dialogue including between the UK and Ireland. It has generally been accepted that the UK would continue in ERASMUS+ on a ‘pay as you go’ basis, this warning now severely undermines this system. More importantly the warning creates a ‘chill factor’ for applications for a forthcoming deadline in February where many are unwilling to commit if there is a risk of funding not being delivered. This means that programmes for young people and students are being impacted today by the threat of a ‘No Deal’ Brexit” said Michael Mc Loughlin of Youth Work Ireland

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