

Erasmus+ Application Form

2023 Coaches Trip

LFE has secured funding from the Erasmus+ programme for 16 Coaches to undertake a trip to Europe in 2023.

For full details (including eligibility policy) please visit: www.lfe.org.uk/erasmusplus/erasmus-coach-trips

If you would like to be considered for a place on this trip please complete the following application form and commitment statement, submitting it via email to djolley@lfe.org.uk by **Midday on Friday 4th November 2023**.

Please note: If you have applied previously but were unsuccessful you can re-submit an application for consideration.

Please be aware that this application has a word limit, each question has 3000 characters including spaces. The extended answers/additional comments section has 4000 characters including spaces. Clubs will be expected to complete their application within these.

No other format of submissions will be accepted.

We recommend you use Adobe Acrobat Reader to complete this form.

Download at <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/otherversions/>

Club: _____

Full Name: _____

Position: _____

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Please provide a brief overview of your career background and the football related qualifications you hold.

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Professional Development

The trip aims to expose Coaches/Academy Managers to the philosophies and training environments in Europe. The trip also aims to allow Coaches/Academy Managers to observe, experience and evaluate European technical, tactical and physical training techniques.

1. What benefits do you believe can be gained from doing this, for both yourself and for the Apprentices you work with?

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Personal Development

The trip seeks to facilitate Coaches/Academy Managers own Personal Development AND how they promote and support this with their Apprentices through:

- A. Greater self-awareness
- B. Improved characteristics, behaviours and attitudes
- C. Enhanced cultural awareness
- D. Recognising and/or acquiring employability skills
- E. Engaging with the local language
- F. Broadening horizons

2. Why do you believe this is important and how do you think this complements Professional Development?

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Career Opportunities

The trip hopes to expand Coaches/Academy Managers knowledge of both playing and non-playing career opportunities within Europe.

3. What knowledge would you hope is gained around both areas and why?

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Learning Recognition

The project needs to ensure that any Coaches/Academy Managers learning and development is captured and recognised.

4. How would you envisage your experiences, knowledge and skills are captured and recognised both formally and informally?

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Implementing and Sharing Best Practice

The project needs to ensure that any best practice is embedded at local (Club) and national (Football Industry) level.

5. What processes would you envisage going through in order to:

- a) Embed any best practice from the trip into your own practices and player development programmes?
- b) Highlight best practice to Football's Governing and Education Bodies? (FA/PL/EFL/PFA/LFE)

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Please use the extra space below for any extended answers/additional comments.

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6. Applicant Commitments

To successfully fulfil the trips in line with the funding body regulations, all applicants must commit to the following statements. Please click on the tick box to confirm your commitment.

- I commit that I will complete the full week programme.
- I commit to taking part in all pre and post trip meetings as required and to providing all information in the timeframes requested.
- I understand that as a requirement of the European funding, I will undertake a full social and cultural programme and am happy to commit to this.
- I commit to full interaction with the host before and during the trip.
- I commit to working with LFE and the host to provide information in order to form an agreed training plan.
- I commit to taking responsibility for PR engagement, taking photos and video and having a social media presence for the duration of the trip.
- I commit to fulfilling all activities as agreed (prior to departure) on the itinerary.

**By selecting this box you agree to comply with ALL the above statements.
Failure to do so will result in your application being withdrawn.**

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7. Additional Information

Please select an answer to each of the questions below.

Question (Please tick relevant box)	Explanation/Notes
Have you or your club participated in an Erasmus+ funded trip in the last 2 years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If 'Yes' please confirm dates:
Is your club willing to act as a host to teams, individual players and coaches travelling to the UK on a trip? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Right to Withdraw

LFE reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a trip if:

- Any safeguarding, diversity or disciplinary issues occur prior to the trip
- The club or applicant is not fulfilling all responsibilities under the SEP programme
- Any other extenuating circumstances arise

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