



# EURO-QUEST AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME



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**Euro-Quest** was formally launched in March 2020. Since then, over 1100 students have availed of the course, and we are delighted with the positive feedback we have received thus far! Taking things up a gear, Euroguidance Ireland will now give schools the opportunity to become recognised '**Euro-quest Ambassador Schools!**'

We are asking schools to highlight the study abroad opportunities available to Irish students throughout Europe, learn a little more about European culture and values, while empowering students to develop valuable research and career management skills along the way!

This programme provides a framework and incentive for schools to raise awareness of the value of mobility, for TY students and the whole school community. The programme will ideally be led by a Guidance Counsellor, in collaboration with colleagues.

Each school will be rewarded for their effort and participation upon completion of the programme and will:

- receive a **School Certificate** to demonstrate their commitment to promoting mobility education.
- be invited to a **formal celebration** in Autumn 2022

This programme is a school-led programme which involves the completion of 3 x tasks listed on the following pages. Although the initial 2 x tasks are fixed, what you do for the final optional task is not prescriptive and is completely up to you! Ideas can be adapted to be completed at home by students for example.

**All you need to get started, between the 1st of September 2021 and the 30th of March 2022, is REGISTER your participation at**

<https://euroguidance.ie/EQ/Ambassador-Programme-REGISTRATION>

**Then start your 3 tasks!**

**The CLOSING DATE for FINAL ENTRIES is the 1st of May 2022**

The link for entry submissions is on the last page of this document.

**If you'd like to hear more about this opportunity for your school or if you need any support throughout the year, please contact [euroguidance@ncge.ie](mailto:euroguidance@ncge.ie)**



**Tasks 1 and 2 are mandatory. Schools can choose from a range of activities over the course of the year to complete the final task to achieve 'Ambassador' status.**

## MANDATORY Task 1:

### Complete the Euro-Quest modules

Schools are asked to CONFIRM that a cohort of students within the school completed the Euro-Quest programme.

See - <https://euroguidance.ie/euro-quest> - for further information and to sign up.



## MANDATORY Task 2:

### Create a Europass profile

<https://europa.eu/europass/en>

Schools are asked to invite students to create their NEW Europass profile through completing the following sections, with the help of their guidance counsellor:

- My profile (including the addition of a photograph/cartoon avatar and basic personal information-school e-mail only)
- Work experience
- Education and training
- Language skills
- Digital skills
- My skills
- Create a CV (this can be created and saved on the site or an up to date existing one can be added)
- Cover letter (this can be one used for work experience/ a part time job/ application for a TY programme etc.)

**Schools can demonstrate that this has been done by providing screen shots of one or more students Europass Profile pages.**



For the final task select just **ONE** of the following activities.

### Task 3 - OPTION A

#### Focus on mobility – SAMPLE ideas

- Invite a guest speaker who studied abroad (e.g. a past pupil who did Erasmus+, a teacher, another local person, a Eurodesk ambassador etc.) to speak about their experience of learning abroad, their career journey and how it impacted on their lives thus far. This activity could be done as part of College Awareness Week, for example. See - <https://euroguidance.ie/resource/share-your-journey> - for question ideas.
- Invite a **guest speaker from a local university / PLC provider** to speak to a year group about the Erasmus opportunities that are on offer at their institute.
- Celebrate **Erasmus Day** within your school. See - <https://euroguidance.ie/resource/celebrate-europe-promote-mobility> - for ideas
- Create a **'Mobility Wall'** - include learnings from Euro-Quest about the history of the EU, country flags, music and values of the EU, facts about studying abroad, information about the different programmes (Erasmus+ etc.) and support organisations, for example.

Schools can demonstrate that this has been done by providing images / videos of one or more activities in this category.

### Task 3 - OPTION B

#### Raise language awareness – SAMPLE ideas

Schools can complete one activity that promotes languages in the school community, **for example:**

- With the help of the guidance counsellor and MFL teacher- **translate your Europass Profile** into another target language and **enter our competition with PPLI**, applying for the job of in interpreter in the EU! (Europass is available in 27 languages!) See - <https://euroguidance.ie/resource/careers-languages-competition>
- Start a project **'Where can this subject take you?'** investigating the career possibilities that languages bring. Share your results with other classes/ year groups.
- Hold a **ciorcal cómhra** at lunch time, French themed breakfast, Spanish themed tapas event etc.
- Hold a **'speed dating'** style event with another class, changing topics regularly, in the target language to practice your languages in a fun way!
- Start an **e-twinning** project with students in any subject area from another country. See - <https://www.leargas.ie/programmes/etwinning/> - for details.
- Set yourselves a **'Duolingo challenge'** as a class. All sign up to the app and see how much you can improve your currently studied language or learn a new language within one month! See - <https://www.duolingo.com/> - for more.  
Check if you've improved by recording the new words you've learned or mapping your level on the [CEFR grid](#).
- Conduct a **survey** to see how many languages are spoken in your school community! You might be surprised!

Schools can demonstrate that this has been done by providing images / videos of one or more activities in this category.

### Task 3 - OPTION C

#### Celebrate culture! – SAMPLE ideas

- Get groups of students to **research facts and present on cultures** from all over Europe! Use [https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles_en) to help you start.
- Hold a **'Celebrate Culture Day'**. Decorate classroom doors to represent all the different nationalities, cultures and languages spoken within your class/school.
- **Cook / bake traditional dishes** representing cultures/ nationalities that mean something to classmates - invite others to sample produce.
- Produce a recipe book that people can take home!
- Learn traditional dance from around Europe and the world!

Schools can demonstrate that this has been done by providing images / videos of one or more activities in this category.

When you have collated evidence of all completed tasks, enter using the form

<https://euroguidance.ie/EQ/Ambassador-Programme-ENTRIES>