

Additional Mobility Schemes for students from Specific Regions of the World

1. General information

Erasmus+ includes a strong international dimension in higher education, contributing to various external policies, in particular neighbourhood, enlargement and development objectives. Not only will the programme enhance the quality of European higher education in pursuit of the broader Education and Training strategic framework 2020 (ET2020) objectives as well as the attractiveness of the Union as a study destination. The Programme will also promote understanding between peoples and contribute to the sustainable development of higher education in partner countries, as well as to their broader socio-economic development, inter alia by stimulating brain circulation through mobility actions with partner country nationals.

Applicants for *EMMCs* under the Erasmus+ Call for applications 2015 may apply for additional scholarships, financed by EU Instruments for External Action, for students from one or several specific regions/countries of the World, which are listed below.

The additional scholarships will be financed from the following 3 EU instruments for External Action:

- the Development Cooperation Instruments (DCI)¹
- the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)²
- the Partnership instrument (PI)³

The maximum amount of one additional scholarship is estimated - as for any other scholarship in the framework of this call - at 49.000,- Euro.

The additional funds will be allocated to regions identified as priority targets for the EU external action. They will fund scholarships for excellent students coming from these regions, allowing them to participate in high level joint master programmes, and study in at least two different programme countries. This will allow them to raise their skills and competences, their intercultural skills, thus contributing in the long run to the sustainable development of their country.

2. Overview of Financing Instruments and regions covered

2.1. Development Cooperation Instruments DCI

The DCI is the EU's major financial instrument for development cooperation in the 2014-2020 period. Given the importance of higher education for economic and social development, the Erasmus+ programme supports partner countries in meeting the challenges in their higher education systems. Under the DCI additional scholarships will be available for the following regions:

¹ REGULATION (EU) No 233/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2014:077:0044:0076:EN:PDF>

² REGULATION (EU) No 232/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2014:077:0027:0043:EN:PDF>

³ REGULATION (EU) No 234/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 March 2014 establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries [HTTP://EUR-LEX.EUROPA.EU/LEXURISERV/LEXURISERV.DO?URI=OJ:L:2014:077:0077:0084:EN:PDF](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2014:077:0077:0084:EN:PDF)

- Asia
Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam
- Central Asia
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Students from Asia should come as a priority from *less developed countries* (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam), but can come from other countries of the regions as well, *except from China and India*.

- Middle East
Iran, Iraq, Yemen
- Latin America

For Latin America at least *25%* of the students must come from *Lower Middle Income Countries* (Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Paraguay), a maximum of *35 %* of students from *Brazil and Mexico* together, and *40%* should come from the following countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela).

- South Africa

2.2. European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) aims at establishing an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness, founded on the EU's values. In this context, a strong and educated human capital is a crucial factor. Under the ENI, additional scholarships will be available for the following regions:

- ENI – South
Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine⁴, Syria and Tunisia
- ENI – East
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law

2.3. Partnership instrument (PI)

The PI aims at creating and maintaining bilateral and multilateral partnerships in order to promote Union and mutual interests. The instrument reinforces the EU's strategic links worldwide by supporting EU external strategies, policies and actions. Additional scholarships will be available for the following region:

Gulf countries

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates

3. Funding possibilities

The total amount foreseen for additional scholarships in the framework of the Erasmus+ EMMCs Call for applications 2015 under the three Instruments is: 15.385.024,- Euro. Indicatively 314 additional scholarships are expected to be granted, taking into account a maximum value of 49.000 Euro per scholarship.

⁴ This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

Funding Instruments Regions/countries covered	Sub-regions (if applicable)	Max budget available in 2015 (in Euro)	Indicative number of additional scholarships to be allocated in the framework of the 2015 EMMCs call for applications
• <i>Development Cooperation Instruments (DCI)</i>		11.895.810,-	243
Asia		3.838.425,-	79
Central Asia		1.853.032,-	38
Middle East		1.422.865,-	29
Latin America - total		4.384.409,-	89
	Latin America – Lower Middle Income Countries - LMICs (min. 25%)	1.096.103,-	23
	Latin America – Brazil and Mexico (max. 35%)	1.534.543,-	31
	Latin America – remaining countries (40%)	1.753.763,-	35
South Africa		397.079,-	8
• <i>European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)</i>		2.956.160,-	60
ENI South		1.642.312,-	34
ENI East		1.313.848,-	26
• <i>Partnership instrument (PI)</i>		533.054,-	11
Gulf countries		533.054,-	11
Total		15.385.024,-	314