Erasmus+
International opportunities for Higher Education

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ERASMUS+

- **Relevance**: a programme to support policy
- **EU added value**
- **Sustained impact** at 3 levels: individual, institutional, systemic
- **Simplification**, rationalisation
About 14.7 billion euros for the next 7 years
40% budget increase (+ EU external cooperation funds)
Over 4 million people to study, train, volunteer or teach abroad

Erasmus+
Towards a single integrated system

2007-2013

- Leonardo
- Erasmus
- Grundtvig
- Comenius
- Youth in Action
- Erasmus Mundus
- Tempus
- Edulink
- Alfa

2014-2020

1. Learning Mobility
2. Cooperation
3. Policy support

+ Specific activities:
  - Jean Monnet
  - Sport

Education and Culture
EU's new programme for education, training, youth and sport for 2014-2020 period

Special actions in international dimension

Cooperation in Higher Education

- Credit Mobility and Degree Mobility
- Capacity building
STUDYING AND LEARNING ABROAD

Key Action 1:
- International credit mobility
- Degree mobility/ joint Master degrees
KA1 Credit mobility

International opening of Erasmus-type credit mobility programmes (replaces Erasmus Mundus Action 2)

Open to countries around the world for first time (Specific budget for certain regions)

Cooperation based on signed inter-institutional agreements (not on multilateral partnerships as in past EM Action 2)

- Full streamlining of calendar and procedures, management by National Agencies
- ~135,000 student and staff mobility flows expected between Programme and Partner countries
Student credit mobility

- All levels of higher education (Short cycle, Bachelor, Master, Doctoral levels) + recent graduates + all disciplines

- From 3 to 12 months for studies

- From 2 to 12 months for traineeships
  
  (not open to partner countries in first 2 years)

- Each student can benefit up to 12 months per study cycle
Staff mobility - short term mobility

- Staff mobility abroad for teaching or training purposes
- Between programme countries: from 2 days to 2 months (excl. travel)
- Between partner and programme countries: from 5 days to 2 months (excl. Travel)
- Minimum 8 teaching hours of lecturing abroad
- Staff from enterprise encouraged to teach at HEIs
Applications from Partner Countries

- Individuals CANNOT apply on their own but only through their HEI
- Sending HEI applies to the receiving HEI
- Receiving HEI applies to their National Agency
Degree mobility and joint degrees

- Continuation of Erasmus Mundus action 1

- Excellent Joint Master courses offered by universities from Europe and partner countries attracting best students through high level scholarships scheme

- Expected: **25,000 students** over 7 years
Joint Master Degrees - Main principles

- Very high selectivity
- Implemented by consortia of fully recognised HEIs, in the EU and possibly in Partner countries
- Focus on jointness at all levels of development and implementation
- Full scholarships for the best master students worldwide with priority to students from Partner countries
- Support to invited scholars (guest lecturers) contributing to the JMD teaching/training/research activities
- Joint degrees strongly encouraged but not mandatory (double and multiple degrees still eligible)
- Centrally managed in Brussels by the Executive Agency
Taking part as an institution

- Minimum 3 HEI from 3 EU countries
- Funding for 1 preparatory year + 3 intakes, then possible co-funding after quality review
- New Joint Doctorates funded under Marie Skłodowska Curie
- Continued funding of Erasmus Mundus joint Master and doctoral courses until 2017
Joint Master Degrees

Taking part as as student

JMD scholarships are:
• competitive with other international postgraduate scholarship schemes
• include
  ➢ a travel and installation allowance (variable)
  ➢ a fixed monthly subsistence allowance for all scholarship holders
  ➢ coverage of the students' participation costs

JMD scholarship applicants must:
• Have a first higher education degree or equivalent
• Sign a student agreement
Key Action 1

Learning mobility of individuals

- Staff mobility for teaching and training
- Mobility for students including to and from Partner countries
- Joint Master degrees
- Student loan (only MS)

MORE mobility 63% of total budget

- **2 million** higher education students over 7 years
- **135,000** student & staff exchanges with Partner countries
- **200,000** Master student loans (MS)
- **25,000** scholarships for Joint Master degrees
European Joint Doctorates

Marie Sklodowska Curie

- Covering all research areas
- Minimum of three participating organisations located in different Member States or Associated Countries, entitled to award doctoral degrees
- Funding for four years
- Requirement to deliver a joint, double or multiple degree
- Joint governance structure with joint admission, selection, supervision, monitoring and assessment procedures
- Transnational mobility for fellows notably through secondments to the partner institutions
- Deadline for applying - 9 April
Cooperation in Higher Education

Key Action 2
Capacity Building for Higher Education

✓ Successor of Tempus, Alfa and Edulink
✓ Financed by external instruments (IPA, ENI, DCI, EDF)
✓ Call will be postponed
✓ Centrally managed (EACEA)
Partner countries (150)

- **Regions:**
  - 1: Western Balkans (countries without a National Agency)
  - 2: Neighbouring countries in Eastern Europe
  - 3: Neighbouring countries in the Southern Mediterranean
  - 4: Russia
  - 5: Asia
  - 6: Central Asia
  - 7: Latin America
  - 8: Iran, Iraq, Yemen
  - 9: South Africa
  - 10: ACP countries

- Special focus on the **neighbouring countries (i.e. regions 1 to 3)**
2 types of projects with Neighbouring and Enlargement countries, Russia, Asia, Latin America, Africa, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP)

1. **Joint projects:** New curricula & degrees, learning and teaching methodologies, staff development, quality assurance, governance, Bologna tools

2. **Structural projects:** Reforms at national level with support of authorities in Partner Countries (policy modernisation, Bologna policies, governance and management of higher education systems...)

+ **Additional mobility component for ENP and Enlargement countries**
Activities for higher education

For projects with Regions 1, 2 and 3, projects may include, a Special Mobility Strand for staff and students (WB, Neighbourhood)

- Study periods for students (3 to 12 months)
- Work placements for students (2 to 12 months)
- Teaching assignments and training period for staff (5 days to 2 months)
  - From partner country to programme country
  - From programme country to partner country
  - Between partner countries
Conditions for participation

- At least 1 Partner Country (with minimum 2 HEIs)
- At least 3 Programme Countries (with minimum 1 HEI in each country)
- Partner country Ministry (for Structural projects)

Funding

- Simplification – unit costs where possible

Duration

- 2 or 3 years

1000 Capacity Building Projects
JEAN MONNET activities

Aims:
• Stimulate teaching and research on the European Union
• Promote excellence in European integration studies in higher education
• Foster dialogue between academics and decision makers

Main activities:
• Teaching and research (Chairs, Modules & Centres of excellence)
• Policy debate with academic world and exchanges (networks and projects)
• Support to institutions and associations activities
• Operating grants to specified institutions
International opening of Erasmus: **more mobility** of students and staff between EU – non EU in both directions: **Credit Mobility**

**Joint Master** courses of high quality offered by consortium of EU/non EU universities to attract the very best students worldwide: **Degree Mobility**

Specific support with neighbouring countries; **Capacity-building** measures for modernisation of Higher Education

Rest of the world: cooperation in HE (including **Jean Monnet activities**)

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**Erasmus+** International Dimension
ERASMUS+ Calls for Proposals

Open Calls:
- KA1: Degree Mobility (Joint Master Degrees) 17 March
- MSC Actions (European Joint Doctorates) 9 April
- Jean MONNET Activities: 26 March

Future Calls for external dimension:
- KA1: Credit mobility
- KA2: Capacity building
What to do to apply

- Register in participants portal and receive a PIC number
- Check compliance with programme criteria
- Check financial conditions
- Fill in and submit application form
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