Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Information session
13 April 2016, Brussels
Outline

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme: general features

- General framework
- Management of the programme
- Objectives and expected outcomes
- Calendar of the 1° Call and information events

1st Call for proposals: specific features

- Eligible partnerships
- Eligible activities
- Mobility features
- Scholarships components
- Submission of applications
Intra-Africa academic mobility scheme

15 Partnerships selected in Africa

Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme

3 selection rounds expected (2016 – 2020)
How is the scheme managed?

• Setting of priorities and funding

• Programme cycle management: from Calls for proposals to selection, contracting, monitoring and payments

• Close cooperation throughout the process

• Advice and expertise
Which are the objectives of the scheme?

- To promote **internationalisation** and contribute to **harmonisation** of Higher Education systems through enhanced **cooperation** among African Higher Education Institutions.

- To **improve skills and competencies** through enhanced mobility of students and staff within the African continent.
What does the scheme fund?

- Partnerships of African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the organisation and implementation of student and staff mobility across the continent.

- Scholarships to students and staff to carry out studies, research, teaching and training assignments in another African country.
What are the expected benefits for HEIs?

- **Stronger links** between institutions
- Contribution to **internationalisation of the HEIs**
- New mechanisms to facilitate mobility (e.g. international relations offices, student facilities)
- Practices on **harmonising curricula** and establishing **credit recognition mechanisms**
- Increased **quality, visibility and attractiveness** of the HEIs
- Improved **quality of teaching** and upgrading students/staff members **qualifications**
What are the expected benefits for students/academics

- Participation in high-level academic mobility
- **Recognition** of study and research/teaching assignments abroad
- Improved **linguistic skills**
- Improved **employability** and better career perspectives
- Strengthened **personal/soft skills** through international academic exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts
What funding is available in 2016 under this scheme?

- **Total available budget:** EUR 10 million
- **Per project:** EUR 1 – 1.5 million
- **7 to 9 projects** to be funded
- **Around 350 mobility flows**
Which are the key steps and timeframe?

Publication of the 1st Call for proposals
• 9 March 2016

Deadline for submission of applications
• 15 June 2016

Evaluation of Proposals
• June-July

Final decision & information to applicants
• August-September

Start of the projects
• 1st November 2016
How is this funding opportunity publicised?

**Website:** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa_en)

**Information sessions:**
- 13 April: for Embassies of African countries in Brussels
- 25 April: open information day in Maputo - Mozambique
- 3 May: open information day in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia
- 14 May: open information day in Dakar- Senegal

**Information notes/e-mails/web platforms** to reach out Universities in Africa and in Europe, EU Delegations, Associations, Intra-ACP partnerships, etc.
Which are the specific features of this 1st Call for proposals?

- Eligible partnerships
- Eligible activities
- Mobility: characteristics
- Scholarship components
- Application and award procedures
Eligible countries

- **All countries in Africa**

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<th>Regions of Africa</th>
<th>Countries</th>
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<td>Central</td>
<td>Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and São Tomé and Principe</td>
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<td>Eastern</td>
<td>Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania</td>
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<td>Northern</td>
<td>Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco</td>
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<td>Southern</td>
<td>Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>Western</td>
<td>Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea- Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo</td>
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Eligible partnerships composition

- Minimum 4 HEIs and maximum 6 HEIs registered in Africa
- Not more than 2 HEIs from the same country
- A minimum of 3 African regions represented
- 1 EU Technical partner – mandatory
- Associate partner(s) - optional
Applicants/partners

- An accredited **Higher Education Institution** (private or public) providing courses at post graduate level leading to a qualification recognised by the competent authorities in their own country; and

- **Registered in an eligible country.**

  *Branches are not eligible.*
EU technical partner (mandatory)

a HEI from one of the EU Member States, having been awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
Associated partners (optional)

HEIs and other types of organisations from eligible countries

(HEIs, university associations, research centers, enterprises, chambers of commerce and industry, local, regional or national public entities, etc.)
Eligible activities

Organisation
and
implementation
of student and staff mobility in high quality master and doctoral programmes
Memorandum of Understanding

Promotion

Selection of scholarship holders

Recognition

Student and learning agreements

Institutional services

Academic monitoring

Quality assurance

Sustainability
Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible students:

- National and resident in any of the eligible countries; and
- At the time of the application for a scholarship, be registered/admitted in or having obtained a HEI degree (or equivalent) from:
  - one of the HEIs included in the partnership as a partner (including the applicant/coordinating institution) (Target Group I); or
  - a HEI not included in the partnership as a partner but established in an eligible country (Target Group II), and
- Sufficient knowledge of the language of the courses in the host countries.
Mobility – Eligible candidates

*Eligible staff candidates:*

- Nationals and resident in any of the eligible countries; and

- Employed or associated with a HEI included in the partnership as a partner (including the applicant/coordinating institution)
Mobility – Target Group 1
Mobility – Target Group 2

Country 1
Students

Country 2
Students

Country 3
Students

Country 4
Students

Country 5
Students

Partnership

HEI Country 1

HEI Country 2

HEI Country 3
Mobility – requirements

- Mobility organised in **three cohorts**

- **Type of mobility**
  - Students: Master and Doctorates,
  - Staff: Academic and Administrative

- **Duration**
  - Students: min 6 max 48 months
  - Staff: min 1 max 6 months

**Distribution per type of mobility**

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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>50-70%</td>
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<td>Doctorate</td>
<td>15-30%</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
<td>10-30%</td>
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Mobility – requirements

- Credit-/degree-seeking mobility
  - Credit-seeking mobility has to be \textbf{min 25\%} of the student mobility

- Target Group:
  - Minimum 40\% Target Group 1

- Nationality
  - Max 20\% per nationality (recommended)
Mobility – Thematic fields of study

- Agriculture and Food security
- Engineering including Infrastructure and Energy
- Education Sciences
- Health sciences
- Marine Sciences and the Blue Economy
- Social Sciences and Governance
Scholarships

➤ Travel and visa costs

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## Scholarships

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<th>Type of mobility</th>
<th>Duration (min-max)</th>
<th>Subsistence allowance (per month)</th>
<th>Participation costs (per year)</th>
<th>Research costs (per year)</th>
<th>Insurance (per month)</th>
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<td>Masters</td>
<td>6-24 months</td>
<td>€600</td>
<td>€3500</td>
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<td>€75</td>
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<td>Doctorates</td>
<td>6-48 months</td>
<td>€900</td>
<td>€4000</td>
<td>€2000</td>
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<td>1-6 months</td>
<td>€1,200</td>
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# Award criteria

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<td><strong>1. Relevance</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Quality</strong></td>
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<td>a. Academic quality</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>b. Partnership composition and cooperation mechanisms</td>
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<td>c. Organisation and implementation of the mobility</td>
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<td>d. Students’/staff facilities and follow-up</td>
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<td>e. Gender balance</td>
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<td><strong>3. Sustainability</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>100%</td>
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Submission of applications

On-line submission
using an electronic application form (eForm),
duly completed and accompanied by its mandatory annexes

by 15 June 2016 at 12:00 (noon) Central European Time (CET)
Where to find information?

eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa_en
Selection process

1. Receive application
2. Process / eligibility check
3. Expert 1
4. Expert 2
5. Evaluation Committee
6. Selection Decision / Contractualisation
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