Future perspectives for EU-Africa Cooperation in Higher Education

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EU Priorities in our Partnership with Africa

We need a stronger political partnership to:

- ENERGISE AFRICA
- PREVENT CONFLICTS, ADDRESS CRISIS AND BUILD PEACE
- STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

More and better opportunities for young people:

- INCLUSIVE, ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INNOVATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR
- NEEDED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES
- SYNERGIES BETWEEN TEACHING, RESEARCH AND SOCIETAL CHALLENGES
- POLICY OBJECTIVES
EU and Africa: did you know?

The EU supports primary and secondary education as well as Vocational education and training with **EUR 1.34 billion** over the years 2014 and 2020.

Over **8 million** children enrolled in primary and over **160,000** children enrolled in secondary education in Africa, as a result of EU funded interventions (completed between 2013 and 2014).

**With EU Support...**

- **53,560 people** have benefitted from VET, skills development and other active labour market programmes in Africa
- **15,400 teachers** were trained in Africa
FROM ERASMUS TO ERASMUS+
A STORY OF 30 YEARS
Important results already...

770 Erasmus+ projects organising short term mobility for over 9700 African students and staff

830 students and 180 staff moving through the Intra-Africa mobility programme

643 Master students from Africa awarded Erasmus Mundus scholarships to Europe and 62 African institutions involved

89 Erasmus+ projects modernising higher education in Africa and 5 Jean Monnet projects

136 Erasmus+ projects in the field of Youth in 32 African countries
And more... harmonisation

30 new programmes, 60 revised programmes, 9 joint programmes, 765 academic staff trained, 48 students participated in the 'student voice'

Tuning brings together 123 partners from universities in 41 African countries

Harmonisation, quality assurance and accreditation (HAQAA) is building quality and capacity in higher education

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Enriching lives, opening minds.
EU and Africa: did you know?

• EUR 1.34 billion funding for primary and secondary education and VET programmes in Africa for 2014-2020, in addition to EUR 375 million foreseen to support global initiatives such as the GPE.

• African countries can now participate in the Erasmus+ programme, which supports mobility of staff and students and modernisation of higher education.

• The EU supports the harmonisation and improved quality of higher education across the African continent (Tuning and HAQAA).

• High Level Policy Dialogue on science, technology and innovation.

• Connectivity on the African continent (Africa Connect).

MSCA key features
Research training and career development

- International mobility
- Interdisciplinarity
- Inter-sectoral mobility (Academia to business)
- Good working conditions
- From doctoral candidates to experienced researchers
- Bottom-up approach
Events leading up to the Summit

Structured dialogue with Students and Alumni in Africa, Abidjan, 16-17 October

5th General Tuning Africa meeting, Brussels, 13-15 November
http://tuningafrica.org/en/

Africa-EU Youth Summit leaders call to enhance harmonisation of higher education on the continent
The future

- Enhance further the harmonisation of higher education
- Accompany continental developments at regional, national level and institutional level
- Use all instruments available to boost the relevance and quality of higher education and higher education as a driver of innovation and growth
- Build on the mutual benefits of European and African universities collaboration
- More focus on the role of students and alumni in our work
Thank you!