Intra-Africa
Academic Mobility Scheme
Information session

Brussels, 28 February 2017
Outline

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- Scholarships components
- Submission of applications
Main features of the Programme

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PanAfrican Programme

- Sustainable and Inclusive Development and Growth and Continental Integration
- Human Development
- Peace and Security
- Global and Emerging Issues
- Democracy Good Governance and Human Rights
- Sustainable and Inclusive Development and Growth and Continental Integration
Human Development

- Mobility and Migration
- Science, Technology & Innovation

Higher Education

- 2017: Pan-African University
- Tuning & Harmonisation
- 2015-2016: Intra-Africa Academic Mobility
- Migration Dialogue
- Africa Connect II
- AU Research Grants
- Interpretation & Translation (PAMCIT)
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**

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**
Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

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

**AFRICAN UNION**

• **Close cooperation throughout the process**

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**
Directorate-General for Education and Culture

• **Advice and expertise**
What 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?

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

- Participation in high-level academic mobility
- **Recognised** studies 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 2017 under this scheme?

- Total available budget: **EUR 10 million**
- Per project: **EUR 1 – 1.4 million**
- **7 to 8 projects** to be funded
- Around 350 mobility flows
Which are the key steps and timeframe?

- **Publication of the 2nd Call for proposals**
  - 28 January 2017

- **Deadline for submission of applications**
  - 2 May 2017

- **Evaluation of Proposals**
  - May-June 2017

- **Final decision & information to applicants**
  - August 2017

- **Start of the projects**
  - 1st November 2017
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:**
- 28 February: for Embassies of African countries in Brussels
- Open information days in Africa
  - 13 March, in Libreville - Gabon
  - 17 March, in Accra – Ghana
  - End of March, in Luanda – Angola
- Promotion activities of National Erasmus+ Offices – NEOs in Northern Africa

**Information notes/e-mails/web platforms** to reach out Universities in Africa, Europe
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1st Call for proposals - Results

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**1st Call Selection Roadmap**

- **Publication of the Call**: 9 March
- **Submission of proposals**: 15 June
- **Eligibility check**: Consultation with AUC and EUDs
- **Assessment phase**: 22 August
- **Evaluation Committee**: 19 Sept
- **Grant Award Decision**: End Sept
- **Notification of applicants**: 1 Nov
- **Publication of results**: 1 Nov
- **Projects' start date**: 1 Nov
Selection results

38 applications

33 eligible

5 ineligible

7 selected

2 reserve list
RECEIVED APPLICATIONS

Statistics
Applications per region

Number of applications involving the different African regions*/countries

* % of total number of applications received (=38)
Number of applications per African country (applicant)

Cameroon: 1
Kenya: 7
Rwanda: 1
Tanzania: 2
Uganda: 5
Algeria: 1
Egypt: 2
Morocco: 3
Angola: 1
Namibia: 1
South Africa: 4
Zimbabwe: 2
Benin: 3
Gambia: 1
Ghana: 2
Ivory Coast: 1
Nigeria: 1
Number of applications per African country (applicant and/or partner)
Participation of EU countries in applications (EU Technical partner)
Applications per thematic field

% of applications per thematic field*

- Agriculture and Food Security: 44.7%
- Education Sciences: 23.7%
- Engineering including Infrastructure and Energy: 36.8%
- Health Sciences: 44.7%
- Marine Sciences and the Blue Economy: 7.9%
- Social Sciences and Governance: 31.6%

* Each application can select more than one thematic field
SELECTED PROJECTS

Statistics
## List of selected projects

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<tr>
<th>Project Acronym</th>
<th>Project title</th>
<th>Applicant's Country</th>
<th>Applicant organisation</th>
<th>Maximum EU grant</th>
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<tr>
<td>ABEM</td>
<td>African Biomedical Engineering Mobility: Building needs-based healthcare technology competencies</td>
<td>Kenya</td>
<td>Kenyatta University</td>
<td>€ 1.386.925</td>
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<td>AFRICOM</td>
<td>Reinforcing Coherence Relevance and Partnership in Computer Engineering Education in Africa</td>
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<td>Africa Regional International Staff/Student Exchange: Food Security and Sustainable Human Wellbeing II</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>University of Cape Town</td>
<td>€ 1.359.975</td>
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<td>CAPITUM</td>
<td>Coopération Africaine des Programmes Internationaux pour la Mobilité</td>
<td>Morocco</td>
<td>Université Hassan 1er Settat</td>
<td>€ 1.500.000</td>
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<td>MoBreed</td>
<td>Enhancing training and research mobility for novel crops breeding in Africa</td>
<td>Benin</td>
<td>University of Abomey-Calavi</td>
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<td>MOUNAF</td>
<td>Internationalization of evaluation systems, master programs and doctoral research within African universities through academic mobility</td>
<td>Morocco</td>
<td>Université Moulay Ismail</td>
<td>€ 1.303.800</td>
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Selected projects per region

Percentage of selected projects involving the different African regions*

- Africa - Central: 14,3%
- Africa - Eastern: 28,6%
- Africa - Northern: 28,6%
- Africa - Southern: 28,6%
- Africa - Western: 85,7%

* Applicatant, Partner, Associated partner
## Number of projects per African country (Applicant and Partners)

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<td>DR Congo</td>
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Number of projects per EU country (EU Technical partner)

- Belgium: 2
- Deutschland: 1
- España: 1
- France: 2
- Italia: 1
Selected projects per thematic field

% of projects per thematic field

- Agriculture and Food Security: 57.1%
- Education Sciences: 28.6%
- Engineering including Infrastructure and Energy: 57.1%
- Health Sciences: 57.1%
- Marine Sciences and the Blue Economy: 42.9%
- Social Sciences and Governance: 57.1%

* Each project can select more than one thematic field
Selected projects – planned mobility

543 mobility flows in total

- 55% Masters
- 25% PhD
- 20% Staff

Total mobility flows: 543
Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2016

Related call for proposals | Deadline | Call reference
---|---|---
Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2016 | 15/06/2015 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, Brussels time) | EACEA/07/2015

Action(s) covered:

- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Selection results
Detailed list of selected partnerships
Compendium of selected projects
Statistics on received applications
Statistics on selected projects

Participation in Intra-ACP and Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Schemes

Instances* of participation in selected projects of African institutions per country (Applicants, Partners, Associated partners)

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2nd Call for Proposals – Specific features

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What are the specific features of this 2nd Call for proposals?

- Eligible countries
- 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>
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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>
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<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 HEI as 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 HEI as 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 in Africa

(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
Thematic fields of study

Education
Journalism and information
Business, administration and law
Natural sciences
Information and Communication Technologies
Engineering, manufacturing and construction
Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary

Special focus on sustainable development, innovation and green jobs
Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible students:

- National and resident in any of the African countries who are:

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<th>Target Group 2</th>
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<td>Registered/admitted in or having obtained a HEI degree from one of the African</td>
<td>Registered/admitted in or having obtained a HEI degree from a HEI established</td>
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<td>HEIs included in the partnership as applicant or partner</td>
<td>established in Africa BUT not included in the partnership as applicant or partner</td>
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Mobility – Eligible candidates

**Eligible staff candidates:**

- Nationals and resident in any of the African countries who are:
  
  Working for a HEI **included** in the partnership as applicant or partner
Mobility – Target Group 1

Partnership

HEI Country 1
Students/Staff

HEI Country 2
Students/Staff

HEI Country 3
Students/Staff
Mobility – requirements

Target Group:

Mobility of Target Group I: **min 40%** of the student mobility

Type of mobility

- Students: Master and Doctorates
- Staff: Academic and Administrative

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<td>Doctorate</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
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Mobility – requirements

- Min/max duration
  - Master: 6-24 months
  - Doctorate: 6-48 months
  - Staff: 1-6 months

- Credit-/degree-seeking mobility
  - Credit-seeking mobility: min. 25% of the students' mobility

Recommendations
- Max 20% per nationality
- Gender balance
- Balanced distribution among partners
The EU grant

1. **Lump-sum** contribution for the **organisation** of the mobility:

   - EUR 20.000 per partner HEI (including applicant/coordinating HEI) + EU HEI as technical partner.

   - Maximum amount EUR 140.000 per partnership.
The EU grant

2. Unit costs to cover the implementation of the mobility (incl. scholarships to students/staff):

   a. Travel and visa costs: unit cost granted for each individual in mobility

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<td>500–1,000</td>
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<td>&gt;1,000–1,500</td>
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<td>1,650</td>
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<td>&gt;5,000–10,000</td>
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### The EU grant

#### b. Subsistence allowance (+ settling-in allowance for students)

#### c. Participation costs

#### d. Research costs

#### e. Insurance

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<tr>
<th>Type of mobility</th>
<th>Duration (min-max)</th>
<th>Subs. allowance (per month)</th>
<th>Participati on costs (per year)</th>
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<td>Masters</td>
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<td>Doctorates</td>
<td>6- 48 months</td>
<td>€ 900</td>
<td>€ 4 000</td>
<td>€ 2000</td>
<td>€ 75</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
<td>1 – 6 months</td>
<td>€ 1 200</td>
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<td>€ 75</td>
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f. Allowances for female scholarship holders

Extra allowance (=monthly subsistence allowance) per academic year to female scholarship holders for mobility equal or longer than 2 academic years.
Selection process

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

On-line submission

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

by 2 May 2017 at 12:00 (noon) Central European Time (CET)
## Award criteria

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<td><strong>1. Relevance</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Quality</strong></td>
<td><strong>70</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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Role expected from the Embassies

- Disseminating the information among higher education institutions
- Informing authorities/ministries and other bodies about these opportunities
- Raising awareness of the relevant authorities on the policy issues like:
  - Support to visa issuing process
  - Recognition mechanisms among African countries
Where to find information?

[Image of the EACEA website]

eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa_en
For additional information and support:

EACEA-IntraAfrica-IntraACP@ec.europa.eu