Capacity Building in Higher Education

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1. Introduction and objectives
This call for proposals is based on the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus+’: the Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport as well as on the 2014 Erasmus+ Annual Work Programme — International dimension of Higher Education (Heading 4) and 2015 Erasmus+ Annual Work Programme. The Erasmus+ Programme covers the period 2014 to 2020. The specific objectives of the Erasmus+ Programme are listed in Articles 5, 11 and 16 of the Regulation.

2. Actions
This call for proposals covers the following actions of the Erasmus+ Programme:

Key Action 1 (KA1) — Learning mobility of individuals
- Mobility of individuals in the field of education, training and youth
  - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees
  - Large Scale European Voluntary Service Events

Key Action 2 (KA2) — Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practice
- Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
  - Knowledge Alliances
  - Sector Skills Alliances
  - Capacity building in the field of higher education
  - Capacity building in the field of youth

Key Action 3 (KA3) — Support for policy reform
- Structured Dialogue: Meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth

Jean Monnet activities
- Jean Monnet Chairs
- Jean Monnet Modules
- Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence
- Jean Monnet Support to Institutions and Associations
- Jean Monnet Networks
- Jean Monnet Projects

Sport
- Collaborative partnerships in the sport field
- Net-for-profit European sport events

3. Flexibility
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Part of Erasmus+

Successor of Tempus, Alfa and Edulink

EU External Policies

Internationalisation and Modernisation of Universities

KA2 Capacity-building (**ex-Tempus**)
33 PROGRAMME COUNTRIES
Contribute financially to ERASMUS+
EU Member States +
Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein,
Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

ELIGIBLE PARTNER COUNTRIES >150

Targeted Beneficiaries
Priorities/challenges for partner countries

- Improve the modernisation and quality of HE and relevance for the labour market and society
- Improve the competences and skills in HEIs via innovative education programmes
- Enhance the management, governance and innovation capacities, as well as the internationalisation of HEIs
- Increased capacities of national authorities to modernise their higher education systems
- Foster regional integration+ cooperation between different regions of the world
Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU

- Russia [as recognised by international law]
- Western Balkans
- South-Mediterranean countries
- Eastern Partnership countries

Other Partner Countries

- South Africa
- Iran, Iraq, Yemen
- Latin America
- Central Asia
- Asia
- ACP Call 2016
## Project budget
0.5-1 million €

### Budget Allocation 2015

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Indicative budget Million €</th>
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<td>1 Western Balkans</td>
<td>12,67</td>
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<td>2 Eastern Partnership countries</td>
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<td>3 South-Mediterranean countries</td>
<td>(28,06+5 JO) 33,06</td>
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<td>4 Russia [as recognised by international law]</td>
<td>6,72</td>
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<td>6 Asia</td>
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<td>7 Central Asia</td>
<td>8,68</td>
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<td>8 Latin America</td>
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<td>9 Gulf countries</td>
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<td>10 South Africa</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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**International dimension**

**Programme Countries & Partner Countries**

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<td><strong>EU Member States:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Western Balkans</strong> (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia)</td>
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<td>Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom</td>
<td><strong>Eastern Partnership</strong> (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine)</td>
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<td><strong>Other Programme Countries:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Southern Mediterranean</strong> (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia)</td>
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<td>Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.</td>
<td><strong>Central Asia</strong> (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)</td>
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<td><strong>Asia</strong> (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam)</td>
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<td><strong>Latin America</strong> (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)</td>
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<td><strong>Russia, South Africa, Gulf Countries</strong></td>
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Joint Projects: => Impact Institutions

- curriculum development
- university governance & management
- Links between HE institutions and the wider economic and social environment

Structural Projects: => Impact Systems

- modernisation of policies, governance and management of higher education systems
- Links between HE systems and the wider economic and social environment
Erasmus+ Special Mobility Strand

Included mobility

Western Balkans, South-Mediterranean and Eastern Partnership countries ONLY

Complementary for Joint and Structural projects

Additional (80%) to core budget (conditions as in credit mobility)

For whom?

Students in project consortia (3-12 months)
Staff in project consortia (5 days – 2 months)

NO Programme Country to Programme Country flows
Who can participate

**Applicants**
- ✓ State-recognised public or private Higher Education Institutions
- ✓ Associations/ Organizations of Higher Education Institutions
- ✓ Only **Structural Projects**: recognized national or international rector, teacher or student organisations

**Partners**
- ✚ State-recognised public or private Higher Education Institutions
- ✚ Any public or private organisation active in the labour market or in the fields of education, training and youth (enterprise, NGO etc.)
- ✚Associations or organisations of HEIs with main focus on HE
- ✚ International governmental organisation (self-financing basis)

**Associated Partners**: e.g. non-academic partners providing placement opportunities

All organisations/HEI must be located in a Programme or in a Partner country
**Min. 3 countries**
**min. 1 HEI each**

**Min. 1 country**
**min. 2 HEIs /each**

**At least as many**
**Partner Country HEIs as Programme Country HEIs**

**Main Principles**

**PROGRAMME COUNTRIES**

**PARTNER COUNTRIES**

**Structural Projects:** Partner Country Ministries for HE must participate
Ex.1a: minimum consortia: **national project** (6 HE institutions)

**Min. 1 Partner Country:** at least as many HEIs as in the Programme Countries

**Min. 3 Programme Countries**
min. 1 HEI each

- University Cairo
- University Alexandria
- Military Technical College
- Bonn University
- Rome University
- London University
Ex.2: minimum consortia: multi-country project (7 institutions)

**Min. 2 Partner Countries**
Min. 2 HEIs each

- Belgrade University
- Novi Sad University
- Durazzo University
- Tirana University

**Min. 3 Programme Countries:**
Min. 1 HEI each

- London University
- Paris University
- Ankara University
Example 3: consortia composition (multi-country project)

**2 partner countries**
- Abai University
- Kazakh University

**3 programme countries**
- Madrid University
- Wien Uni.
- Linz Uni.
- Salzburg Uni.
- Turin Uni.
- Roma Uni.
- Genoa Uni.
- Nizhny Uni.
- Bukovina Uni.
- Lviv Uni.
- Cherkassy Uni.
**Priorities**

**National Projects**

- Defined by the **Ministries of Education** in close consultation with the EU Delegations
- Must address
  - National priorities set for Partner Country in Regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 10
  - Regional priorities for the regions where no national priorities are established: Regions 4, 6, 8, 9

**Multi-Country Projects**

- Defined by the **Commission** and based on EU's external policy priorities
- Must address regional / national priority **common** to different regions (inter-regional or cross-regional projects)
### Priorities – Categories/Themes

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<td>A. Subject Areas</td>
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<td>B. Improving quality of</td>
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<td>education and training</td>
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<td>C. Improving Management</td>
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<td>and operation of HEIs</td>
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<td>D. Developing the HE sector</td>
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<td>within society at large</td>
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Project Budget and Duration

- Duration 24 or 36 Months
- Min. 500,000 Euros - Max. 1,000,000 Euros
- Real Costs and Unit Costs
- 5 Budget Headings

Excluding mobility strand (up to 80% of budget)
How to calculate the budget - Methods

5 Budget Categories

- Staff - UC
- Travel - UC
- Cost of Stay - UC
- Equipment - RC
- Sub-contracting - RC

2 Allocation / Justification Methods

Real Costs (RC)

Unit Costs (UC)

No need to demonstrate co-funding. Other types of costs (e.g., dissemination, publishing, overheads costs, etc.) are expected to be covered by co-funding and cannot be included in the grant.
### How to calculate the budget - Categories

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<td><strong>Staff costs (max 40%)</strong></td>
<td>4 Staff Categories: Manager, Researcher/Teacher/Trainer, Technician, Administrator (Different scales Programme &amp; Partner countries)</td>
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<td><strong>Travel costs</strong></td>
<td>Students/staff from partners in project from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return.</td>
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<td><strong>Costs of stay</strong></td>
<td>Subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport, personal or optional health insurance.</td>
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<td><strong>Equipment (max 30%)</strong></td>
<td>Purchased exclusively for the benefit of HEIs in the Partner Countries</td>
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<td><strong>Sub-contracting (max 10%)</strong></td>
<td>Exceptional for services related to competences that can't be found within the consortia</td>
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Example 1:
Staff Trip: From Paris to Bxl
(308 KM)
Duration 2 days
Real expense:
Travel Costs : 120 €
Hotel + Subsistence Costs (250 €)
Total real expenses: 370 €

Calculation (unit-costs):
Travel Costs: 180 €
Costs of Stay: 2 x 120 € = 240 €
Total unit-costs: 420 €

Example 2:
Staff Trip: From Paris to Berlin
(771 KM)
Duration 2 days
Real expense:
Travel Costs: 250 €
Hotel + Subsistence Costs (300 €)
Total real expenses: 550 €

Calculation (unit-costs):
Travel Costs: 275 €
Costs of Stay: 2 x 120 € = 240 €
Total unit-costs: 515 €
Application form - structure & contents

**eForm (PDF Adobe doc) (PIC)**
A. Identification of the applicant and other partners
B. Description of the project (summary information)
C. Specific information related to CBHE

**Detailed project description (Word doc. Attached to eForm)**
D. Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements
E. Project characteristics and relevance
F. Quality of the project design and implementation
G. Impact, dissemination and exploitation, sustainability; LFM; Workplan
H. Work packages
I. Special Mobility Strand (where applicable)
J. Other EU Grants
To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least 60 points in total and at least 15 points for "Relevance"
Local Support

International E+ Contact Points (ICPs) in Programme Countries
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/international-erasmus-plus-contact-points_en

National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs) in certain Partner Countries

Other useful links:
Erasmus+ website - EACEA

Relevant pages in the Programme Guide (which need to be consulted in the context of the Programme Guide in general): PP 146-165; PP 287-295

Erasmus+ website – EU Commission
## Indicative roadmap for selection process

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<td><strong>10 February 2015</strong></td>
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<td>Expert assessment</td>
<td>March-April 2015</td>
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<td>Consultation of local/regional stakeholders</td>
<td>May-June 2015</td>
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<td>Award Decision</td>
<td>July 2015</td>
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<td>Notification of applicants and Publication of results on EACEA web site</td>
<td><strong>July-August 2015</strong></td>
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<td>Preparation and signature of grant agreements</td>
<td>August –September 2015</td>
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<td>Start of Eligibility Period</td>
<td><strong>15 October 2015</strong></td>
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Questions & Answers