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What is Erasmus+ ?

- The EU's programme to support education, training youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation

International cooperation between Programme Countries & Partner Countries

Programme Countries

EU Member States:

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

Other programme countries:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

Partner Countries

All other countries throughout the world



Higher education opportunities for HE institutions from Partner Countries

- ✓ **Credit mobility**
- ✓ **Capacity Building for Higher Education**
- ✓ Joint Master Degrees
- ✓ Jean Monnet activities

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**International credit
mobility
with partner
countries**



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Credit mobility in brief

- Short-term studies abroad that count to a degree back home
- International strand to fund 135,000 scholarships for mobility with partner countries (2014-2020)
- Mobility for Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students – and for staff



Credit mobility: how does it work?

- Managed by Erasmus+ National Agencies in Programme Countries
- Individual higher education institutions (HEIs) set up inter-institutional agreement(s)
- Agreement sets framework for sending and hosting students and staff
 - **3 – 12 months for students**
 - **1 week – 2 months for staff**
 - **2 to 12 months for traineeships**

Credit mobility: how to apply?

- International mobility agreements between Programme and Partner Countries will be selected
- Only Programme-Country HEIs can apply to their National Agency to manage mobility agreements
- Partner-Country HEIs should strengthen their links with HEIs in Programme Countries to get involved



16 or 24 months to organise the mobilities

Seperate applications for international mobility

European universities apply on behalf of the partnership (to their NA) individually or within a consortium for:

- Mobility to/from Partner countries
- Individually or within a consortium
(only between 2 countries)

International
credit mobility



Better mobility

Erasmus quality framework

- **Erasmus Charter** for Higher Education – for Partner countries, the principles of the Charter are embedded in the inter-institutional agreements
- **Inter-institutional agreements** to set mobility flows & preconditions- signed before mobilities start
- **Learning Agreement** for students



The image shows a template for an Erasmus+ Programme inter-institutional agreement. It includes the European Union flag, the title 'Erasmus+ Programme', and the subtitle 'Key Action 1 - Mobility for learners and staff - Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility'. The main title is 'Inter-institutional¹ agreement 2014-20[21]² between programme countries'. Below this, there is a section for '[Minimum requirements]³' and a paragraph explaining the purpose of the agreement. A table labeled 'A. Information about higher education institutions' is provided, with columns for 'Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)', 'Erasmus code', 'Contact details⁴ (email, phone)', and 'Website (eg. of the course catalogue)'. The table has three empty rows. At the bottom, there are footnotes explaining the terms and conditions of the agreement.



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Key Action 1
– Mobility for learners and staff –
Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

**Inter-institutional¹ agreement 2014-20[21]²
between programme countries**

[Minimum requirements]³

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution.

A. Information about higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details ⁴ (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)

¹Inter-institutional agreements can be signed by two or more higher education institutions
²Higher Education institutions have to agree on the period of validity of this agreement
³Clauses may be added to this template agreement to better reflect the nature of the institutional partnership.
⁴Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

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Application form: qualitative assessment

Relevance of mobility project

- Internationalisation strategy
- Types of mobility

Quality of cooperation

- Previous experience
- Definition of responsibilities & tasks

Quality of project **design** & **implementation**

- Selection, support and recognition

Impact & dissemination

- Impact on different levels
- Dissemination measures

When to apply

Deadline: September 24, 2015

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/calls/201509-credit-mobility_en.htm



How to Start?

- Read Erasmus+ Guidelines
- Develop an Objective for a Mobility Program
 - Students exchange & staff exchange
 - Consult with Dep. Head and Faculty Dean
- Contact European universities
 - through personal connections, university websites, and/or social media
- Sign agreement
- Fill-out the required forms
- Apply before the deadline



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***Capacity Building in Higher Education
(CBHE)***



Capacity-building for higher education: objectives

Build capacity and help modernise higher education institutions in Partner Countries, to ensure a structural, long-lasting impact

- Support modernisation & internationalisation
- Improve quality
- Improve the level of competences and skills
- Enhance management, governance in HEIs
- Promote people-to-people contacts, intercultural understanding
- Voluntary convergence with EU HE policy developments



Capacity-building for higher education in brief

- 1. Joint Projects:** New curricula, joint degrees, learning and teaching methodologies, staff development, quality assurance, governance, Bologna tools
- 2. Structural Projects:** Reforms at national level with the support of the authorities in the Partner Countries (policy modernisation, Bologna policies, governance and management of higher education systems...)

Capacity-building for higher education: how does it work?

- Projects of 2 or 3 years
- Projects run by consortium of institutions
- Consortium must include Programme Countries and Partner Countries
- Project can be coordinated by an institution from a Programme or a Partner Country



Capacity-building for higher education: how to apply

- Annual Calls for Proposals issued by EU
- Proposals assessed by experts on basis of relevance, quality of design, quality of team, impact and dissemination
- Applications may be from an institution in a Partner or Programme Country

PART I



General Overview of the programme



Part I: What for? - Objectives

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



Part I: How? – Types of Projects

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



Part I: How ?- Joint Projects – Example of Activities



Development, testing and adapting of tools and methods



Staff Training (academic and non-academic)

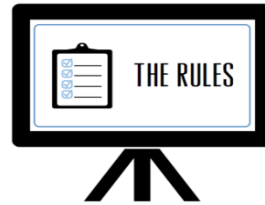


Strengthening internationalisation and promoting the Knowledge Triangle



Upgrading facilities necessary to implement innovative practices

Part II – The Consortia and the financing rules





Part II: Consortia Structure

Main Principles

PROGRAMME COUNTRIES

Min. 3 countries
min. 1 HEI each

PARTNER COUNTRIES

Min. 1 country
min. 2 HEIs /each

Partnership Agreements

STRUCTURAL PROJECTS:
Partner Country Ministries for HE must participate

At least as many Partner Country HEIs as Programme Country HEIs



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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

Military
Technical
College

University
Cairo

University
Alexandria



Bonn
University



Rome
University

London
University



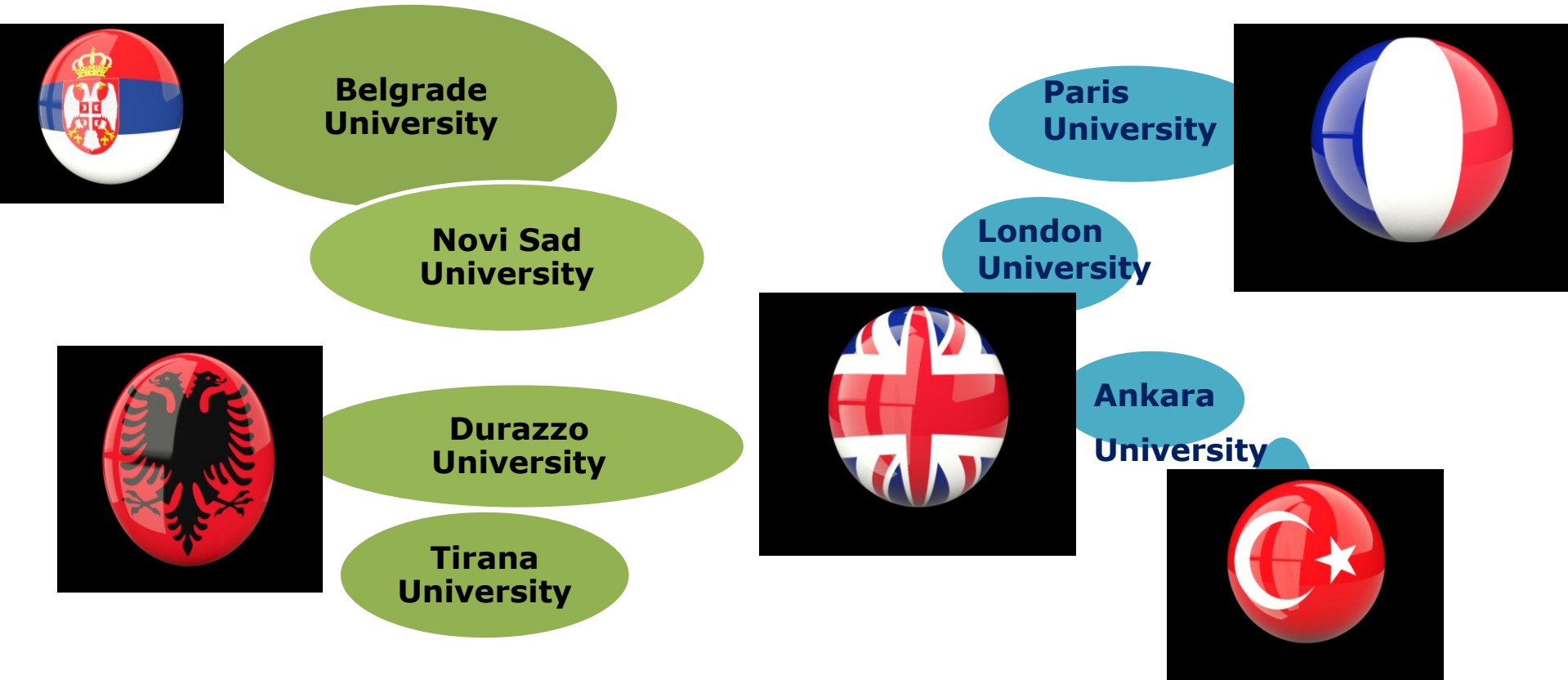
Ex.2: minimum consortia: multi-country project (7 institutions)

Min. 2 Partner Countries

Min. 2 HEIs each

Min. 3 Programme Countries:

Min. 1 HEI each





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Part II: Priorities & Types of projects

National Priorities defined by the **Ministries of Education** in close consultation with the EU Delegations

Regional priorities defined by the **Commission** and based on EU's external policy priorities

National Projects

National projects 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

Regional priorities apply to multi-country projects in the same region

Combination of **regional + national** priorities **common** to all partner countries may also be accepted (in particular for cross-regional projects)



Part II: Priorities – Categories/Types of Activities

Types of Activities Categories of Priorities	Curriculum Development	Governance and Management	Higher Education and Society
A. Subject Areas	X		
B. Improving quality of education and training	X	X	X
C. Improving Management and operation of HEIs		X	
D. Developing the HE sector within society at large			X

Part II: How to calculate the budget - Categories

<p>Staff costs (max 40%)</p>	<p>4 Staff Categories (Manager, Researcher/ Teacher/Trainer, Technician, Administrator)</p>
<p>Travel costs</p>	<p>Students/staff from partners in countries involved in the project from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return. Activities and related travels must be carried out at project beneficiaries organisation.</p>
<p>Costs of stay</p>	<p>Subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport, personal or optional health insurance.</p>
<p>Equipment (max 30%)</p>	<p>Purchased <u>exclusively</u> for the benefit of HEIs in the Partner Countries</p>
<p>Sub-contracting (max 10%)</p>	<p>Exceptional for services related to competences that can't be found in the consortia</p>



Part II: Partnership Agreement

- **Mandatory**
- **To be submitted to the Agency within 6 months of the signature of grant contract (Signed by the legal rep.)**
- **Joint** (one doc signed by all partners) **or Bilateral** (partner A + coordinating inst.)
- **Template** available to be adapted to specific needs of partnership
- **Comprehensive** : covering **all aspects** of the project:
 - The **partners role** and responsibilities;
 - **Financial Management;**
 - **Project Management;**
 - **Project Quality Assurance;**
 - **Student issues**
 - **Decision/Conflict** resolution mechanisms

Part III – The application and



Selection procedure



Part III: How and what do I submit? - General

When? How? Where?

- One deadline - One-phase submission - on-line to EACEA
- Application form = unique reference information for the submission deadline.

What?

- Specific application form:

eForm: project data – parts A, B, C

+ **compulsory** annexes:

- ✓ **Detailed project description** (Word doc) – parts D, E, F, G, H, I, J
- ✓ **Budget tables** (Excel doc)
- ✓ **Declaration of Honour+ Mandates** (in one single PDF doc)

**Pre-filled with info
from Participant
Portal - PIC**



Part III: How and what do I submit ? Application form - structure & contents

eForm (PDF Adobe doc)

- 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



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Part III: What is assessed? Assessment of CBHE Projects

**Eligibility
Criteria**

**Exclusion
&
Selection
Criteria**

**Award
Criteria**



Part III: What is assessed? Award Criteria

Relevance
(30 points)

**Quality of
Design +
Implementation**
(30 points)

**Quality of
Team +
Cooperation
arrangements**
(20 points)

**Impact and
Sustainability**
(20 points)

**To be considered for funding, proposals must score
at least 60 points in total and - out of these points at least 15 points for
"Relevance"**

How to start?

- Read Erasmus+ Guidelines
- Develop an idea for a Capacity Building Project
 - Consult with Dep. Head and Faculty Dean
- Contact European universities
 - through personal connections, university websites, and/or social media
- Contact Jordanian and/or regional universities
- Formulate a team
- Sign agreements
- Fill-out the required forms
- Apply before the deadline



More information:

Information on Erasmus+

- http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en
- <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

Information on Erasmus+ funding opportunities

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en



Social Media Websites

- **Facebook Group**

- ERASMUS+

<https://www.facebook.com/EUErasmusPlusProgramme>

- ERASMUS+ Jordan Office

https://www.facebook.com/erasmusplusjordan?fref=ts&ref=br_tf

- **LinkedIn**

- ERASMUS PLUS PROJECTS

<https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=6562860>

- ERASMUS PLUS PARTNER FINDING

<https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=4287623>



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