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Erasmus+: The EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport

The EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport, Erasmus+, was launched on 1st January 2014. The programme has a budget of €14.7 billion to support cooperation in higher education, primary education, vocational education and training, adult education, youth and sport for the period 2014–2020.

Additionally, €1.68 billion is available for the programme's international dimension; to fund mobility and higher education cooperation with partner countries outside Europe.

The programme is based on three Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: Learning mobility of individuals
- Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
- Key Action 3: Support for policy reform

Besides the EU member states, further European countries, such as Norway, Turkey or Macedonia have set-up an agreement with the European Commission in order to fully participate in Erasmus+ as programme countries. (see: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/> [<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>])

What funding opportunities are available under Erasmus+ for the higher education sector?

- **Student mobility:** Mobility for a study or training period abroad (intra-European mobility)
- **Staff mobility:** Teaching and training opportunities for staff of higher education institutions (intra-European mobility)
- **International mobility:** Student and staff mobility for learning and teaching purposes from partner countries to Europe, and (to a lesser extent) from Europe to partner countries
- **Erasmus+ Master's degree loans:** Loans for students accepted for a full Master's degree programme in another Erasmus+ programme country (this scheme is currently only offered in selected countries)
- **Strategic partnerships:** Higher education and multi-sector cooperation projects. These may, for example, include activities that strengthen cooperation between organisations on European level, exchange good-practices and/or the development, testing and implementation of innovative practices in teaching and learning.
- **Knowledge Alliances:** Cooperation projects, notably between higher education and business. Knowledge Alliances are aimed at fostering innovation in higher education, business and the broader socio-economic environment. They intend to develop new, innovative and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning; stimulate entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial skills; and facilitate the exchange, flow and co-creation of knowledge.
- **Capacity building projects:** Cooperation with partner countries and regions outside of Europe. Projects aim to support the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of higher education systems in the partner countries.
- **Joint Master's degrees:** Delivery of joint Master's degree programmes organised through an international consortium of higher education institutions. Scholarships are awarded to excellent students worldwide for participation in Erasmus Mundus study programmes.
- **Jean Monnet activities:** Funding of teaching programmes, research projects, conferences and studies focusing on the European integration process.

The Erasmus+ funding lines for mobility and strategic partnerships are administered at national level, by the National Erasmus+ Agencies. Further funding lines in higher education, such as the Knowledge Alliances, Erasmus Mundus Joint Degrees and Jean Monnet actions are administered centrally by the [Executive Agency for Culture, Education and Audiovisual \(EACEA\)](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/homepage_en) [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/homepage_en] of the European Commission in Brussels.

Further information

The [National Agency for EU Higher Education Cooperation within the DAAD](https://eu.daad.de/de/) [<https://eu.daad.de/de/>] provides further information on the Erasmus+ programme (higher education sector) in Germany. Please note that the website is available in German only. Please refer to the [European Commission's website for Erasmus+](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/) [<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>] for further information on the programme in English.