International credit mobility (KA171) in the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027

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International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027

• Mixed funding of Int’l dimension of E+: E+ budget line (H2) and External financial instruments (H6)

• Heading 6: **2.174 billion EUR** (1.932 billion EUR 2014-2020):
  • IPA III (WB, 374 million EUR)
  • NDICI (rest of the world, 1.8 billion EUR)

• Slight difference in the composition of the regions compared to 2014-2020
  • New regions
  • Mix of High income countries (HICs) and Least developed countries (LDCs)
## International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027

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ICM in the new Erasmus+ programme: budget (I)

2014-2020

~EUR 959 million

- Asia 13%
- SMED 21%
- Russia 8%
- EaP 15%
- Central Asia 4%
- Middle East 1%
- Industrialised Asia 4%
- Latin America 4%
- Industrialised Americas 4%

2021-2027

~EUR 1,064 billion

- SSA 26%
- Russia 6%
- EaP 12%
- SMED 17%
- Russia 8%
- WB 19%
- USA & Canada 3%
- Caribbean 3%
- Pacific 1%
- America 4%
- Central Asia 1%
- Middle East 1%

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ICM in the new Erasmus+ programme: budget (II)

2021-2027

- Increased budgets of **1.4 million EUR** for Sub-Saharan Africa and almost **1 million EUR** for Western Balkans
- Smallest regional envelopes will contain between **30,000-50,000 EUR** for Pacific, Middle East and Caribbean regions.
International Credit Mobility (ICM) in the new Erasmus+ programme: novelties (I)

- Application form – regional approach:
  - 3 quality questions: one at project level and two for each region the applicant intends to cooperate with
  - Shift funds between countries in the same region => more flexible budget management
  - Apply only for student/staff mobility without specifying types of activity (studies/ traineeships or teaching/training)
  - Estimation of participants with fewer opportunities
International Credit Mobility (ICM) in the new Erasmus+ programme: novelties (II)

- Enhanced opportunities with a focus on inclusion:
  - blended mobilities - short physical mobility of 5 to 30 days combined with a virtual component,
  - opening up to recent graduates for traineeships,
  - > flexible format for doctoral candidates
ICM in the new Erasmus+ programme: novelties (III)

• Individual and travel support contributions will remain the same:
  • EUR 700-900/month for students and EUR 140-180/day for staff
  • Physical activity as part of blended mobility: EUR 70/day up to the 14th day of activity and EUR 50/day from 15th to the 30th day of activity
• Increased OS from EUR 350 to 500 per participant
• Top-ups for participants with fewer opportunities and special organisational support to HEIs
• Top-up for green travel
ICM in the new Erasmus+ programme: novelties (IV)

- Priorities and indicative geographical targets different regions to be attained at European level over the whole duration of the programme:

- Restrictions for outgoing short, 1st and 2nd cycle students in almost all regions

  - For the purposes of ICM, only incoming mobilities and outgoing PhD and staff mobilities are considered DAC-able (= contributing to the development assistance of the recipient countries).

  - The mixed composition of the regions, combining High income and Developing countries, makes it more difficult to distinguish regions that allow or restrict outgoing student mobility (for short-, 1st and 2nd cycle)

  - Outgoing mobilities for these study cycles towards countries that are on the OECD ODA list are restricted (WB countries are exempted from this rule). The list, which is periodically revised, can be found here: [https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf](https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf)
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Two strands of the international dimension:

- International outgoing mobility supported by internal policy funds (KA131)
- International outgoing and incoming mobility supported by external policy funds (KA171)

Funding sources:

- KA131: H2 => up to 20% of project grant for international mobility, one budget for the whole world
- KA171: H6, earmarked budget envelopes per region
International opening of KA131 (II)

- Available funding in 2022:
  - KA131: 194m (with max 20% use)
  - KA171: 194m

- Geographical scope and flows:
  - KA131: worldwide, only outgoing mobility
  - KA171: worldwide except Regions 13 and 14, geographical targets
International opening of KA131 (III)

• Application:
  • KA131: only indicative % for international mobility
  • KA171: quality assessment per region & approval of country flows

• Implementation mode:
  • KA131: selection of partner countries & HEIs during implementation
  • KA171: approval of partner countries and HEIs during application

• Complementarity between the two strands
Timeline

Publication of the call: second half of November 2021

Deadline: end of February 2022

Evaluation process: March - July 2022

Information to applicants

Start of projects: 1 August 2022