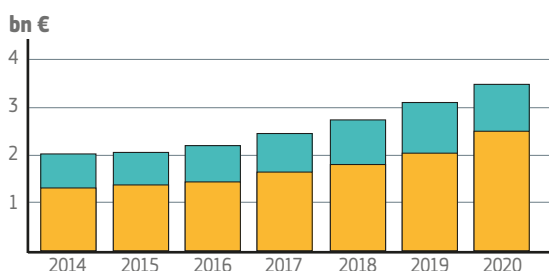




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ERASMUS+

The EU programme for education, training, youth and sport (2014-2020)



€14.7 BN BUDGET

2/3 of budget: learning opportunities abroad for individuals
1/3 of budget: partnerships + reforms of the education and youth sectors

Source: see Erasmus+ 2014 annual report

WHAT'S NEW?

- More opportunities for millions of Europeans to study, train, volunteer or gain professional experience abroad
- New funding for actions in the field of sport
- Stronger international dimension with more opportunities for participants to study worldwide
- Language learning support for all participants

WHAT'S BETTER?

- A 40% increase compared to its predecessor programmes = €14.7 billion in grants over 7 years = opportunities for 3.7% of young people in the EU (i.e. around 3.3 million young people over the period)
- A stronger focus on improving young people's job prospects to tackle youth unemployment
- A more inclusive programme supporting people with fewer opportunities



MOBILITY EXCHANGES: WHO CAN BENEFIT?

Students in higher education:

Up to 2 million students, including 450 000 trainees, are expected to benefit from grants to study and train abroad. More than 135 000 students and staff can come to Europe – or go outside Europe. Master students can apply for an Erasmus-backed loan with more affordable conditions to complete a full degree (this is already available in Spain, France, the UK, Turkey and Luxembourg). Scholarships are available for students worldwide to take part in the 'Erasmus Mundus joint master degrees': study programmes run by two+ institutions in different countries.

Vocational training students and apprentices:

Up to 650 000 grants offered for vocational studies or apprenticeships abroad.

Young people taking part in youth exchanges and volunteering:

About 600 000 young people can go abroad as part of youth exchanges and the European Voluntary Service.

Teachers, youth trainers and other staff:

Opportunities for 800 000 teachers, lecturers, trainers, education staff and youth workers to gain new skills abroad.



COOPERATION PROJECTS: WORKING ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Facilitating the transition between education and work:

Funding for more than 25 000 partnerships across 125 000 education, training and youth organisations and enterprises. These organisations work with peers in other countries in their own sector and other sectors to develop, transfer and implement innovative education, training and youth practices. For example, they develop new teaching practices or curricula, or allow students to study real-life cases in business and industry.

Boosting employment and entrepreneurship:

Support for more than 300 large partnerships among education institutions and enterprises to tackle skills gaps and foster start-ups.



EMBRACING SPORT: IMPROVING THE GAME, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Erasmus+ promotes sports events and collaborative partnerships, with funding for up to 1 200 projects. Erasmus+ supports transnational projects involving grassroots sport organisations, and promotes – among other things – good governance, social inclusion, the fight against racism, dual careers, and physical activity for all.

EXAMPLES OF ERASMUS+ PROJECTS:

eTwinning: connecting European schools, supporting teachers

Through eTwinning, classrooms across Europe work together on projects using a common online platform. This helps pupils acquire new skills and competences, and supports teachers in their professional development. For example, in the “Migrants and Refugees” project, participating students – some of them refugees themselves – exchanged ideas about literature, shared their personal stories and reflected on what it means to be a migrant or a refugee. The project ran between 2015 and 2016, with participants from France, Germany, Norway and the Netherlands.

In just 12 years, eTwinning has connected more than half of European schools, involving over 2 million pupils and over 500 000 teachers, making it the biggest teachers’ network in the world.

European Astrobiology Campus: building new networks to boost research

Exploring the origins of life on Earth, or whether it exists on Mars, requires cross-sectoral cooperation. With that in mind, the European Astrobiology Campus was established in 2014 by 10 higher education institutions and two non-academic organisations from nine European countries. It provides top scientists, educators and young



researchers from different disciplines with international high-level training and pushes them beyond the boundaries of their fields. Project partners are planning a European Astrobiology Institute, with the Campus as its training hub.

Green Light: bringing young people together

Youth exchanges allow groups of young people aged 13 - 30 from different countries to meet, live together and work on shared projects for periods of five to 21 days. The Green Light project, which ran in 2016 and 2017, raised awareness of household waste and drew attention to the importance of an environmentally sustainable lifestyle. During the youth exchanges, young people from four different countries learnt about different countries’ ways of dealing with waste, equipment using alternative energy, and how to recycle creatively.

Erasmus Mundus Global Studies: Working together on big challenges

The Erasmus Mundus Global Studies is the first interdisciplinary university programme tackling global issues. It covers a range of topics from social sciences to culture and crisis prevention and management. Students choosing the programme study at two different European universities, spending an academic year in each. Since 2005, the programme has trained over 600 graduates from more than 50 countries. Universities offering Global Studies – including Leipzig University, the London School of Economics, Vienna University and Wrocław University – have also become centres of innovative research in the fields of Global Studies, Global History and Regional Studies. EU-funded scholarships are awarded to the best student applicants.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

... More and more young people are using Erasmus+ exchanges to gain valuable work experience abroad

... Five years after graduation, the unemployment rate of young people who studied or trained abroad is 23% lower than that of their non-mobile peers

... 1 in 3 Erasmus+ trainees are offered a position by the company they trained in

... Since the start of Erasmus+ (2014), over 2 million people have participated in the programme

... 1 in 3 youth mobility participants comes from a disadvantaged background

... Erasmus+ is helping to address match-fixing and doping in sports