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Funding schemes **Educational - and professional development**

- ERASMUS+ KEY ACTIONS
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In this Erasmus+ presentation





What is Erasmus+ in a nutshell

Key Action 1



Key Action 2

Tips & Tricks, Sources of Information



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What is Erasmus+

Programme phase 2021 - 2027: Funds supporting educational, professional and personal development of people of all ages in education, training, youth and sport, in Europe and beyond

What does Erasmus+ involve:

- Key Action 1 (KA1) Mobility of Individual Learners
- Key Action 2 (KA2) Strategic cooperation in Education
- Key Action 3 (KA3) Policy Cooperation and Development

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Key Action 1: Mobility

Calls:

- KA131 Individual outbound mobilities for learners within EU and associated countries to the EU
 - Traditional outbound mobility (exchange)
 - Blended Intensive Programmes
 - International mobility window
- KA171 Project-based multiple mobilities, IN and OUT, for learners beyond EU with countries not-associated to the EU



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Projects in Euro's



(A1311. Traditional outbound mobility (exchange)

Details:

- Funding obtained by SP-INT (UT) central) through 1 application on behalf of UT, once a year.
- First come, first serve basis
- New budgets per August
- Scholarships for learners
- Outgoing mobility within EU

- - Types of mobility:
- Staff for teaching, and/or
- Staff for training
- **Duration of mobility:**

Students: Min. 2 months – Max. 12 months (per cycle)

Staff: Min. 2 days – Max 2 months



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KA131 Types of traditional staff mobility

Teaching:

- Lectures
- Giving tutorials/seminars/workshops
- Research supervision of students
- Promotion of work or UT
- Participation in tests/exams
- Planning of future Erasmus+ cooperation
- Monitoring of Erasmus+ projects

Required:

Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement

Partner institutions portal

Training

- Job-shadowing
- Problem-based learning
- Case studies
- Staff training weeks
- Cultural activities

Non eligible:

- Solely research activities
- Conference participation



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KA131 2. Blended Intensive Programmes

Requirements:

- Short, intensive programmes
- Developed by min. 3 partner institutions in the EU (with an ECHE)
- In-person and virtual component
- Min. duration in-person component is 5 days (up to max. 30 days)
- Min. 3 ECTS is required to be recognized. Certification is required through Transcript of Records.
- Min. 10 participants to qualify as BIP

- If leading organization (coordinator), and min. 10 participant, leading party can receive up to 8000 euro in development funds
- Each participation institution sends students (for UT 5-7 to location of inperson component.
- Participants of BIP receive a BIP student scholarship (79 EUR a day + days for travel)
- Teaching staff will receive a staff teaching grant



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KA131 3. International window

Requirements:

- UT is required to provide geographical spread
- 20% of budget of KA131 traditional exchange
- Same conditions as KA131 traditional exchange



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KA171 Mobility projects with NON-EU

Details:

- Funding is obtained by mobility project
 proposals of academic and sr. support staff
- SP-INT accumulates into 1 application, applies once year
- Projects consist of multiple scholarships for learners
- Incoming and Outgoing mobility, with restrictions!
- In relation to the internationalization strategies of the participating institutions

Project duration: 36 months (extension not possible)

Types of mobility: Equal to KA131

Project coordinator: UT proposal writer = • port of call for project proceeding and project participants (dissemination, monitoring & evaluation, project management, join reporting)

SP-INT and CES: Overall central coordination of all KA171 projects overall dissemination, administration, allocation, overall monitoring & evaluation and joint reporting.

Duration:

Students: Min. 2 months – Max 12 months Staff: Min. 5 days (per country) – Max. 2 months



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KA171 Examples

- Balance of Exchange in NON-EU partnerships
- Strengthening cooperation in education between UT and NON-EU partnerships
- Exploration of joint education and research (i.e. development of Joint PhD or Joint Master)
- Development of a new Master programming, courses (COIL) or CBL, or exploration/reform of educational systems and models
- Capacity building / Training of trainers
- Expertise exchange, network growth, personal/professional development



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Individual Scholarships A contribution in costs of mobility

KA131

- Individual Support based on daily coverage (per region)
- Travel support based on distance (direct line)
- Green Top-up

KA171

- Individual Support based on daily coverage
- Travel support based on distance (direct line)
- **Green Top-up**







Key Action 2: Cooperation amongst organisations and institutions

Aim:

Cooperation among organisations and institutions expected to result in development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices at organisational, local, regional, national or European levels.



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Key Action 2: Cooperation projects

Calls:

- Partnerships for cooperation
 - Cooperation Partnerships *
 - Small-scale Partnerships
- Partnerships for Excellence
 - Centres of Vocational Excellence
 - Erasmus+ Teacher Academies
 - Erasmus Mundus Actions
 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters *
 - Erasmus Mundus Design
 Measures *

- Partnerships for Innovation
 - Alliances for Innovation
- Capacity Building in Higher Education



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Projects in Euro's



KA2: Partnerships for Cooperation (1) Cooperation Partnerships

Lumpsum: 120K or 250K or 400K Lead or Partner: maximum number of projects is 10

Aim:

Promote the development, transfer and/or application of innovative practices as well as the implementation of joint initiatives that stimulate cooperation, peer learning and exchange of experience at European level.



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KA2: Partnerships for Cooperation (2) Cooperation Partnerships

Applicant: Any participating organization established in an EU Member State or a country associated with the program can apply/act as coordinator.

Who must participate in the application: At le 3 organisations from 3 different EU Member Sta or countries associated with the program are involved.

Who do you submit to: EACEA

Duration of a project: 12 - 36 months

У	What must be included in the application: at least one horizontal priority
east ates	Lead or Partner: maximum number of projects is 10
	Application deadline: March 5 at 12:00 noon (Belgian time)

Example: https://tinyurl.com/mrcspuuac



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KA2: Erasmus Mundus (1) Joint Masters

Aim:

enhance the attractiveness and excellence of European higher education in the world and attract talent to Europe, through a combination of:

- institutional academic cooperation to showcase European excellence in higher education, and
- individual mobility for all students taking part in the EMJM, with EU-funded scholarships for the best students applying





KA2: Erasmus Mundus (2) Joint Masters

Applicant: a Higher Education Institution (HEIs) established in one of the eligible countries (holders of an ECHE)

Who to submit to: EACEA

Who must participate in the application: A consortium of at least 3 HEIs (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities) from 3 different countries, of which at least 2 different EU Member States and/or third countries associated to the Programme.

Example: https://tinyurl.com/e6jnfd23

- What must be included in the application: Demonstration to have fulfilled the external Quality Assurance (QA) requirements of their jurisdiction for the joint programme
 - Duration of a project: 74 months
 - **Contribution:** in unit costs per student, in unit cost for staff travel.
 - **Application deadline**: 15 February at 17:00:00 (Brussels time).



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Tips and Tricks (1) Proposal writing

Quality of the project design and cooperation arrangements

- ulletIIA or Partnership Agreement.
- Describe rational for consortium compensation or involvement. ullet
- igodotopportunities to access mobility (selection and access)

Relevance of the strategy

- Explain benefits of this project to e.g. the internationalization strategies of the institutions participating in the project. \bullet
- Describe the intent behind actions and how this relates to the strategy and other actions in the proposal. igodot
- Explain why the number of (type of) mobilities or transnational meetings are chosen.
- Explain actions to sustain project results. \bullet

Impact and dissemination

- igodotand scope of the project and for both institutions (i.e. education models, programming, international classroom).
- Describe the dissemination activities and channels (and why).
- Describe monitoring and evaluation actions for results during and after the project.

Describe what and how the responsibilities, roles and tasks will be divided between institutions and how it will be defined in the

Specify goals and instruments that monitor execution (in the different phases) and ensurance of participation of those with fewer

Describe impact on 3 levels: institutional (both), regional/national, individual (i.e. skills/competences) in proportion to the size



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Tips and Tricks (2) Points of attention

- Content: Underpin words such as many, often, ample, very successful with qualitative (context) and quantitative data (numbers). Be concise and to the point.
- Note the limitation in applications as a lead or as a partner in specific KA2 calls ullet
- Take note of deadlines and work your way back to establisch a time line (e.g. signature processes) •
- Establish a writing group, and determine who will contribute to what (you run time on average is about 3) months)
- Note that some applications know page restriction than include annexes \bullet
- Note that not all calls handle same or similar application formats/modules
- Always check the application manual
- Consult the **Project Results platform**.
 - A. Check if a similar/same project has taken place.
 - If similar, reference it and explain how this project differs or consistently builds on the results Β. obtained of the project.
- If you ran a project on a similar topic you are planning to submit another proposal (as a follow-up or new initiative), explain how this project differs, relates or consistently builds on the results obtained of the previous project.
- **Consult** the <u>Impact Tool</u>. Help tool to define your impact

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Port of call for all things Erasmus+

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UT webpages

- <u>ECHE</u> ullet
- UT Erasmus+ ightarrow
- Study Abroad ightarrow
- **Incoming Exchange** ightarrow
- Staff mobility



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COST Actions

European Cooperation in Science and Technology



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What are COST Actions

<u>COST</u> (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding organisation for research and innovation networks.

A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to share knowledge and ideas around a topic of their choice for 4 years. COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions and other relevant organisations or interested parties.

Open to all science and technology fields, including new and emerging fields, COST Actions offer an inclusive, pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers.

COST activities aim at supporting COST strategic priorities being:

- a. Promoting and spreading excellence,
- b. Fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science,
- c. Empowering and retaining young researchers and innovators.





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Key aspects of COST Actions

Bottom-up initiative

Excellence, Interdisciplinarity

Alignment with a COST priority

ecosystem

International, Intersectorial and Inclusive Collaboration

Individual and institutional growth





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Eligibility conditions

COST Actions are consortium-based, collaborative grants

Applicants must represent a Network of Proposers from at least 7 different COST Full or Cooperating Members among which at least 50% shall be from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries.

List of COST Full Members and Inclusive Target countries

Proposals must be fully anonymous (may not contain any direct or indirect reference to people and/or their institutions participating in the COST actions application)

COST Actions are open to all participants, not only to COST Full Members but also to peers from around the world. Eligibility tool: https://www.cost.eu/am-i-eligible/

from the COST portal. Always use official





What's in for you

COST Actions projects last **4 years**

COST Actions do not fund research

COST Actions cover the expenses of networking activities such as short-term Scientific Missions, Training Schools, communication activities, grants to attend interesting international conferences, and virtual networking tools.

An estimated €125,000 is made available for a COST Action in its first year and an average of **€150,000** per year for the other 3 years

Access to partnerships for future applications

Next Deadline: 21 October 2025





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How to engage in a COST Action







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Examples of <u>running initiatives</u> at the UT:



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	YouthDMH - COST Action CA23153		CA23101 - Building Opportunities for Participation and Accessibility throug Mobility (BOPALiM) Downloads	gh lifelong community
	Digital Mental Health		Home > Browse Actions > Building Opportunities for Participation and Accessibility through lifelong community Mobility (BOPALiM)	
	for Young People		Description Management Committee Main Contacts and Leadership Working Groups and Membership	
	Enhance research on the use of technology to		Description	Action Details
	support young people's mental health.		As people live longer, societies must use ageing-in-place strategies enabling healthy ageing. Community mobility is essential to age-in-place, as older adults need to access medical facilities, stores, and other activities in their communities to maintain their health and well-being and to support their social participation. The aim of this Action is to develop an overarching framework to guide European and country-specific processes in the areas of driving, driving retirement, and usable accessible transportation for older adults. This action will co-ordinate a cohesive program of tasks in four interlinked working groups mobilising international and cross-cultural development in the areas of: a) assessing driving fitness and retraining of driving capacities; b) driving retirement and transition planning to maintain community mobility; and c) usability and accessibility of	Action Details MoU - 014/24 CSO Approval date - 17/05/2024 Start date - 27/09/2024 End date - 26/09/2028
		0	alternative transportation modes, including walking and public transport. Reviewing available evidence and relevant advancements will enable the Action to undertake cross-country comparative studies and analyses of policies, interventions, and best practices, compile up-to-date resources and toolkits with dissemination via publications, public conferences, workshops, and production of online resources. The Action's outputs will provide guidance for professionals and stakeholders across Europe and internationally on how to implement methods of enabling older adults' community participation through effective and safe use of all available	 https://bopalim-cost.eu/ How can I participate? Read the Action Description MoU Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of
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	The past decade's media revolution has profoundly changed the relationship between public speech and political authority: An unlimited virtual audience is gradually being recognised as an heir to the public sphere forming the modern state's basis on its way to democracy during early modernity. If we as a society wish to address its ongoing transformation, this public sphere needs to be understood in its historical dimension.	Action Details MoU - 050/24 CSO Approval date - 17/05/2024	Non-invasive assessment of the inner-body is one of the major medical advances in the 20th century. Magnetic particle imaging (MPI) is a young	Action Details
	The COST Action deploys the following working groups to analyse the interactions between print and public spheres in Central Europe from 1500	Start date - 07/10/2024	biomedical imaging modality offering opportunities for clinical diagnosis, therapy, monitoring and prediction of treatment outcomes, which are unattainable with other imaging modalities. MPI employs non-toxic magnetic nanoparticles and involves non-ionising radiation. The technique	 MoU - 045/24 CSO Approval date - 17/05/2024
	to 1800: (a) Public and Legal Spheres; (b) Materialities; (c) Texts and Ideas. The focus on Central Europe has three reasons: (1) Central Europe is often presented as a discursive ancillary to Western Europe, simultaneously reinforcing an imbalance of sources, data, and research; (2) Central	End date - 06/10/2028	offers detailed, real-time, quantitative imaging of the location and concentration of the nanoparticles, their flow state, binding state, local viscosity and temperature. Moreover, using bespoke nanoparticles with distinct properties enables the extraction of supralinear information, facilitating	Start date - 22/10/2024
	Europe's nonconformity to standard national paradigms, its interplay of different 'centres' and 'margins' offers valuable insights into the still relevant descentrality of public discourse: (3) since many Central European countries fourse among the ITC, the Action will contribute to asserting a	How can I participate?	truly theranostic approaches.	🛅 End date - 21/10/2028
	relevant de-centrality of public discourse; (3) since many Central European countries figure among the ITC, the Action will contribute to asserting a historical consciousness of multiple public spheres.	Read the Action Description <u>MoU</u> Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of	Preclinical MPI has already been implemented in oncology, stem cell research, vascular imaging, neuroimaging, imaging of lung perfusion, in vivo tracking and quantification of inhaled aerosols, imaging of the heart, on-the-spot biopsies etc. With the current developments, MPI has the	How can I participate?
		Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest (email)	tracking and quantification of innaled aerosols, imaging of the heart, on-the-spot biopsies etc. with the current developments, MPI has the potential to give a new impetus to nanomedicine, whose successes have yet to match early expectations.	Read the Action Description <u>MoU</u>
	Besides two long-standing desiderata – an open-access compendium and a database of data and tools – PCPS _{CE} will build a Central European and			 Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of



MSCA Staff Exchanges a Marie Sklodowska Curie Action instrument



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What are MSCA Staff Exchanges

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) is a funding instrument that is part of Pillar I (Excellence) of Horizon Europe, which funds bottom-up initiatives.

There are four main types of MSCA grants: Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships, COFUND, and Staff Exchange (formerly known as RISE)

funds short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities of participating organisations.

The aim is to develop sustainable collaborative projects between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and beyond.

Exchanged staff benefit from new knowledge, skills and career development perspectives, while participating organisations increase their research and innovation capacities.





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Key aspects of MSCA Staff Exchanges.

Bottom-up initiative

Excellence, Interdisciplinarity

Alignment with MSCA scope and priorities

initiative

International, Intersectorial Collaboration

> Individual and institutional growth





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Eligibility conditions

MSCA Staff Exchange are consortium grants

MSCA Staff Exchanges are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations. They need to include

- at least three organisations in three different countries, two of which need to be a) located in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country
- above this minimum, the participation of organisations from any country is b) possible
- if all participating organisations are from the same sector (academic or non-**C**) academic), at least one must be from a non-associated Third Country

List of Horizon Europe Associated Countries (subject to change in the future)

from the Funding and Tenders portal. Always use





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What's in for you

MSCA Staff Exchanges projects can last up to 4 years and funds up to 360 PM (person months): exact sums paid is calculated using a country coefficient

The grant funds the mobility of seconded staff members from one month to one year. Staff involved should return to their sending organisations after the secondment, to pass on their knowledge.

Staff exchanges between organisations in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries are required to be between different sectors (academic or nonacademic), except if they are interdisciplinary.

Next Deadline: 8 October 2025





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What's in for you

Staff funded by Staff Exchanges

- can be researchers at any career stage, from PhD candidates to postdoctoral researchers, as well as administrative, technical or managerial staff involved in research and innovation activities
- can be of any nationality
- must be engaged in, or linked to, research and innovation activities at their sending organisation for at least one month prior to the secondment

Seconded staff receives

- a top-up allowance (for travel, accommodation, subsistence costs), which is on top of the salary paid by their organisation
- a special needs allowance, if applicable

In addition, funding is provided for

- research, training and networking activities
- management and indirect costs





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Examples of <u>running initiatives</u> at the UT



Providing tools for the futur

Designing reliable spacecraft involves ac radiation and space debris. To overcome to cost and complexity. Increasingly, the solutions to launch constellations of sma time, but it also presents challenges that project will develop the technologies nec improve reliability and effectiveness for fu

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Understanding Neutral Weed Communities - Crops Interactions and Identification of Artificial Intelligence Algorithms for Species-Specific Weed Management Using I

Understanding Neutral Weed Communities - Crops Interactions a Identification of Artificial Intelligence Algorithms for Species-Specific Weed Management Using Robots

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Project description



Neutral weed communities and new technologies in worldwide cropping systems

Identifying new sustainable approaches to reduce intensive soil tillage and pesticides, and increasing ecosystem services and biodiversity is crucial. With the support of the Maria Skłodowska Curie Actions programme, the NEUTRAWEED project will establish an international network of 16 organisations across Europe, Africa, Asia and America to study new robotic systems and AI algorithms able to recognise weed species and selectively remove them to attain neutral weed communities (NWCs). NWCs are weed communities that can coexist with crops without reducing their yield and quality compared to weed-free conditions. A central research topic will be understanding the interactions between NWCs and crops from the agroecological, molecular, physiological and microbiological perspectives. Dr. Marco Esposito (ID: SPSMRC92P14F839P) is the NEUTRAWEED coordinator.

Project Information

NEUTRAWEED Grant agreement ID: 10118289

DOI 10.3030/101182891

EC signature date 16 October 2024

Start date 1 November 2024

Funded under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (M

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	iscover fundame w robust and eff application.	Project description 匪 興 ⑮ ⑰ ⑰ 即	Project Information MONUGEO Grant agreement ID: 101182721
91 End date 31 October 2028		Advanced numerical models for high-fidelity geohazard forecasting Geohazards like rock avalanches, landslides and debris flows threaten mountainous communities in regions such as the European Alps, Himalayas, Rocky Mountains and Australia's Snowy Mountains. Despite advancements in computational methods for predicting these hazards, fragmented research limits model accessibility and effectiveness. With the support of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme, the MONUGEO project aims to overcome these challenges by developing advanced numerical models for geohazard forecasting. The international, interdisciplinary team integrates field data with computational approaches, including lab experiments, centrifuge physical modelling and large-scale surveys, to validate and improve these models. MONUGEO seeks to provide advanced numerical models for accurate geohazard predictions, enhancing risk management in vulnerable regions globally.	DOI 10.3030/101182721
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