



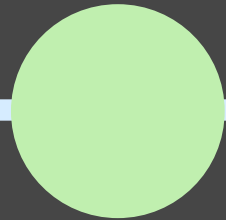
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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY



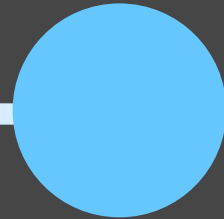
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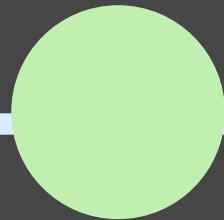
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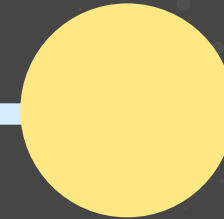
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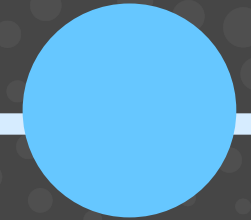
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# Erasmus+: A brief introduction

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# What is Erasmus+

EU funding programme; flagship for education, training, youth and sport

Aims to financially support mobility of learners, educational cooperation and programming, and policy development

33 Programme Countries in the EU (EU members states + associated countries)

Most actions are open to (a subset of) rest of the world depending on specific calls

3 Key Action lines

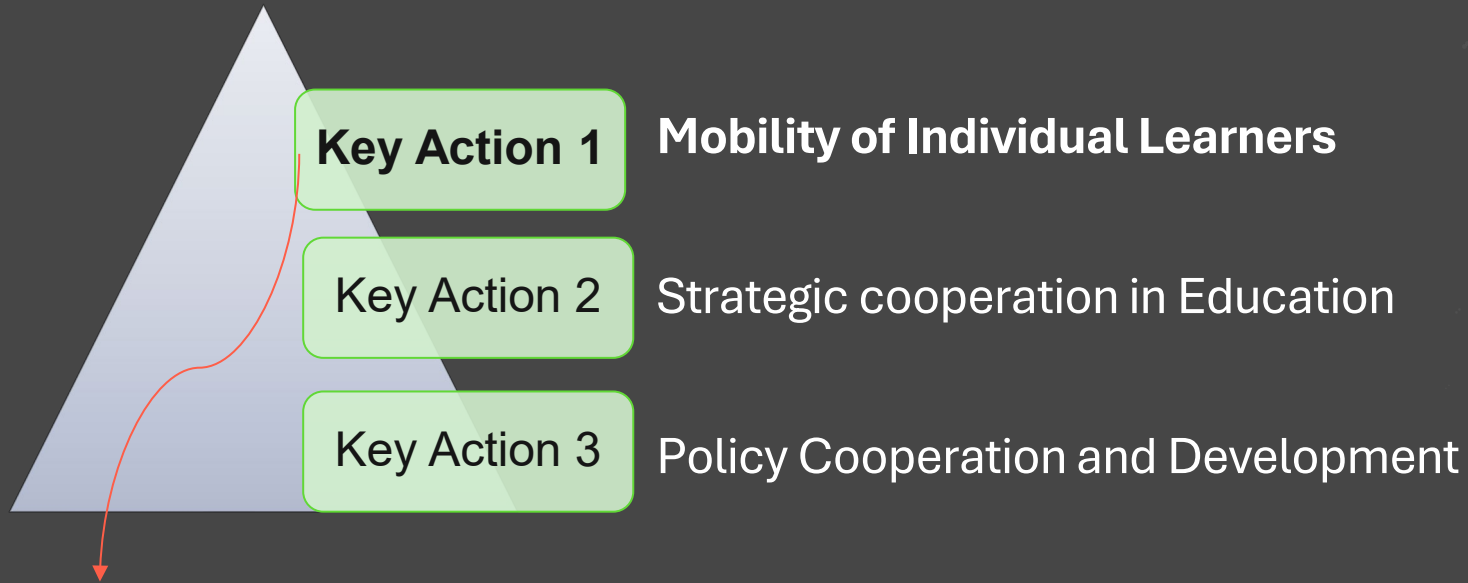
Current phase: 2021-2027



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# Key Actions



## Calls:

- KA131 – Individual mobilities for learners within EU and associated countries to the EU
- KA171 – Individual mobilities for learners outside of the EU/with countries not-associated to the EU



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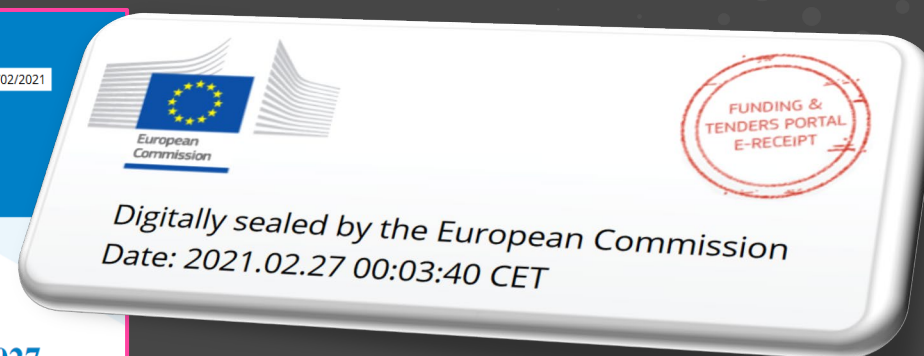
# What is ECHE?

Certification for Higher Education Institutions

Quality framework for European and international cooperation activities UT may carry out within Erasmus+

Gives a direction and a sense of purpose to the management from start to end through a set of principles

International partner institutions commit to these principles upon the signing of the E+ Inter-Institutional Agreement



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# ECHE PRINCIPLES: Outtakes

## **General**

Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming mobile students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities.

## **Before the mobility**

Ensure that student and staff mobility is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff, validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions or enterprises and the mobile participants.

## **After the mobility**

Ensure that all ECTS credits gained for learning outcomes satisfactorily achieved during a period of study/training abroad, including during blended mobility, are fully and automatically recognised as agreed in the learning agreement and confirmed by the transcript of records/traineeship certificate; transfer those credits without delay into the student's records, count them towards the student's degree without any additional work or assessment of the student and make them traceable in the student's transcript of records and the Diploma Supplement.

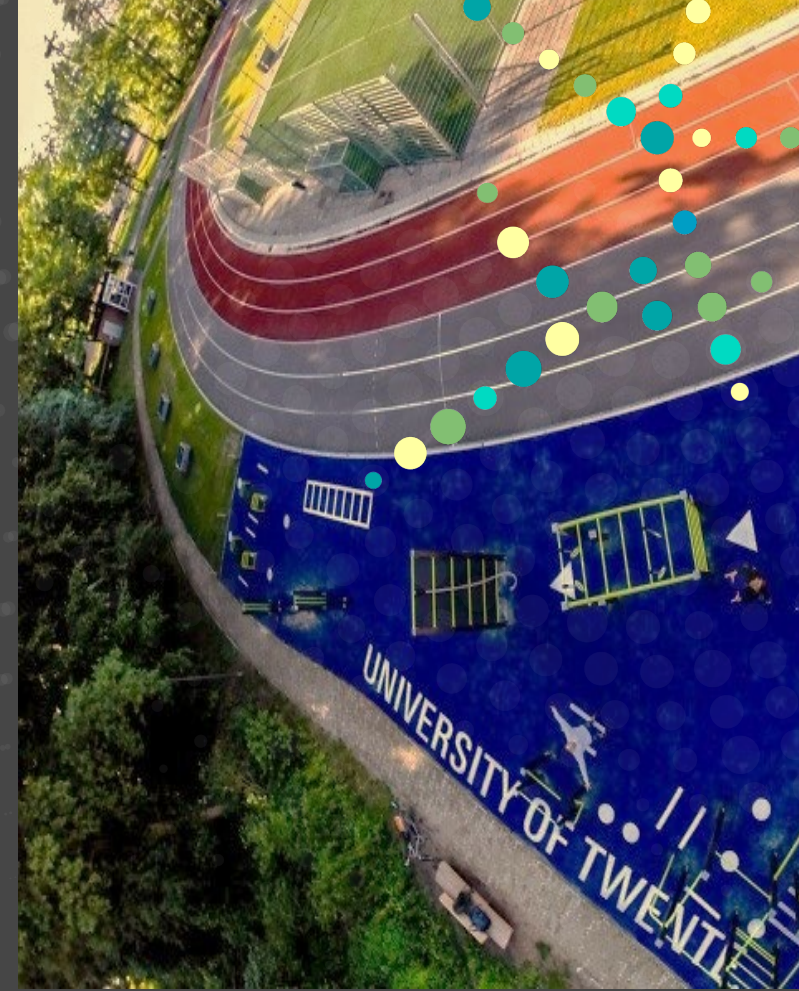


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# Pressure Points

- Inclusion, Equity & Diversity
- Digital Transformation
- Civic engagement [Participation in democratic life]
- Sustainability [Environment and fight against climate change]
- Structural attention for:
  - Protection, health and safety of participants
  - Multi-lingualism
  - International dimensions
  - Recognition and validation of skills and qualifications
  - Communicating projects and their results to maximise impact
  - Erasmus+ Open Access Requirement for educational materials
  - Erasmus+ Open Access for research and data



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# KA171 International Credit Mobility (ICM)

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# KA171 Mobility with NON-EU

## Details:

- Funding is obtained by a joint proposal per region of UT academic staff + counterparts
- Includes more than a single mobility
- May include various types or a single type of mobility (student, staff and/or doctoral candidates)
- Per discretion of faculty: balance and reciprocity.
- Project duration = 36 months
- Project consists of scholarships only
- In relation to the internationalization strategies of all participating institutions
- Relation to one or more UT impact domains (Health, Safety and Security, Climate, Chip Technology)

## Project coordinator:

UT proposal writer = port of call for project proceeding and project participants (dissemination, monitoring & evaluation, project management, joint reporting)

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



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# Restricted flows

	Region	Countries
Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA III)	1. Western Balkans	<b>Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo<sup>8</sup>, Montenegro</b>
Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI-Global Europe)	2. Neighbourhood East	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus <sup>9</sup> , Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law
	3. South-Mediterranean countries	Algeria, Egypt, <b>Israel<sup>10</sup></b> , Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine <sup>11</sup> , Syria, Tunisia
	4. Russian Federation	<b>Territory of Russia as recognised by international law<sup>12</sup></b>
	5. Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, <b>Brunei</b> , Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, <b>Hong Kong, Japan</b> , India, Indonesia, <b>(Republic of) Korea</b> , Laos, <b>Macao</b> , Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, <b>Singapore</b> , Sri Lanka, <b>Taiwan</b> , Thailand and Vietnam
	6. Central Asia	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
	7. Middle East	<b>Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudia Arabia, United Arab Emirates</b> , Yemen
	8. Pacific	<b>Australia</b> , Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, <b>New Zealand</b> , Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
	9. Sub-Saharan Africa	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, <b>Seychelles</b> , Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
	10. Latin America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, <b>Chile</b> , Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, <b>Uruguay</b> , Venezuela
	11. Caribbean	<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados</b> , Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, <b>St Kitts and Nevis</b> , St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, <b>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>
12. USA & Canada	<b>Canada, United States of America</b>	

Countries in **bold** can have inbound and outbound flows of BA/MA students in KA171

Countries not-bold are restricted. No BA/MA outbound mobility to ODA recipients



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# What is your KA171 objective?

- Balance of Exchange (mobility flows) in NON-EU partnerships
- Creating mobility flows: semester exchange, graduation trajectories, etc.
- 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)
- Run up to 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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Higher education students (short cycle, first, second or third cycle), higher education teachers and professors, and support staff of higher education institutions at either end of the partnership.

## Mobility Participants



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# Erasmus+ Scholarship

## KA171 Student Scholarship

Min. 2 months (60 days!) – max 12 months for courses or placement

- Travel support based on distance
- Individual Support based on months
- Top-ups

Example: Student from Busitema University to UT for a semester (studies).

- Distance > 6000 km
- Individual Support € 700 a month
- Travel Support € 1188
- Fewer Opportunity top-up € 250 a month

Total: € 6888,-

## KA171 Staff Grant

Min. 5 days – max 60 days for teaching or training (excl. travel days)

- Travel support based on distance
- Individual Support based on days

Example: Staff visit to Busitema University for 2 weeks.

- Distance > 6000 km
- Individual Support € 190 a day
- Travel Support € 1188
- Incl. travel days

Total: € 3848,-

No scholarship is the same. Based on Applicable Rates scheme.



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# Top-ups for students:

- **Disabilities**
- **Health problems**
- Barriers linked to education and training systems
- Cultural differences
- Social barriers
- **Economic barriers**
- Barriers linked to discrimination
- Geographical barriers

**Green Travel (also for staff)**



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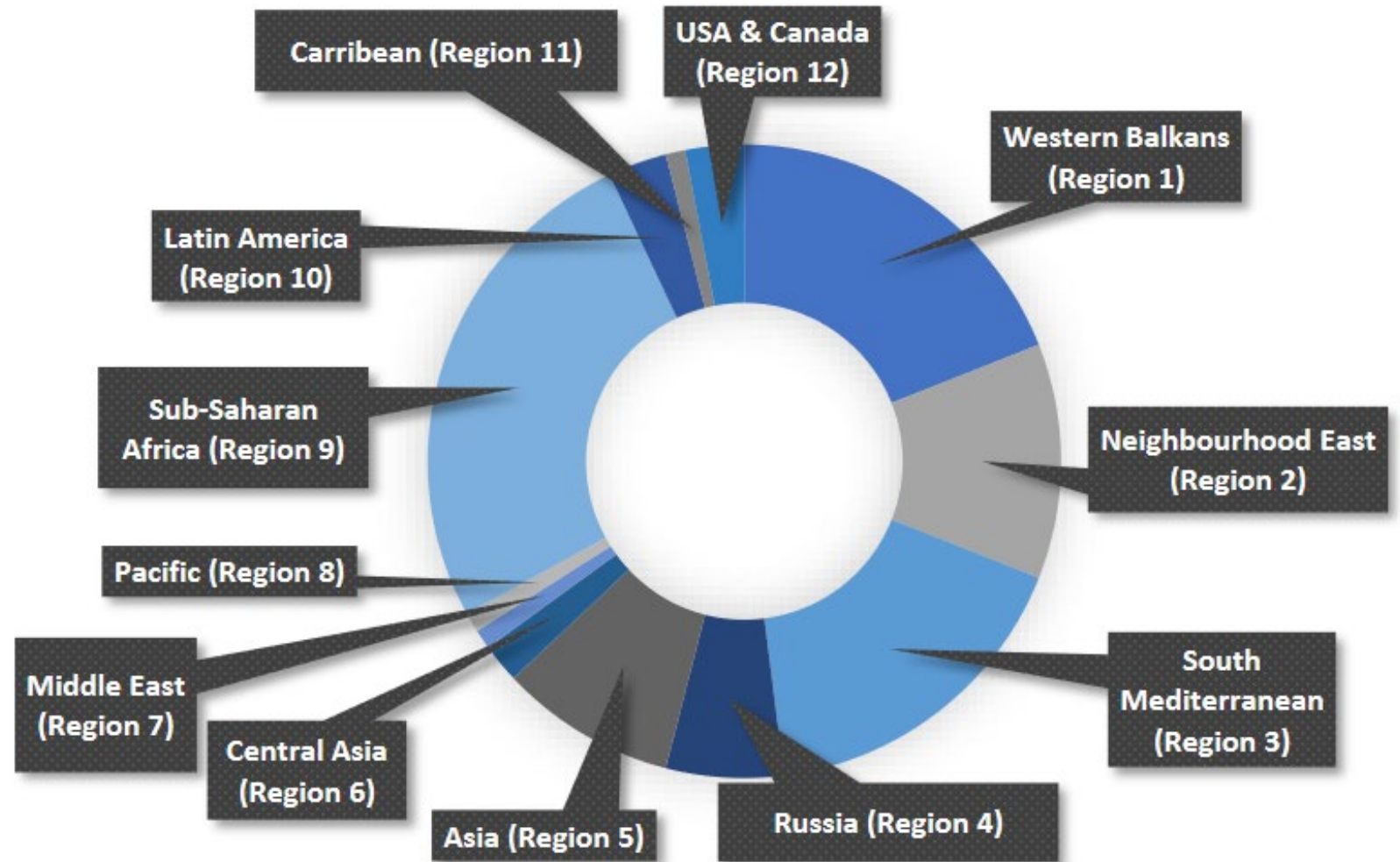
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# Budget in 2025



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Region	Composition of the region	Indicative Geographical Targets
Region 3 South Mediterranean	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia	no more than 15% of the budget available can be allocated to a single country
Region 5 Asia	<b>Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam</b>  High income countries and territories: Brunei, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macao, Singapore and Taiwan	<b>at least 25% of the budget available must go to projects with the least developed countries</b>  no more than 25% of the budget available can go to projects with High Income Countries  no more than 15% with China, no more than 10% with India
Region 8 Pacific	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu  High income countries: Australia, New Zealand	no more than 86.5% of the budget available can go to projects with High Income Countries
Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa	<b>Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe</b>	<b>at least 35% of the budget available must go to projects with the least developed countries</b>  Special emphasis should be put on migration priority countries. <b>Migration priority countries that are also LDCs are marked bold.</b>  no more than 8% of the available regional budget for a single country
Region 10 Latin America	Argentina, Bolivia, <b>Brazil</b> , Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, <b>Mexico</b> , Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela	no more than 30% of the budget available can go to projects with <b>Brazil and Mexico combined</b>

## Regional targets for the National Agency



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Limited available budget and/or many projects with same assessment score, lower minimum amounts are applied. Projects that requested less than the established minimum and are eligible for an award will receive the full amount they applied for.

For most regions, a minimum amount of €40,000 has been set.

For Region 10 (Latin America), the minimum is €30,000, and for Region 7 (Middle East), Region 8 (Pacific), and Region 11 (Caribbean), the minimum is €20,000.

## Budget Portfolio's: Regional minimums in awarding



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NA applies the following maximum amounts per region:

- 25% for regions with a regular budget above €200,000,
- 50% for regions with a regular budget between €100,000 and €200,000, and
- 100% for regions with a regular budget below €100,000.

3 reasons for NA to impose maximums:

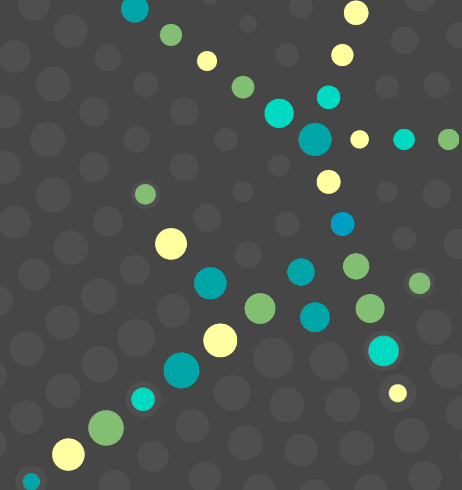
1. Balances distribution of projects within the Netherlands and promotes geographical diversity across the regions.
2. Balances overasking versus realistic proposals
3. More institutions can be awarded in regions with more interest

Budget Portfolio's:  
Regional maximums in  
awarding



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The total regular budget for Dutch institutions in Call 2025 is €5,504,646.00 + inclusion portfolios and interest rates.

The 31 applications consist of 106 regional applications and 165 country applications (for 60 different countries).

A total of €18,109,797.00 was requested.

UT requested: €2,172,069.00

UT awarded: €622,036.00

National and UT  
budget versus  
received proposals



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# Budget in 2025

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Region	Available Budget 2024	Available Budget 2025	Requested Budget	Awarded Budget	% awarded
Western Balkans	€ 1.360.842,08	€ 1.087.065,00	€ 1.084.090,00	€ 1.084.090,00	100%
Neighbourhood East	€ 1.121.249,00	€ 810.744,00	€ 731.371,00	€ 731.371,00	100%
South-Mediterranean Countries	€ 386.309,00	€ 839.195,00	€ 821.582,00	€ 821.582,00	100%
Russian Federations	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	0%
Asia	€ 1.156.581,92	€ 1.157.710,12	€ 5.954.199,00	€ 1.164.197,00	19%
Central-Asia	€ 211.883,30	€ 146.050,69	€ 282.390,00	€ 147.204,00	52%
Middle-East	€ 70.265,15	€ 49.325,84	€ 166.638,00	€ 50.201,00	30%
Pacific	€ 141.897,16	€ 79.687,33	€ 242.534,00	€ 80.018,00	32%
Sub-Saharan Africa	€ 2.149.720,95	€ 1.659.317,98	€ 2.627.485,00	€ 1.691.853,00	64%
Latin-America	€ 434.406,88	€ 497.779,08	€ 2.968.927,00	€ 499.370,00	16%
Caribbean	€ 126.103,75	€ 101.687,57	€ 561.398,00	€ 99.772,00	17%
US and Canada	€ 382.652,75	€ 543.754,97	€ 2.669.183,00	€ 547.963,00	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 7.541.911,94</b>	<b>€ 6.972.317,58</b>	<b>€ 18.109.797,00</b>	<b>€ 6.917.621,00</b>	

Inclusion	Available budget	Transfer	Rest amount
IPA III: inclusion portfolio	€ 246.476,00	€ 0,00	€ 246.476,00
NDICI: inclusion portfolio	€ 1.433.823,00	€ 1.290.440,70	€ 143.382,30



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# How to apply, and what to look out for,

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# How to apply

## Format

- Notify IEC your intention to participate in this call by **15<sup>th</sup> of December 2025**
- Upon indication IEC will **connect you to proposal writers** preparing drafts in the same country/region
- Multiple partnerships in same region lessens writing space, collaboration required
- **No entry in writer teams after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026!**
- Advised to limit to **2 institutions/3 countries max per region** to sustain quality of proposal
- Format to apply to be shared by IEC upon **opening of call** by National Agency
- Format contains 3 main questions and sub questions

## IEC on behalf of UT

- Proposal per region can be proof-read if requested
- Proposal per region are processed into **one** application for the UT
- One application on behalf of the UT is submitted through SP-INT

## Proposal deadline

First drafts: 15 January 2026

Final proposal: 1<sup>st</sup> week of February 2026

## Results

Est. July 2026

## Start of your project

August 2026 provided all contracts are place.



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# Proposal writing

## Quality of the project design and cooperation arrangements

40 pts

- Describe what and how the responsibilities, the different phases, the roles and tasks are divided between institutions and how it will be defined in the IIA or Partnership Agreement.
- Present the different phases of the mobility project and summarise what partner organisations plan in terms of selection of participants, the support provided to them and the recognition of their mobility period (in particular in the countries of the partner institutions) and explain how, for the planned mobility project, responsibilities, roles and tasks will be defined in the Inter-institutional Agreement. In addition, elaborate on how the project addresses the respect and promotion of shared of EU values.
- Describe rationale for consortium compensation or involvement.
- Specify goals and instruments that monitor execution (in the different phases) and ensure participation of those with fewer opportunities to access mobility (selection and access)

40 pts

## Relevance of the strategy

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

40 pts

## Impact and dissemination

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

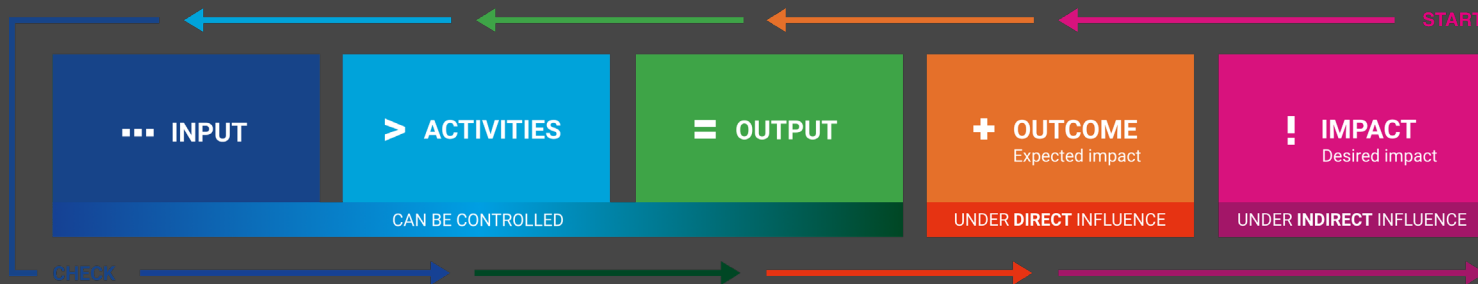


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# Points of attention

- Underpin words such as *many*, *often*, *ample*, *very successful* with qualitative (context) and quantitative data (numbers). Without underpinning avoid those words.
- Be concise and to the point.
- Consult the [Project Results platform](#).
  - A. Check if a similar/same project has taken place.
  - B. If similar, reference it and explain how this project differs or consistently builds on the results 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 [Impact Tool](#). Help tool to define your impact.



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# Plan versus award

- Award may differ from what is applied for (not a full award).
- It is common to replan your mobilities with your counterpart and Institutional Erasmus+ Coordinator upon award.
- Placement/Traineeship/Internship: incorporate a min. 4 mnths processing time in your plans, prior to start of the mobility. This is due to potential visa/work permit applications at HR.
- UT staff are required to liaise with HR on their stay abroad
- No pre-financing. Scholarships and grants are available once the Grant Agreement is double signed.



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# Amendments

- Budget transfers between staff and students are allowed with restrictions (calculated on overall/total KA171 budget).
- Increase number of mobilities is permitted, fitting the project budget. No extra funds are added for increasing the number of mobilities.
- Changing inbound flows to outbound flows with restrictions (calculated on overall/total KA171 budget).
- Certain modifications of the project are possible with or even without an amendment (i.e. adding a partner institute).
- Using KA131 International Mobility for outbound Ba/Ma students.
- Moving budget between countries in same E+ indicated region in special circumstances and with amendment (i.e. Ukraine/Moldova).



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# Sources of Information



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# Sources of information

## Port of call for all things Erasmus+

Institutional Erasmus+ Coordinator (IEC) - Miranda Bönhke ([m.bonhke@utwente.nl](mailto:m.bonhke@utwente.nl)) :

### Digital tools

[Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

[Bologna Module](#)

[Erasmobility](#) (find a partner institution)

[Europass](#) (international skill passport)

[Impact tool](#) (define needs analysis and impact)

[Online Linguistic Support](#) (assessment and training)

[Erasmus+ Project Results Platform](#) (active and past projects)

[Erasmus+ subsidie wijzer](#) (in Dutch, guide to the right Call)

### UT webpages

[ECHE](#)

[General website UT Erasmus+](#)

[Study Abroad](#)

[Incoming Exchange](#)

[Staff mobility](#)



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