Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Is your organisation interested in multilateral international cooperation projects to increase the relevance, quality and capacities to modernise the higher education systems in third countries?

Erasmus+ has funds to support you!

OBJECTIVES

Capacity Building in Higher Education supports a successful green, digital and sustainable global economic recovery in third countries, linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to the Paris Agreement

Some of CBHE projects objectives are:

- Improving quality of higher education in third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme;
- Promoting inclusive education, equality, equity, non-discrimination and the promotion of civic competences in higher education;
- Fostering cooperation of institutions and cooperation across different regions of the world.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships made up of organisations active in the field of higher education from EU Member States and third countries associated to Erasmus+ on the one hand and organisations from particular regions of the world on the other;

CBHE activities and outcomes should benefit the third countries.

ACTIVITIES

CBHE project activities aim to (non-exhaustive list):

- Develop and adapt curricula, new learning methods and tools;
- Improve higher education skills, governance and management;
- Ensure equity and social inclusion in education;
- Support cooperation between universities and businesses to enhance better employability of students;
- Assist policy-making and reform at national and regional levels.

1. For more information, please find below the dedicated website: https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement

2. For more information, please refer to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, Part A, section Eligible Countries.
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OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

Capacity Building projects are expected to contribute to the overarching priorities of the European Commission:

- Green Deal
- Digital transformation
- Integration of migrants
- Governance, peace, security and human development
- Sustainable growth and jobs

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Please check the regional priorities published on the pages of the Call for Proposals ‘Capacity Building in Higher Education’ on the FTOP portal.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For questions on CBHE, please write to EACEA International Capacity Building Unit: EACEA-EPLUS-CBHE@ec.europa.eu
- In EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme, you can refer to the Erasmus+ National Agencies;
- If you are from Western Balkans, Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods and Central Asia, please contact the National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) in your country;
- For other third countries, please address your questions to: EACEA-EPLUS-ENFP@ec.europa.eu

Deadline for submission of applications: every year around February/March.

EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.

Third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme in the following Regions:

- Western Balkans (Region 1)
- Neighbourhood East (Region 2)
- South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)
- Asia (Region 5)
- Central Asia (Region 6)
- Middle East (Region 7)
- Pacific (Region 8)
- Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)
- Latin America (Region 10)
- Caribbean (Region 11)

Please check the section Eligible Countries in Part A of the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National projects address only one third country not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.

Multi-country projects address two or more third countries not associated to Erasmus+. They can be multi-country projects within one single region (regional projects) or involving more than one region (cross-regional projects).

For Strand 3 (both national and multi-country), projects must involve as full partner(s) the national higher education authority(ies) of the third country(ies).

The number of organisations from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme may not be higher than the number of organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.

For the specific rules on institutional and geographical coverage, please consult the section Capacity Building in Higher Education of the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

Strand 1 - Projects of two or three years
- Between EUR 200 000 and 400 000 per project

Strand 2 - Projects of two or three years
- Between EUR 400 000 and 800 000 per project

Strand 3 - Projects of three or four years
- Between EUR 600 000 and 1 000 000 per project

Total budget of the CBHE Call for Proposals: more than 100 million euro per year.

The division of the total budget among the regions can be found in the description of the Call for Proposals on the FTOP portal.

Interested in applying?

Find more details in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide (available in 23 official EU languages)
Learn about the submission procedure in the Online Manual on EU Funding and Tenders
Apply via the Funding and tender opportunities portal (FTOP portal) searching for the Call for Proposals Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education
For specific questions please contact: EACEA-EPLUS-CBHE@ec.europa.eu