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# Erasmus+ Funding Opportunities

Mobility and Cooperation with HEIs in Southeastern Europe

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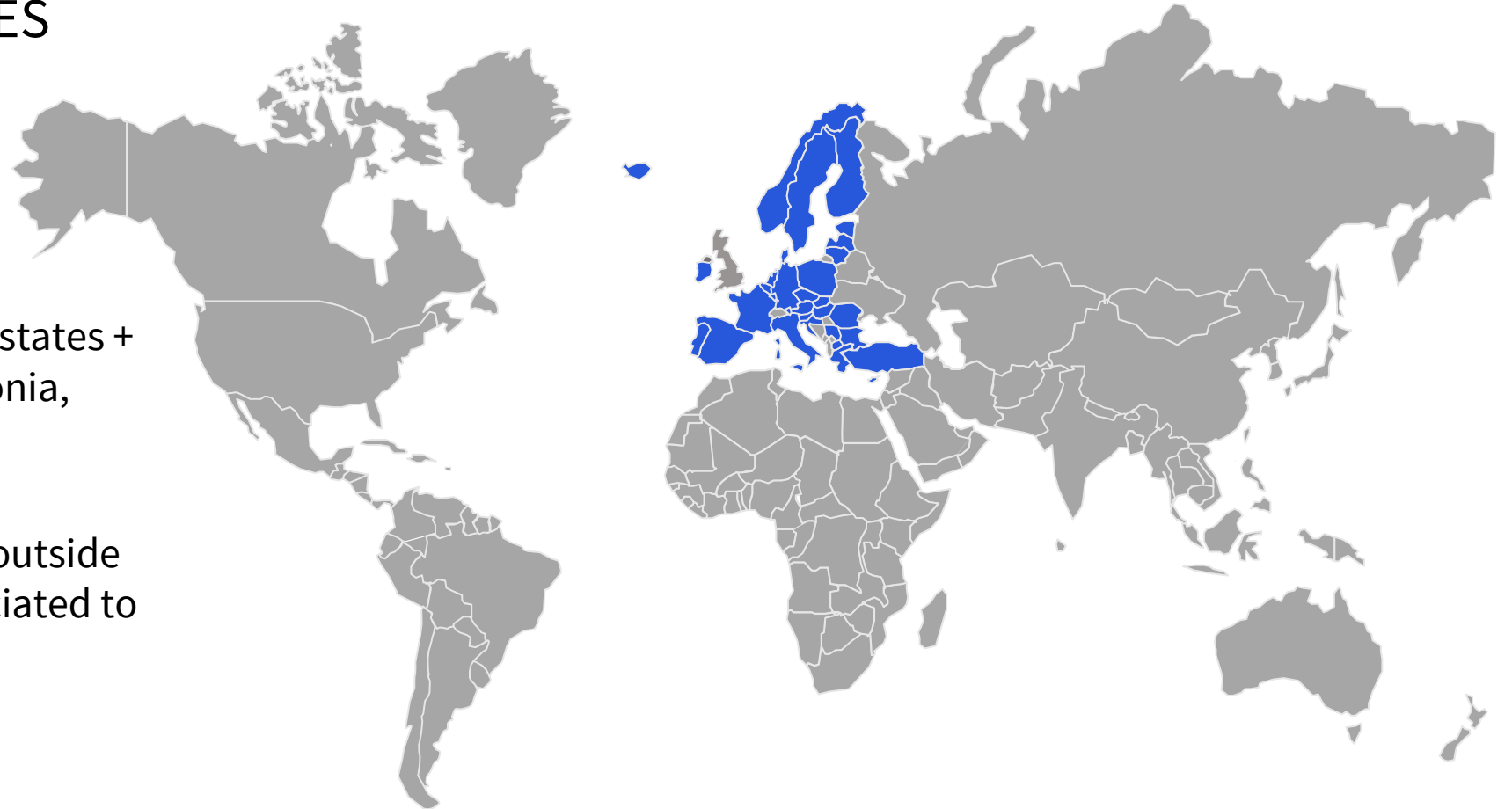
# ERASMUS+ KA171

## INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY

### WORLDWIDE MOBILITY BETWEEN PROGRAMME COUNTRIES AND PARTNER COUNTRIES

**Programme Countries:** 27 EU states +  
Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia,  
Norway, Serbia, Turkey

**Partner Countries:** countries outside  
EU ( “third countries not associated to  
the Erasmus+ Programme”)



## **Promoted activities**

Student mobility (for studies and internships)

Staff mobility (for teaching and training)

## **Who can participate?**

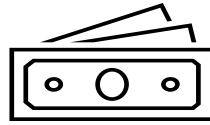
- HEIs from partner countries, HEIs from a partner country recognised by competent authorities
- Any public or private organisation active in the labour market („non-academic partner")

## **Who can apply?**

Only HEIs in programme countries

# Financial support

- Individual support
- Travel support
- Inclusion support for students with fewer opportunities
  - Students with children
  - Students with a chronic illness
  - Students with a disability
  - Working Students
  - Students from disadvantaged economic backgrounds
  - Students from non-academic backgrounds/ first generation academics
- **Organisational support institutions**



# Student mobility

Mobility	Country of origin	Destination	Funding	social top-ups
<b>Long-term mobility</b>	Germany	Partner country	700 EUR/month	Fewer opportunities: 250 EUR / month
	Partner country	Germany	850 EUR/month	Fewer opportunities: 250 EUR / month
	duration	Funding	social top-ups	
<b>Blended-short-term mobility</b>	5-14 days	70 EUR/day	Fewer opportunities: 100 EUR	
	15-30 days	50 EUR/day	Fewer opportunities: 150 EUR	

## Blended Mobility:

Every mobility can be undertaken as „Blended Mobility“. Blended Mobility is a combination of physical mobility combined with a virtual component that allows a collaborative online study experience, exchange and team work.

# Staff mobility

Activities	Participants	Duration	Virtual component
<b>Staff mobility for teaching (STA)</b>	Univeristy staff (incl. employed doctoral candidates)	5 – 60 days	<b>optional</b> (without given time limit, additional to the pysical mobility phase)
<b>Staff mobility for training (STT)</b>	Univeristy staff (incl. employed doctoral candidates)	5 – 60 days	<b>optional</b> (without given time limit, additional to the pysical mobility phase)
Individual support			
From Germany	To partner country eligible for funding		Up to 14th day of mobility: <b>180 EUR/day</b> From 15th day of mobility: <b>126 EUR/day</b>
From partner country eligible for funding	To Germany		Up to 14th day of mobility: <b>160 EUR/day</b> From 15th day of mobility: <b>112 EUR/day</b>

# KA171 – Mobility with Western Balkans: in numbers



## Available Budget:

2022 - €5.034.548

2023 - €5.814.137



## Funded Projects:

2022 – 59 projects

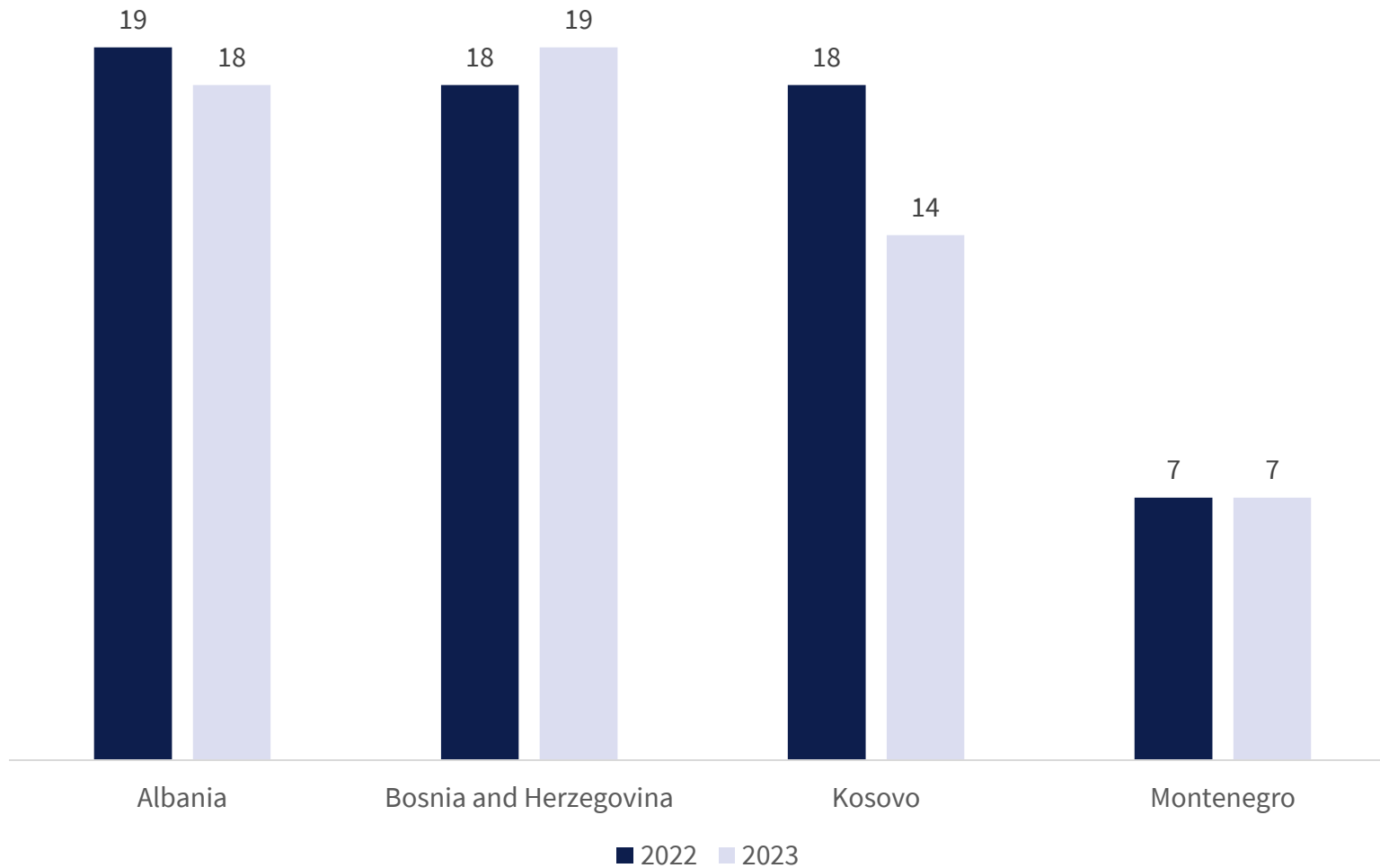
2023 - 62 projects

around 2000 mobilities



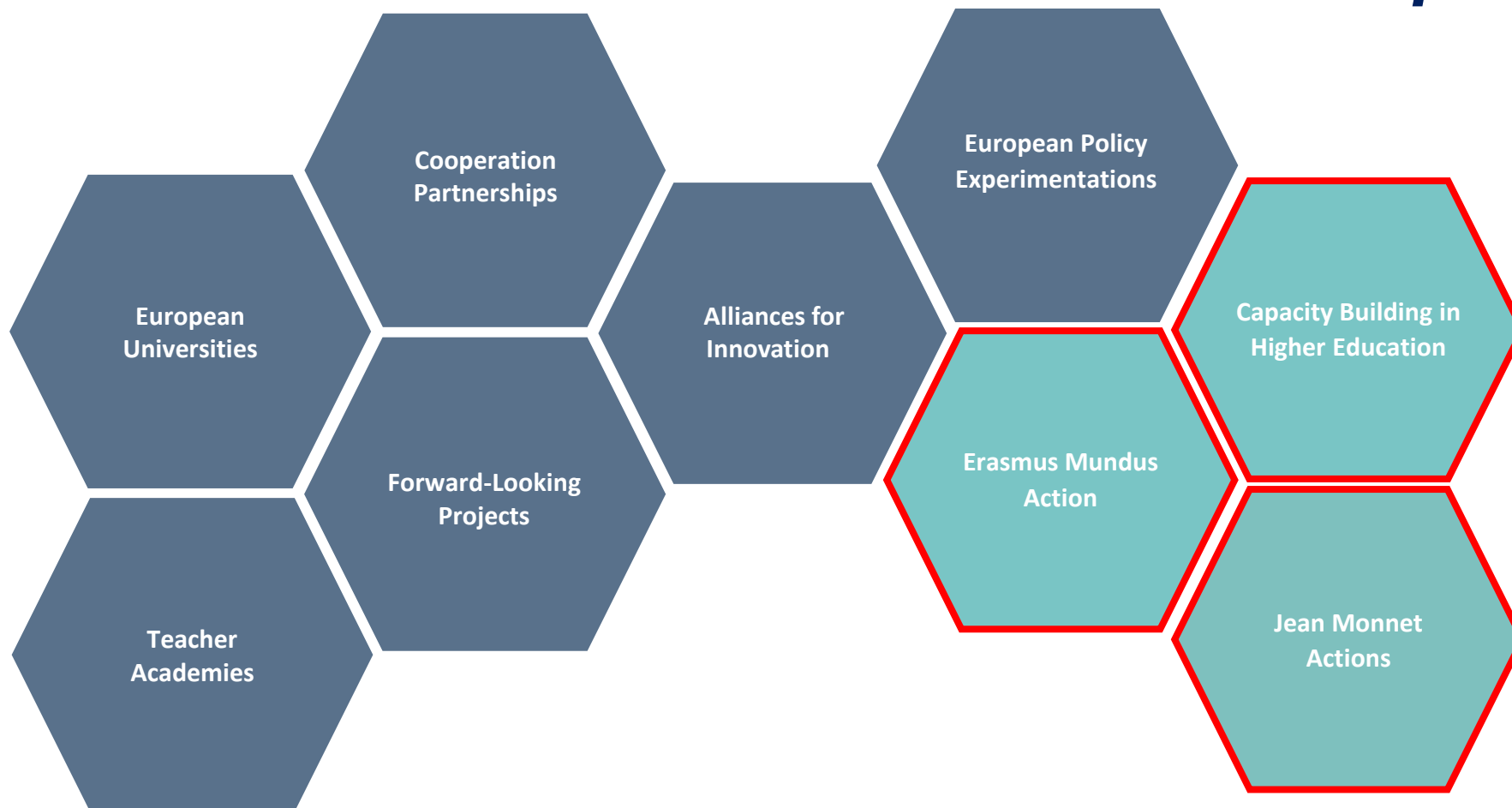
# KA171 – Mobilities per country

Western Balkans: Number of awarded projects per country 2022 and 2023



# ONE PROGRAMME, MANY POSSIBILITIES

**European & worldwide  
focus**



# Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Key data for CBHE Projects

# Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

- **Multilateral partnerships of HEIs from Europe** (27 EU-Member States or countries associated to the Erasmus+ programme) **and eligible countries worldwide** (third countries not associated to Erasmus+)
- The CBHE action **supports the relevance, quality, modernisation and responsiveness of Higher Education Institutions and systems in third countries** (not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme) for socio-economic recovery, growth and prosperity.
- **In focus:** needs of the **third countries not associated to Erasmus+**
- EU member states and third countries associated to the Programme: do not introduce novelties to their countries, but act as transferers of knowledge and practices

# Regions

Region 1 - Western Balkans

**Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro**

Region 2 - Neighbourhood East

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine - Territory as recognised by international law

Region 3 - South-Mediterranean countries

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine\*, Syria, Tunisia

Region 5 - Asia

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

Region 6 - Central Asia

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Region 7 - Middle East

Iran, Iraq, Yemen

Region 8 - Pacific

Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia - Federated States of, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Region 9 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, 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

Region 10 - Latin America

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Region 11 - Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts And Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent And The Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

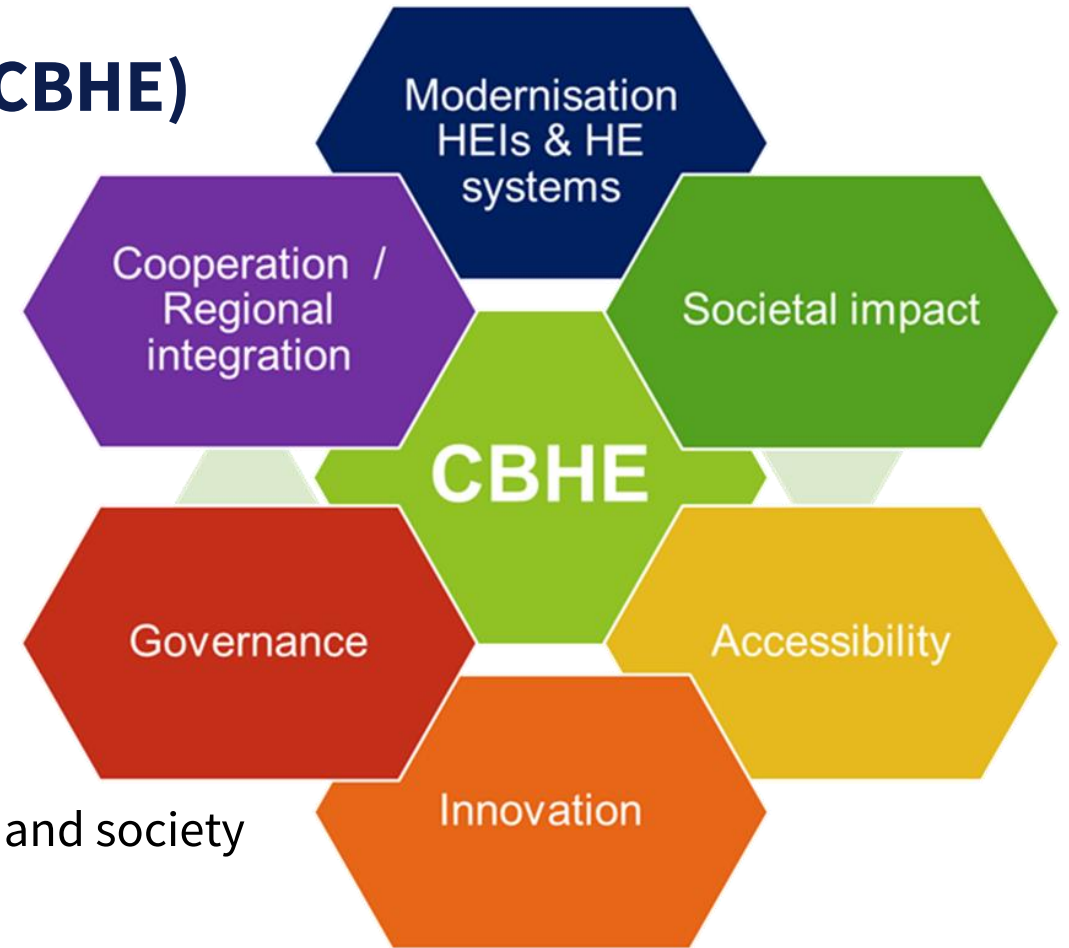
# Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

## Objectives:

- Improve the quality of higher education in third countries not associated to E+ (modernisation)
- Innovate teaching and learning
- increase skills and employability of students
- improve quality assurance and management in HEIs
- make higher education more relevant for the labour market and society

## Important aspects:

Equal opportunities / inclusion: Improved access to higher education



# CBHE: Contribution to the overarching priorities of the EC

Green deal

Digital  
transformation

Migration and  
Mobility

Governance,  
peace, security  
and human  
development

Sustainable  
growth and jobs

**Consider overarching and regional priorities!**

## Region 1 – Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro): Budget and projects 2022 and 2023

CBHE Call for proposals	Indicative available budget (in €)	Indicative available budget Western Balkans (in €)	Number of selected projects (in total)	Number of selected projects with Western Balkans	Budget selected projects with Western Balkans (in €)
2022	104 million	12 million	145	19	10,2 million
2023	116.9 million	12.7 million	159	19	12,7 million



## CBHE – Cooperation Western Balkans – Germany (CBHE Selections 2022 and 2023)

Western Balkans	Number of common CBHE projects with Germany *
Albania	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7
Kosovo	3
Montenegro	9

\*plus other countries involved in consortia

# CBHE – Western Balkans Participation in CBHE



**Capacity-Building in Higher Education,  
2014-2020**

**112 projects**

**831 instances  
of participation**

from the Western Balkans

<https://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/erasmus-plus/factsheets/regional/westernbalkans-regional-erasmusplus-2020.pdf>

# CBHE – Three strands

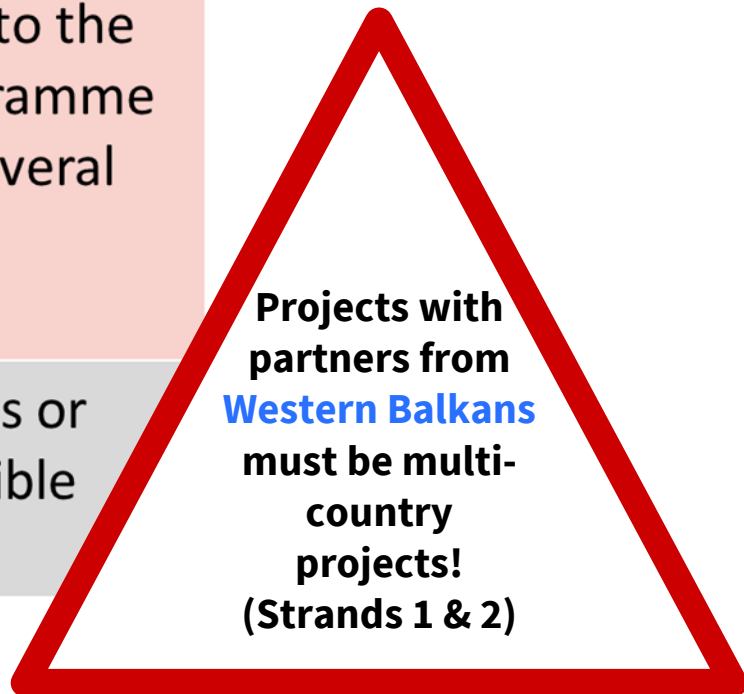
- **Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in Higher Education for less experienced HEIs and newcomers**  
24 or 36 months, between 200.000 and 400.000 Euro per project
- **Strand 2 – Partnerships for transformation** with an impact on **innovation**, university/business relations and institutional governance (change at **institutional** level)  
24 or 36 months, between 400.000 and 800.000 Euro per project
- **Strand 3 – Structural reform projects** with involvement of **ministries**  
36 or 48 months, between 800.000 and 1.000.000 Euro per project (impact at **system** level)

**Budget** can cover staff costs, travel and subsistence costs, equipment costs and subcontracting as well as other costs (such as dissemination of information, publishing or translation)

# Three types of CBHE projects

National projects	Multi-country regional projects	Multi-country cross-regional projects
HEIs from one third country not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme	HEIs from several countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme from one Region	HEIs from countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme belonging to several Regions

Consortium structure: At least 2 HEIs from two EU Member States or third countries associated to Erasmus+ **and** 2 HEIs from each eligible third country not associated to Erasmus+



# CBHE Project Example: CRED4TEACH - MOOC-based micro-credentials for teacher professional development

Project duration: 06/2023 – 05/2026

EU Grant: € 700.193

Coordinator:

**DE: Fachhochschule des Mittelstandes** (U of Applied Sciences) Bielefeld

Partners:

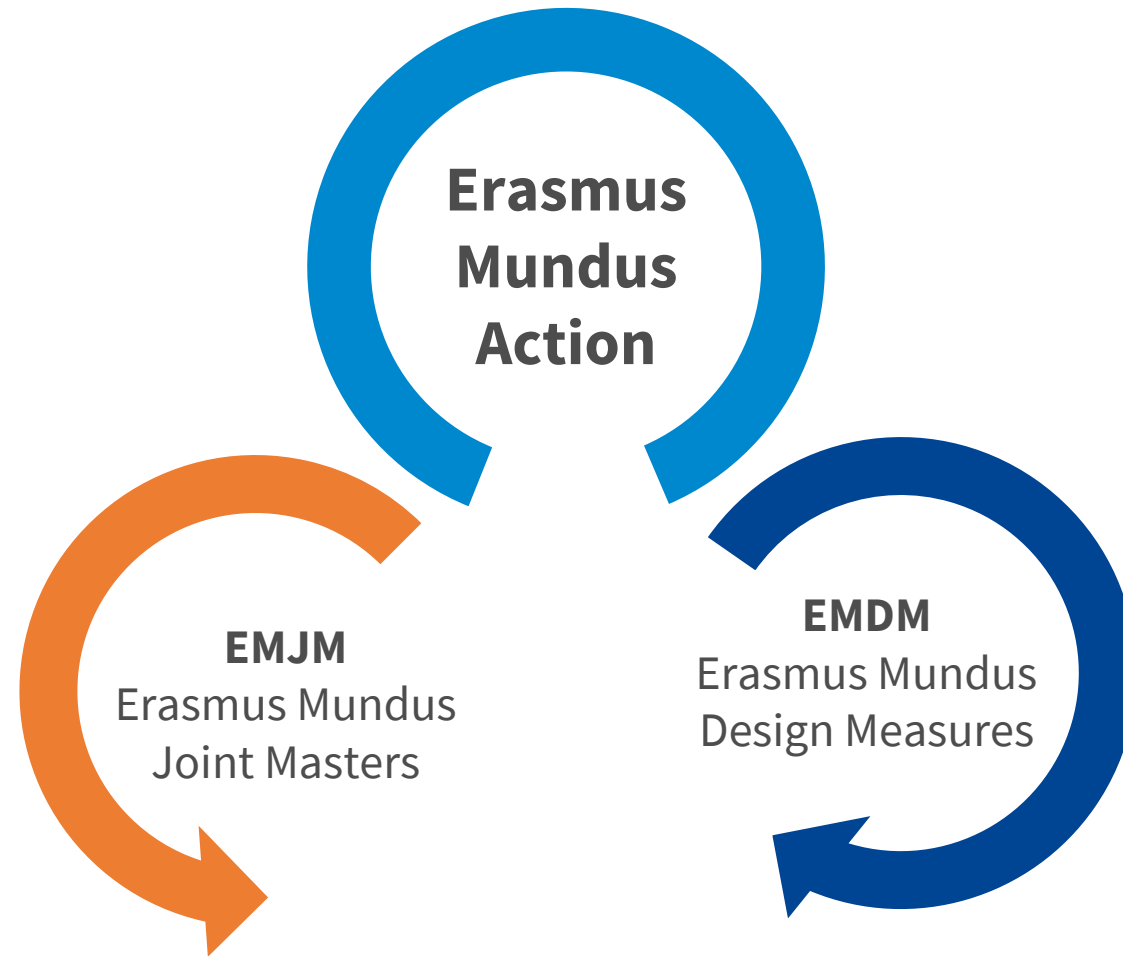
**Albania, Montenegro, Ukraine**, Estonia, Portugal, Turkey (multi-country cross-regional, Regions 1 and 2)

More information:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/101082858>

# Erasmus Mundus

Key data for EM Projects



# Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters – main objectives

- ✓ **Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation** of HEIs through **academic cooperation** within the EHEA and beyond
- ✓ **Increase quality and attractiveness** of the EHEA
- ✓ **Support EU External Action** in higher education
- ✓ **Increase synergies between HE, innovation and research**
- ✓ **Improve competences, skills, employability** of Master graduates
- ✓ **Respond to societal and labour market needs**





## EMJM in brief...



- ✓ A high-level integrated & transnational **study programme of excellence** open to all disciplines
- ✓ A programme at **MA level**
- ✓ Delivered by an international consortium of HEIs from different countries worldwide & other educational and/or non-educational partners
- ✓ Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** (of which at least 2 different EU Member States and/or third countries associated to the Programme)
- ✓ **Applicant organisation:**  
HEI from an EU Member State or third countries associated to Erasmus+ **or third country not associated to Erasmus+**
- ✓ Offering high-level scholarships to excellent students worldwide (1.400 € / month)

## EMJM in brief...

- ✓ compulsory physical mobility for all enrolled students
- ✓ delivery of a joint degree or multiple degrees
- ✓ Budget: 3-5 million Euros/project (for a duration of 6 years)
- ✓ At the time of application, EMJM project proposals must submit fully developed joint study programmes that can be launched immediately after funding approval.



to develop joint study programmes: **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures**

# Taking part as an individual

**Open to students worldwide**



**Applicants:**

- ✓ must hold **a first higher education degree** or equivalent
- ✓ must not **have benefited previously from** an EMJM scholarship

**The best ones can benefit from a scholarship** depending on the number of scholarships available.

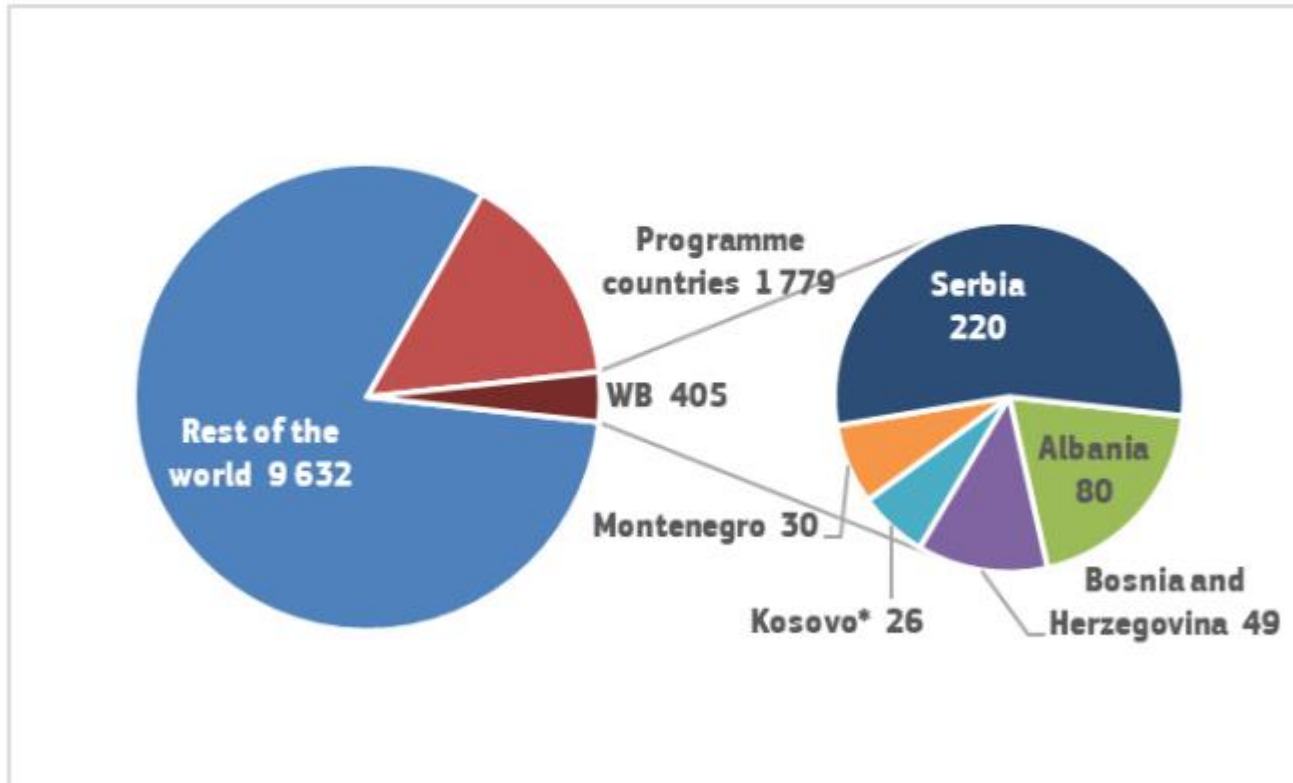
- **Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium**

Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships:

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/erasmus-mundus-catalogue\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/erasmus-mundus-catalogue_en)

# Erasmus Mundus Scholarships Western Balkans

## Erasmus Mundus scholarships, 2014-2020



Erasmus Mundus and the Western Balkans, 2014-2019



405 scholarships for Master students



36 instances of participation from the Western Balkans

<https://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/erasmus-plus/factsheets/regional/westernbalkans-regional-erasmusplus-2020.pdf>

## Erasmus Mundus: Selection Calls 2021-2023

Call	Applications	Selected projects	Success rate
2021	70	<b>27</b>	38,5 %
2022	53	<b>30</b>	57 %
2023	91	<b>32</b>	25 %

# Erasmus Mundus: Southeastern Europe – Germany: Common projects (Calls 2021-2023)

## **CyberMACS – Master of Applied Cybersecurity (2022)**

Ss. CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY IN SKOPJE, **North Macedonia** (Partner)  
SRH HOCHSCHULEN BERLIN GMBH, Germany (Partner)

## **MASS – Master in Astrophysics and Space Science (2021)**

UNIVERZITET U BEOGRADU, **Serbia** (Partner)  
UNIVERSITAET BREMEN, Germany (Partner)

## **JMPMB EU-CONEXUS – Joint Master Programme in Marine Biotechnology (2021)**

SVEUCILISTE U ZADRU, **Croatia** (Partner)  
UNIVERSITAET ROSTOCK, Germany (Associated)

## **DREAM – European Master in Dynamics of Renewables-based Power Systems (2021)**

UNIVERSITATEA POLITEHNICA DIN BUCURESTI, **Romania** (Partner)  
Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin, Germany (Partner)

## **EMSHIP – International Master in Advanced Design of Sustainable Ships and Offshore Structures (2023)**

UNIVERSITATEA DUNAREA DE JOS DIN GALATI, **Romania** (Partner)  
UNIVERSITAET ROSTOCK, Germany (Partner)

**More information (description of Master program, all partners of consortium) and further EM projects:**

**[Erasmus+ Project Results Platform](#)**

# What is an EMDM project?



- Short duration grant to support institutions in the **set-up of a new joint master programme** in Europe (and beyond)
- One beneficiary mobilising a group of other HEIs (Mono-Beneficiary Grant)
- Fixed duration of 15 months
- EU Grant: fixed lump sum contribution of **55.000 Euros / project** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)
- 2021: 148 applications, 40 selected projects, success rate 27%  
2022: 113 applications, 62 selected projects, success rate 55%  
2023: 145 applications, 58 selected projects, success rate 40%



# Expected outcomes of an EMDM

The jointly designed master should:

- Offer a fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium
- Aim at attracting excellent students worldwide
- Include physical mobility for all recruited students
- Lead to either a Joint degree or multiple degrees
  
- EMDM: The aims are to **diversify the offer of joint Master's programmes** and to **support new academic cooperations by including underrepresented countries, institutions and/or subject areas**



# Cooperation Partnerships

Key Data for CP Projects

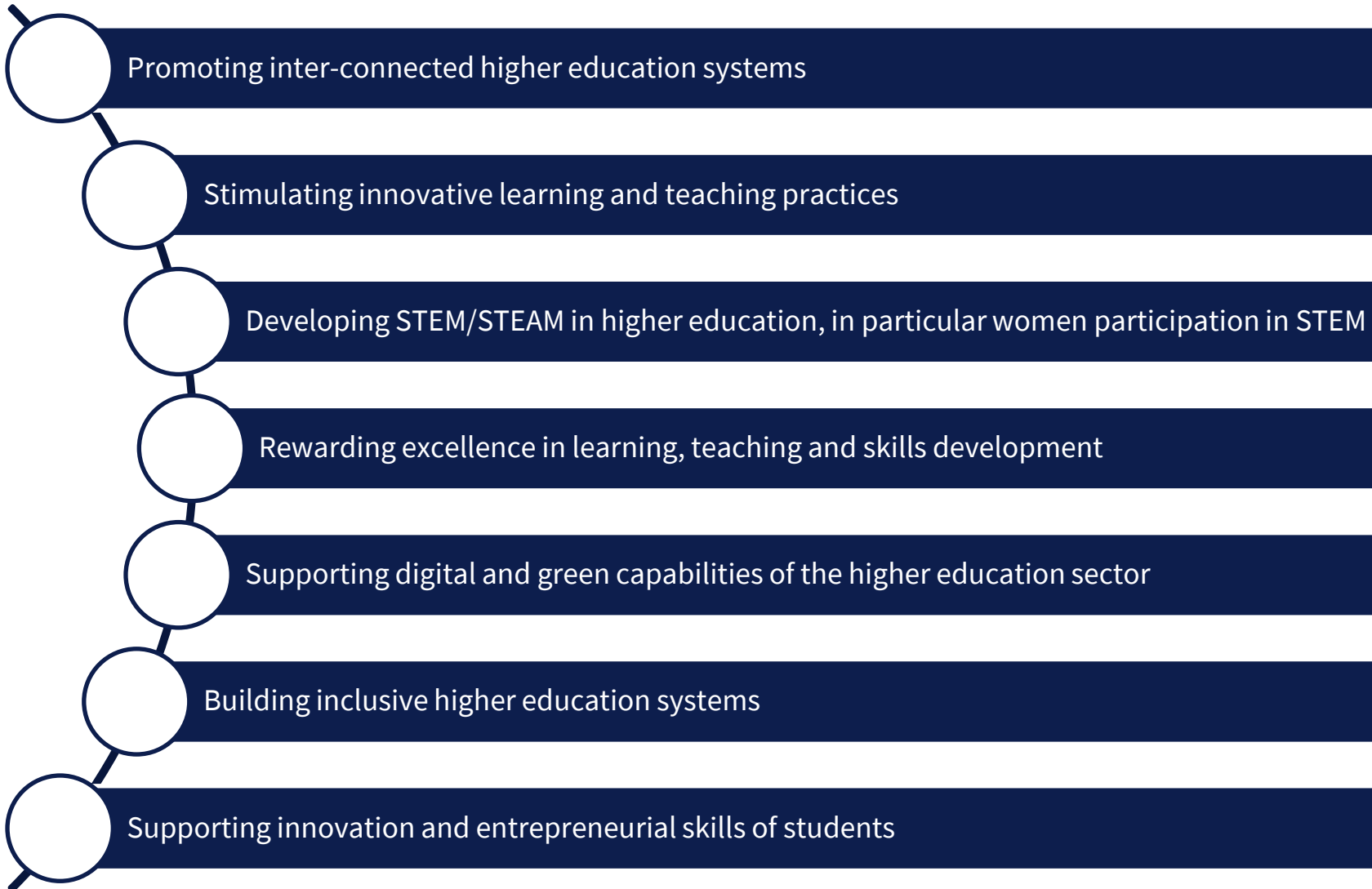
# Cooperation Partnerships

- **Who can apply?** EU member countries or third countries associated to the Erasmus+ programme
- **Minimum consortium:** 3 organisations from 3 different EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme
- Organisations from *third countries not associated to the Programme* can be involved as partners (not as applicants), if their participation brings an **essential added value to the project**
- Cooperation Partnerships must address:
  - at least one horizontal priority and / or
  - at least one specific priority relevant to the field of education, training, youth and sport that is mostly impacted
- Duration of project: between 12 and 36 months
- 3 funding amounts independent of the project duration: 120.000, 250.000 or 400.000 Euro

# Horizontal Priorities



# Priorities for Higher Education Sector

- 
- Promoting inter-connected higher education systems
  - Stimulating innovative learning and teaching practices
  - Developing STEM/STEAM in higher education, in particular women participation in STEM
  - Rewarding excellence in learning, teaching and skills development
  - Supporting digital and green capabilities of the higher education sector
  - Building inclusive higher education systems
  - Supporting innovation and entrepreneurial skills of students

## Cooperation Partnerships: German Project Cooperation with Institutions from Southeastern Europe Calls 2021-2022

Country	Number of project partners (Calls 2021-2022)	Number of project partners (Calls 2014-2020)
Bulgaria	0	2
Romania	7	<b>62</b>
Croatia	<b>15</b>	14
North Macedonia	1	16
Serbia	1	5
Czech Republic	8	20
Hungary	0	<b>25</b>
Poland	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>

# Who can participate?

Actions	Institutions from EU-Member States and associated third countries	Institutions from non-associated third countries
<b>EMJM and EMDM</b> Application to EACEA	Applicant Partner	Applicant Partner
<b>Capacity Building in Higher Education</b> Application to EACEA	Applicant Partner	Applicant Partner All countries in regions 1-11 (with the exception of high income countries in regions 5, 7 and 8 and Russia, Belarus)
<b>Jean Monnet-Actions: Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence; Thematic networks in Higher Education</b> Application to EACEA	Applicant Partner	Applicant

# Who can participate?

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Institutions from EU-Member States and associated third countries</b>	<b>Institutions from non-associated third countries</b>
<b>Teacher Academies</b>	Applicant Partner	n/a
<b>Alliances for Innovation</b>	Applicant Partner	n/a
<b>Cooperation Partnerships</b>	Applicant Partner	Partner (with visible added value for project)

# More information

- Yearly call, submission on-line to EACEA  
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/erasmus2027>
- More information on the international actions  
[Capacity building in Higher Education | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)  
[Erasmus Mundus action | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)  
[Jean Monnet Actions | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)
- More information on the intra-European actions  
[Teacher Academies](#)  
[Alliances for Innovation](#)  
[Cooperation Partnerships](#)
- Project examples in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform  
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects>
- EU-Western Balkan cooperation through Erasmus+ (2014-2020)  
<https://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/erasmus-plus/factsheets/regional/westernbalkans-regional-erasmusplus-2020.pdf>



# Erasmus+ Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation (Policy Support)

## Erasmus+ Funding Opportunities

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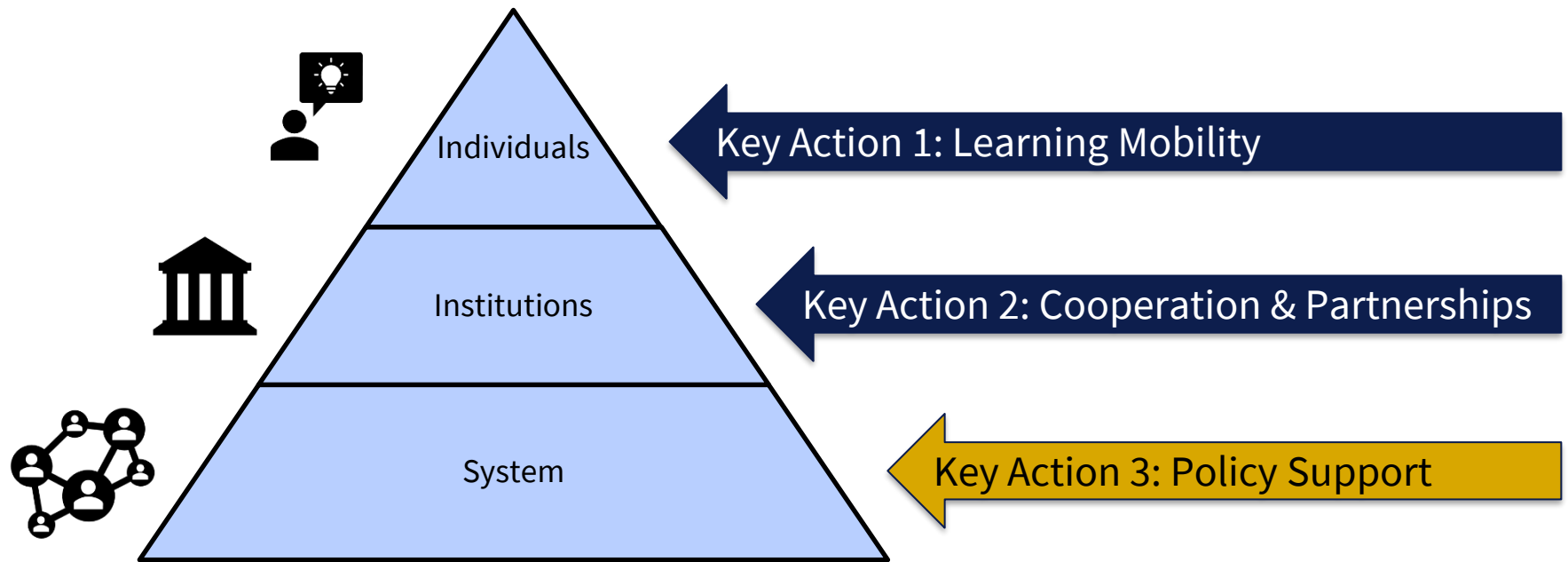
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Programme Administrator Erasmus+ Policy Support,  
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# Impact of Erasmus+ policy support projects

**The overarching objective:** Achieving impact at systemic level



Improving the framework conditions for individuals and institutions

# Funding lines EU04



Christian Hüller / NA DAAD

## Forward-Looking Projects (KA2)

- Development and identification of innovative policy approaches that have the potential of improving education and training systems
- Bottom-Up-Approach



Oliver Reetz/NA DAAD

## European Policy Experimentations (KA3)

- Transnational cooperation projects that involve testing the **relevance, effectiveness, potential impact** and **scalability** of activities through **field trials** in different countries
- Top-Down-Approach



@Oliver Reetz/NA  
DAAD

## Cross-sectoral cooperation

The Erasmus+ policy support is characterised by the fact that a large number of institutions outside the higher education sector participate:

- EU-networks und NGOs
- Scientific and educational Institutions
- Business Organisations
- Public Authorities (f.ex. ministries for education and research)
- Civil Society Organisations

# Forward-Looking Projects: Call 2023

## General objective

- Foster innovation, creativity, participation as well as social entrepreneurship in different fields of education and training

## Thematic context: Lot 1 – Digital education (cross-sectoral)

- **Priority 1:** Education technology (edTech): scaling up of EU-based solutions through cooperation and quality assurance
- **Priority 2:** Effective pedagogical approaches on informatics for primary and secondary level of education
- **Priority 3:** Teacher training and curriculum development in tackling disinformation and promoting digital literacy

# European Policy Experimentations: Call 2022

## General Objective

- Test and explore deeper transnational cooperation instruments to further develop a genuinely European dimension in the higher education sector

## Thematic context

- **Topic 1:** European degree label
- **Topic 2:** European legal status

# Funding modalities

	<b>Forward-Looking Projects (Call 2023 – Lot 1)</b>	<b>European Policy Experimentations (Call 2022)</b>
<b>Budget</b>	EUR 35,000,000	EUR 2,000,000
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. EUR 1,500,000</li> <li>• plus co-funding rate of 20 %</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. EUR 200,000</li> <li>• plus co-funding rate of 20%</li> </ul>
<b>Duration</b>	24–48 months	12 months
<b>Consortium</b>	at least 3 organisations from 3 Erasmus+ countries	at least 2 Higher Education Institutions from 2 Erasmus+ countries
<b>Call for proposals</b>	Generally annually (next Call 2024)	Every 2 years (next Call 2024)

# German and Southeastern European Participation

## Forward-Looking Projects (Call 2022 – Lot 1)

- [Femme Forward – Fast-tracking women into new tech careers and supporting successful female-led start-ups](#)  
→ Romania, Germany
- [Higher Education Classroom Of the Future](#)  
→ Romania, Germany
- [ReGenerate Strategies for Higher Education Institutions](#)  
→ Serbia, Slovenia and Germany

## European Policy Experimentations (Call 2022)

- [JEDI - Joint European Degree label in engineering - Toward a European framework for engineering education](#)  
→ Romania, Bulgaria, Germany
- [SMARTT - Screening, mapping, analyzing, recommending, transferring and transforming HE international programmes](#)  
→ Romania, Germany
- [STYX - EUt+ Status and structure experience](#)  
→ Bulgaria, Germany



# DAAD Programs for Southeastern Europe

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# Coffee break

*30 minutes*

*10:30-11:00*



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# Panel-Discussion - Voices from Participants

Shared experiences: What can we learn  
for future mobilities and cooperations?

Moderators: Michaela Lanaro, Beate Körner, NA  
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# The Way Forward - Conclusions and Outlook

Beate Körner, NA DAAD

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