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Bridging the continents – EU-Africa Higher Education Cooperation: Policy dialogue and instruments

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Erasmus+
Enriching lives, opening minds.

Higher education

The European Education Area (September 2020)



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Quality in education and training

- Boost basic and transversal skills
- More mobility and cooperation opportunities
- Support lifelong acquisition of language competences
- Develop a European perspective in education



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Inclusion and gender equality

- Pathways to School Success
- 50 centres of excellence for VET
- European Approach to micro-credentials
- Gender-sensitive teaching



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Green and digital transitions

- Education for Climate Coalition
- Greening of education infrastructure
- Council Recommendation on education for environmental sustainability
- Digital Education Action Plan



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Teachers and trainers

- 25 Erasmus Teacher Academies
- European guidance for national career frameworks
- European Innovative Teaching Award



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Higher education

- European Universities full roll-out
- Development of a European Degree
- Legal statute for alliances of universities
- Erasmus+ Mobile App



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Geopolitical dimension

- Team Europe approach
- Strengthen cooperation with strategic global partners
- Expand international dimension of Erasmus+

6th African Union - European Union Summit

A common vision for 2030 – February 2022 in Brussels



Global Gateway Investment Package
Public and private investment in priority fields
150 billion Euros

Policy Declaration
+ Concrete Flagship
Initiatives

Together, we will step up our **support to scientific cooperation** between researchers to develop knowledge together, as well as sharing technology and expertise, including through a joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda.

We will **encourage exchanges of young citizens, volunteers and students**, through the expanded Erasmus+ programme and **develop partnerships between universities**, in order to improve our mutual understanding and foster excellence.

We announce an **Africa-Europe Investment Package** of at least EUR 150 billion that will support our common ambition for 2030 and AU Agenda 2063, composed of an Investment, a Health and an **Education Package**.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/02/17-18/>

Thematic areas of the Global Gateway Africa-Europe Investment Package

A. Accelerating the Green Transition



Sustainable energy



Biodiversity, land, water, oceans & forests



Agri-food systems



Climate resilience & disaster risk reduction

B. Accelerating the Digital Transition



Digital transition

C. Accelerating growth and jobs



Transport



Private sector, entrepreneurship & MSMEs



African economic integration & diversification



Sustainable finance for sustainable transitions



Science, technology & innovation

D. Accelerating Human Development



Health: access to vaccines, medicines & health technology products



Quality education and skills



How?

Increased overall funding for education worldwide to over EUR 6 billion for 2021-2027
the bulk of the EU's investment will be in Africa

1. **Bilateral cooperation:** over 43 countries with education and skill initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa.
2. **Flagship initiatives at regional level:**
 - The Regional Teachers Initiative (EU: EUR 100 million);
 - Skills and Vocational Education Training Initiative (EU: at least EUR 500 million);
 - **Youth Mobility for Africa (EU: EUR 970 million);**
 - Global Partnership for Education (Team Europe: EUR 1.7 billion)





Youth Mobility for Africa

Flagship initiative under the Global Gateway
Africa-Europe Investment Package

Youth Mobility for Africa, umbrella flagship initiative covering ongoing and new programmes:

- [Erasmus +](#)
- [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme V](#)
- [Harmonization of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation - HAQAA III](#)
- [African Continental Qualifications Framework - ACQF II](#)
- [Young African Leaders Programme - YALP II](#)
- [Africa-Europe Youth Academy](#)

Total 970 million Euro (until 2027)



5 strategic objectives

- Increase inclusive and demand-driven **learning mobility opportunities, skills development, and collaboration** within Africa and between Africa and the EU, through exchanges, scholarships, and cooperation projects
- Strengthen continental integration by supporting **regional and continental harmonization mechanisms** in education
- Foster **quality, relevance and attractiveness** of African higher education institutions as destinations of choice
- Support the **empowerment of African youth** for sustainable employability and active citizenship
- Increase **policy dialogue, coordination and valorization** of cooperation between African and European partners



Learning Mobility & cooperation in higher education, skills development

Erasmus+ actions open to Africa

The biggest programme in the flagship

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Managed by EACEA

Objectives and actions:

- Learning mobility opportunities within Africa for students (master and PHD) trainees, and university staff
- Develop networks between African higher education institutions and promote internationalisation, and reinforce links with business
- 2023 call specifically supports the development of green skills
- Next call planned for end 2024

Harmonisation mechanisms in education and training

Support to the African Continental Qualifications Framework II

Managed by the EU Delegation to AU, implemented by ETF

Objectives:

- Support the implementation of the African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF), an initiative of the African Union;
- Improve mobility and lifelong learning opportunities, through enhanced comparability and transparency of qualifications, and recognition of skills and diplomas.

Harmonization of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA)

Implemented by Obreal Global, AAU, DAAD, ENQA

Objectives:

- Aim to establish a harmonised approach to quality assurance in higher education across Africa. Promote mutual recognition of accreditation decisions.
- Support to the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)

Youth Leadership

Young African Leaders Programme

Implemented by the European University Institute

Programme:

- To strengthen skills of current and future policy-makers, policy influencers and leaders to support their own countries and also bring a new understanding to the cross-national issues driving the continental developments.
- 3-month fellowship programme for mid-career professionals up to 35 years old, focusing on studies in transnational governance.

Africa-Europe Youth Academy

Objectives:

- Strengthen the capacity of, and provide opportunities for young people to act as leaders and multipliers at social, economic, cultural and political level.
- Increase the quality, quantity as well as the accessibility of youth leadership actions in Africa and between Africa and Europe.
- Promote learning mobility, exchange and intercultural dialogue among African and European youth.

Policy dialogue, coordination and valorisation

- The flagship initiative aims to improve policy dialogue and coordination in these areas, between the EU and AU and their Member States, and stakeholders from both continents, by providing a platform for dialogue and exchanges.
- The involvement of a diverse range of stakeholders is sought, beyond those actors directly involved in the management of the programmes.
- A Steering Committee and two Working Groups will be set up: one Working group on 'Mobility' and one on 'Frameworks'

Multi-stakeholder approach:

- African Union Commission, AU Member States, RECs, AU agencies, actors involved in African Higher Education and Research Space
- European Commission, EU Member States, EU agencies, European Higher Education Area experts
- African regional education/mobility/labour organisations
- University networks
- VET associations
- Students, alumni and youth associations
- Private sector/industries and chambers, professional associations
- EU Delegations in Africa

Thank you!

Website with key info on Youth Mobility for Africa:

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway/youth-mobility-africa_en

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