Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education

ERI SEE seminar on removing obstacles to recognition of qualifications

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Presentation overview

• About the Agency
• On Erasmus+
• Capacity Building in HE
• KA3 Invitation to Naric Network
**Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes**

- **2007.**: Government of the Republic of Croatia established AMEUP
- **Scope of activities**: Education, youth and science
- **PURPOSE**: Improving the system by internalization
- **INSTRUMENTS**: International mobility and cooperation
- **NAU**: MSES AND MSPY
- **2010.**: European Commission accreditation for LLP & YiA
- **2011.**: Croatia gains full participation in the programmes
- **1. January 2014.**: National agency implementing Erasmus+
AMEUP activities

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- ERASMUS +
- BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
- CEEPUS

YOUTH
- ERASMUS +
- HORIZON 2020.

SCIENCE
- EURAXESS

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME
- TEMPUS
- ERASMUS MUNDUS

YOUTH IN ACTION
- volunteering, youth exchanges, youth initiatives, youth democracy projects, trainings, Eurodesk

FP7
- PEOPLE/ MARIE CURIE AND COOPERATION (environment/energy)
What is Erasmus+?

- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth & sport
- Funding for programmes, projects & scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU & EU-international cooperation
- Contributes to objectives of ET 2020
On Erasmus+

2007-2013
- Tempus
- Erasmus Mundus
- Edulink
- Alfa

Youth in Action
- Leonardo
- Comenius

EU-international

EU - EU

2014-2020

ERASMUS+

1 Learning Mobility
- Jean Monnet
- Sport

2 Cooperation

3 Policy support
On Erasmus+

ERASMUS+ IMPORTANT FEATURES:

• Recognition and validation of skills and qualifications
• International dimension
• Equity and inclusion
• Multilingualism
• Dissemination and exploitation of project results
Part of Erasmus+

- Successor of Tempus, Alfa and Edulink

EU External Policies

- Internationalisation and Modernisation of Universities
### CBHE
What is it all about?

- Improve the **modernisation** and **quality** of HE and relevance for the **labour market** and society
- Improve the **competences** and **skills** in HEIs via **innovative** education programmes
- Increased capacities of **national authorities** to modernise their **higher education systems**
- Enhance the **management**, **governance** and innovation **capacities**, as well as the **internationalisation** of HEIs
- Foster **regional integration** + **cooperation** between different regions of the world
### Programme Countries

**EU Member States:**
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Other programme countries:**
Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.
Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU

- Russia
- Western Balkans
- South-Mediterranean countries

Other Partner Countries

- South Africa
- Latin America
- Central Asia
- Asia
- Iran, Iraq, Yemen
- ACP Call 2016

NEW
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Types of projects

Joint Projects: => Impact Institutions
- curriculum development
- university governance & management
- Links between HE institutions and the wider economic and social environment

Structural Projects: => Impact Systems
- modernisation of policies, governance and management of higher education systems
- Links between HE systems and the wider economic and social environment
Structural projects- examples of activities

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<th>Internationalisation and Bologna Process</th>
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<td>• policy making + monitoring</td>
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<td>(including the establishment of representative bodies, organisations or associations)</td>
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Special Mobility Strand

**Western Balkans, South-Mediterranean and Eastern Partnership countries ONLY**

Complementary for Joint and Structural projects

Additional to the core budget

**For whom?**
- **Students** registered in HEIs involved in project consortia
- **Staff** employed in a HEI or enterprise in project consortia

**Ineligible:**
- **Programme Country to Programme Country** flows
- **Programme Country to Partner Country** flows for **Staff training purposes**
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Consortia Structure

National Projects
(1 Partner Country only + min. 3 Programme Countries)

Min.1 HEI from each Programme Country

Min.3 HEI from the Partner Country

At least as many Partner Country HEIs as Programme Country HEIs

Multi-Country Projects
(≥ 2 Partner Countries + min. 3 Programme Countries)

Min.1 HEI from each Programme Country

Min.2 HEI from each Partner Country

At least as many Partner Country HEIs as Programme Country HEIs

STRUCTURAL PROJECTS: Partner Country Ministries for HE must participate
State-recognised public or private Higher Education Institutions

Associations/ Organizations of Higher Education Institutions

Only for Structural Projects: recognized national or international rector, teacher or student organisations.

Applications can be submitted by organisations located either in Programme or Partner countries
Each participating organisation can be located either in a Programme or in an eligible Partner country

**As Full Partners:**

- State-recognised public or private HEIs
- Any public or private organisation active in the labour market or in the fields of education, training and youth (e.g. enterprise, NGO) etc.
- Associations or organisations of HEIs with main focus on HE

**As Associated Partners:**

- International governmental organisation (self-financing basis)
- Other institutions
- not considered as part of the consortium and cannot benefit from any financial support from the project
multi-country project within one region

- Min. 2 Partner Countries
  - Min. 2 HEIs each

- Min. 3 Programme Countries:
  - Min. 1 HEI each

- Belgrade University
- Novi Sad University
- Durazzo University
- Tirana University
- Paris University
- London University
- Ankara University
**National Projects**

- Defined by the **Ministries of Education** in close consultation with the EU Delegations
- Must address
  - National priorities set for Partner Country in Regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 10
  - Regional priorities for the regions where no national priorities are established: Regions 6, 8, 9, 11

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**Multi-Country Projects**

- Defined by the **Commission** and based on EU's external policy priorities
- Must address
  - the regional priorities for countries in the same region (**regional projects**) or
  - regional / national priority common to different regions (**cross-regional projects**)
Regional priorities for Western Balkans:

• Learning and teaching tools, methodologies and pedagogical approaches (e.g. Learning outcomes, ICT based learning)
• Governance, strategic planning and management of HEIs
• Internationalisation of HEIs
• Access to and democratisation of HE
• Non-University sector at tertiary education level
• University enterprise cooperation, entrepreneurship, employability of graduates
• Qualification Frameworks and recognition of qualifications
• Definition, implementation and monitoring of the reform process
# CBHE Budget

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<th>Instrument financier</th>
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<th>Indicative no. of projects to be funded</th>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Budget and duration

- Duration 24 or 36 Months
- Min. 500,000 Euros - Max. 1,000,000 Euros
- Real Costs and Unit Costs
- 5 Budget Headings

Excluding mobility strand
A unit cost is a fixed contribution which is multiplied by the specific number of units to cover the costs linked to the implementation of a specific activity or task.

EU Grants: 2 important principles: Non profit & Co-funding

How to respect these principles under a "unit cost" approach?

E+ Unit Cost amounts are the result of a statistical analysis carried out on real project costs from previous generation of programmes (LLP, Erasmus Mundus, Jean Monnet, Tempus, etc.)

For CBHE, the simulation carried out on former Tempus projects showed that "statistically" the combination of real and unit costs corresponded +/- to 90% of their total eligible costs.
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<td><strong>Staff costs (max 40%)</strong></td>
<td>4 Staff Categories (Manager, Researcher/Teacher/Trainer, Technician, Administrator)</td>
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<td><strong>Travel costs</strong></td>
<td>Students/staff from partners in countries involved in the project from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return.</td>
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<td><strong>Costs of stay</strong></td>
<td>Subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport, personal or optional health insurance.</td>
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<td><strong>Equipment (max 30%)</strong></td>
<td>Purchased exclusively for the benefit of HEIs in the Partner Countries</td>
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<td><strong>Sub-contracting (max 10%)</strong></td>
<td>Exceptional for services related to competences that can't be found in the consortia</td>
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Proposals recommended for funding: 140 (27% from 515 submitted)

Proposals with Partner Country coordinator: 28 (20%)

Joint Projects: 122 (87%)

Structural Projects: 18 (13%)

National: 53 (38%)

Multi-country: 87 (62%)

Average consortium size: 12 partners (min. 6 – max. 34)

Average budget: 880,000 €
Results from the 1st call

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<th>Regions</th>
<th>Received applications</th>
<th>Selected Applications</th>
<th>Success Rate</th>
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<td>65</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Region 2 - Eastern Partnership Countries</td>
<td>169</td>
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<td>Region 3 - South Mediterranean Countries</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Region 4 - Russian Federation</td>
<td>57</td>
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<td>Region 6 - Asia</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Region 7 - Central Asia</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Region 8 - Latin America</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Region 9 - Iran, Iraq, Yemen</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Region 10 - South Africa</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>80%</td>
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*Regional Data cannot be added since the same project can involve several regions*
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Key messages for the 2016 call

- Intensify efforts to encourage the cooperation with Asian countries;
- Disseminate widely the new opportunity to cooperate with ACP countries;
- Pay particular attention to the eligibility criteria, mainly minimum number of nationally recognised HEIs in consortia;
- Respect strictly the national / regional priorities addressed to each Partner Country affecting the score on Relevance (threshold of 50% must be reached to pass to the next selection stages);
- Insist on the need to empower the Partner Country partners from the early stages of the proposal preparation.
More information on CBHE and application forms:

Applications to be submitted using an *eForm* with attachments

Eform available from 4 December 2015
eForm (PDF Adobe doc)
A. Identification of the applicant and other partners
B. Description of the project (summary information)
C. Specific information related to CBHE

Detailed project description (Word doc. Attached to eForm)
D. Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements
E. Project characteristics and relevance
F. Quality of the project design and implementation
G. Impact, dissemination and exploitation, sustainability; LFM; Workplan
H. Work packages
I. Special Mobility Strand (where applicable)
J. Other EU Grants
Project Proposal

EACEA

Assessment by Independent experts

Eligibility check

Ranking on QUALITY based on award criteria

Consultation: EU Delegations, PC authorities, NEOs

Final ranking list

Grant Award Decision

EACEA

Evaluation Committee EACEA, DGs, EEAS

EACEA
## CBHE Selection roadmap

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<td>Publication Erasmus+ CBHE Call for Proposals</td>
<td>October 2015</td>
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<td><strong>Deadline for submission of applications</strong></td>
<td><strong>10 February 2016, 12:00 CET</strong></td>
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<td>Verification of eligibility of project proposals</td>
<td>February – March 2016</td>
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<td>Assessment of projects by experts (remotely)</td>
<td>mid-March – mid May 2016</td>
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<td>Consultation procedure</td>
<td>mid-May – mid-June 2016</td>
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<td>Evaluation Committee for selection of projects</td>
<td>early July 2016</td>
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<td>Sending for signature of Award decision by Agency AO</td>
<td>mid-July 2016</td>
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<td>Notification of applicants &amp; publication of results</td>
<td>end-July 2016</td>
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<td>Preparation and signature of grant agreements</td>
<td>August-September 2016</td>
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<td>Start of eligibility period</td>
<td><strong>15 October 2016</strong></td>
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To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least 60 points in total and - out of these points at least 15 points for "Relevance"
Centrally managed (EACEA) but local support:

International E+ Contact Points (ICPs) in Programme Countries
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/international-erasmus-plus-contact-points_en

National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs) in certain Partner Countries (PCs)

More Information:
Erasmus+ website - EACEA


Erasmus+ website – EU Commission
• Supporting National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC)
• New invitation to submit projects in 2016?

1. Projects for the benefit of the NARIC network
   - Promoting recognition in the European setting in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Bologna Process, through
   - Contributing to other higher education reforms in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Bologna Process:

2. Project for the benefit of the ENIC-NARIC networks via a consortium of NARIC centres
   - Hosting the annual joint ENIC / NARIC networks meeting
   - Hosting, developing and maintaining the ENIC / NARIC website
KA3- Support for policy reform
Co funding of NARIC project proposals

- Applicants: only NARIC centres (min. consortium 3 NARICS)
- ENICs (or any other organisation active in the field) can participate in projects and may benefit from the grant but their financial support through an EU grant is limited to up to 25% of the total eligible cost of the project
- EC grant = up to 75% of total costs
- Budget for the project type 1. 650.000 Euro
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