



EACEA

“Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education”

- **Strand 1:** Fostering access to cooperation in higher education
- **Strand 2:** Partnerships for transformation in higher education
- **Strand 3:** Structural reform projects

Info Note

Objectives:

General objectives of the Action:

- Improve the **quality of HE** in 3rd countries not associated to the programme (hereafter TCnAP), enhancing its relevance for the labour market and society, while enhancing employability potential of students in HEIs in the third countries not associated to the Programme by developing new and innovative education programmes;
- Promote **inclusive education**, equality, equity, non-discrimination and the promotion of civic-competences in HE in the third countries not associated to the Programme, while **fostering cooperation across different regions and promoting joint initiatives**;
- Improve the **training of teachers** and stimulate cooperation of institutions while improving the **level of competences and employability potential of students** of HEIs
- Enhance the teaching, assessment mechanisms for HEI staff and students, **quality assurance, management, governance**, inclusion, innovation, knowledge base, digital and entrepreneurial capacities, as well as the internationalisation of HEIs in the third countries not associated to the Programme;
- **Increase the capacities of HEIs, bodies in charge of higher education** and competent authorities of 3rd countries not associated to the Programme to **modernise their HE systems**, particularly in terms of **governance and financing**, by supporting the definition, implementation and monitoring of reform processes;

Geographical Targets:

- **National projects** involving institutions from only one eligible TCnAP
- **Multi-country (regional) projects** within one single eligible region
- **Multi-country and cross-regional projects** involving at least one country from each eligible region

Activities:

Strand 1:

- enhancing the management/administrative capacity of HEIs
- ensuring high quality and relevant education
- increasing the access of students/staff with fewer opportunities

Strand 2:

- Innovation in HE (scientific cooperation, new learning methods, dual learning systems development & implementation)
- Promoting reform in HEIs (i.e MOOC, Bologna type reforms, governance and management, internationalization of HEIs, testing solutions to pressing social demands etc)

Strand 3:

- Promote cooperation, capacity of HEIs, synergies and inclusivity
- Strengthening the education digital environment for Ukraine

Horizontal Priorities:

- **Green Deal** – development of competences in various sustainability, green skills, strategies, methodologies and future oriented curricula
- **Integration of migrants** – support the integration of migrants & displaced persons through access to education
- **Digital transformation** – mainstreaming digitalization in HE systems, assuring the digital transformation is as comprehensive and inclusive as possible
- **Governance, peace, security and human development** – strengthening active citizenship and governance in HEIs
- **Sustainable growth & jobs** – building skills for life (soft, foundation and STEAM skills)

In addition, there are regional priorities as seen in the [link](#).

Total Budget*: 116 601 974 €

Strand 1: 31.312.610 €

Strand 2: 58.705.435 €

Strand 3: 26.583.929€

Grant per Project:

Str.1: 200.000€ – 400.000€

Str.2: 400.000€ – 800.000€

Str.3 One project for Ukraine:
up to 5.000.000

Str.3 Other: 600.000€ –
1.000.000€

Duration:

Strs. 1 & 2: 24 - 36
months

Str.3:
36-48 months

Deadline

16 February
2023



10 Eligible Regions, each with a **defined budget** and specific **Overarching Regional Priorities** (more information [here](#))

Eligibility

	<i>Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education</i>	<i>Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education</i>	<i>Strand 3: Strengthening the education digital environment for Ukraine</i>	<i>Strand 3: Other structural reform projects</i>
Eligible applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HEIs, associations or organisations of HEIs, established in an EU Members state or third countries associated to the programme (hereafter TCAP), or in an eligible TCnAP Organisations from Belarus (Region 2) and the Russian Federation (Region 4) are not eligible to participate 		<p>Geographical coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territory of Ukraine; at least 1 EU Member State or TCAP; <p>Institutional coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 1 HEI from each participating country; national competent authority (e.g. Ministry) responsible for HE in Ukraine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HEIs, associations or organisations of HEIs, established in an EU Members state or TCAP, or in an eligible TCnAP Associations, public or private organisations in an EU Members state or TCAP. Eligible TCnAP may also participate, but not as coordinator Organisations from Syria are not eligible in Str.3
Types of organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any public/ private organisation defined as HEI and recognized by competent authorities, leading to HE degrees and recognized diplomas at tertiary education level Any public/ private organisation active in the labour market or in fields of education, training and youth located in TCnAPs HEIs located in EU Member states, or TCAPs must hold a valid ECHE 			
Number and profile of participating organisations	<p>Geographical Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 2 HEI from each EU Member State or TCAP; Minimum 1 TCnAP; Minimum 2 TCnAP for Regions 1, 10 & 11; Minimum 1 TCnAP from Region 10 and 1 from Region 11 for projects involving both Regions <p>Institutional coverage: Minimum 1 HEI from each EU member state or TCAPs; Minimum 2 HEIs from TCnAPs</p>		<p>Geographical Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 2 HEI from each EU Member State or TCAP; Minimum 1 TCnAP; <p>Institutional coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 1 HEI from each EU member state or TCAPs; Minimum 2 HEIs from TCnAPs 	
	<p>Note: No of HEIs from EU Member States and TCAPs ≤ No of HEIs from TCnAPs For additional specific criteria, see Erasmus+ Guide p. 319</p>			
Eligible Programme Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 EU member-states TCAPs: North Macedonia, Iceland, Norway, Serbia, Liechtenstein, Turkey TCnAPs: Regions: 1. Western Balkans, 2. Neighbourhood East, 3. South-Mediterranean, 5. Asia, 6. Central Asia, 7. Middle East, 8. Pacific, 9. Sub-Saharan Africa, 10. Latin America, 11. Caribbean Not eligible: Belarus (Region 2) and Russian Federation (Region 4) 			
Duration	24 or 36 months	24 or 36 months	36 or 48 months	



Expected Impact

Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education	Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education	Strand 3: Structural reform projects & Strengthening the education digital environment for Ukraine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancing the management/administrative capacity of the targeted HEIs; ensuring high quality and relevant education; increasing the accessibility of the students/staff with fewer opportunities <p><i>i.e. internationalization for people with fewer opportunities, internationalization offices, counseling, evaluation, mobility services, panning and evaluation units, technical or professional orientaions of programmes, synergies with the business sector, empowering ethnic minorities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation (in the existing curricula, in teaching methods, in research and networking) in higher education in order to enhance its relevance for the labour market and the society; Promoting reform in HEIs to the third countries not associated to the programme <p><i>i.e. innovative curricula, key competences, MOOCs, new learning methods, business education, vulnerable groups, professional development of academic or admin staff, incubators for innovation, training schemes, internships, dual learning systems bridging with upper secondary VET</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote cooperation and mutual learning among and between public authorities at the highest institutional level of the EU Member states or TCAP and the eligible TCnAP to foster systemic improvement and innovation in HE Promote inclusive HE, with attention to people with fewer opportunities; Increase the capacities of HEIs of TCnAP, bodies in charge of HE and competent authorities (Ministries) in terms of governance and financing; Identify synergies with ongoing EU initiative in the TCnAP in areas covered by E+. <p>Also: Strengthening the education digital environment for Ukraine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support the development of the digital education ecosystem of Ukrainian universities

*Indicative 2023 CBHE budget per Region:

Strand 1		
Region	Budget (in EURO)	N° of projects
Region 1 Western Balkans	5.469.804	13
Region 2 Neighbourhood East	3.618.334	9
Region 3 South-Mediterranean countries	1.808.355	4
Region 5 Asia	4.233.106	10
Region 6 Central Asia	1.118.069	2
Region 7 Middle East	1.225.152	3
Region 8 Pacific	490.770	1
Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa	11.344.025	28
Region 10 Latin America	1.627.095	4
Region 11 Caribbean	667.515	1
Total 2023 CBHE indicative budget of <u>Strand 1</u> and indicative number of projects to be funded	31.602.226	75



Strand 2

Region	Budget (in EURO)	N° of projects
Region 1 Western Balkans	5.088.190	6
Region 2 Neighbourhood East	10.093.249	12
Region 3 South-Mediterranean countries	5.063.394	6
Region 5 Asia	14.815.872	18
Region 6 Central Asia	3.913.241	4
Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa	11.344.025	14
Region 10 Latin America	7.593.110	9
Region 11 Caribbean	794.354	1
Total 2023 CBHE indicative budget of Strand 2 and indicative number of projects to be funded	58.705.435	70

Strand 3

Region	Budget (in EURO)	N° of projects
Region 1 Western Balkans	2.162.481	2
Region 2 Neighbourhood East	7.276.727	7
Region 2 Neighbourhood East Education digital environment for Ukraine	5.000.000	1
Region 3 South-Mediterranean countries	2.170.026	2
Region 5 Asia	2.116.553	2
Region 6 Central Asia	559.034	1
Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa	5.672.013	5
Region 10 Latin America	1.627.095	1
Total 2023 CBHE indicative budget of Strand 3 and indicative number of projects to be funded	26.583.929	21

Important links:

- Capacity Building in Higher Education Call Guide available [here](#) (p. 311-326)