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"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

Total Budget*: 97,817,250€

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 Other: 600.000€ – 1.000.000€

Duration:

Strs. 1 & 2: 24 - 36 months

Str.3: 36-48 months

Deadline

8 February

2024

Objectives:

General objectives of the Action
for 3rd countries not associated to the Programme

- Improve the **quality of HE** and **enhance** its relevance for the **labour market and society**;
- Improve the **level of competences, skills and employability potential** of students in HEIs by **developing new, relevant and innovative education programmes**;
- Promote **inclusive education, equality, equity, non-discrimination** and the promotion of **civic-competences** in HE;
- 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;
- Increase **the capacities of HEIs, bodies in charge of HE and competent authorities** to **modernise** their higher education systems, particularly **in terms of governance and financing**, by supporting the **definition, implementation and monitoring** of reform processes;
- Improve the **training of teachers** and **continuous professional development** in order to impact the **longer term quality** of the education system;
- Stimulate **cooperation of institutions, capacity building and exchange** of good practice;
- **Foster cooperation** across **different region**s of the world through joint initiatives.

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 targeted HEIs
- ensuring high quality and relevant education
- increasing the access of students/staff with fewer opportunities

Strand 2:
- innovation in HE (innovative curricula or innovative elements to exististing, new teaching methods, engangement of business and research world,effective networking in research)
- promoting reform in HEIs (i.e emphasizing democratic, inclusive, and entrepreneurial practices through governance restructuring, digital readiness, and skills development)

Strand 3:
- Promote cooperation and mutual learning, increase capacity of HEIs, synergies and promote inclusivity

Horizontal Priorities:

- **Green Deal** – development of competences in various sustainability, green skills, strategies, methodologies and future oriented curricula
- **Digital transformation** –digitalization in HE systems, assuring the digital transformation is as comprehensive and inclusive as possible
- **Integration of migrants** – support the integration of migrants & displaced persons through access to education and recognitionof degrees
- **Governance, peace, security and human development** – strengthening active citizenship and governance in HEIs
- **Sustainable growth & jobs** – tackle the existing mismatch between education outcomes and labour market demands.

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10 Eligible Regions, each with a **defined budget** and specific **Overarching Regional Priorities** (more information here p. 328)

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Eligibility

	Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education	*Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education*	*Strand 3: Structural reform projects*
	Eligible third countries not associated to the Programme for this action: All third countries not associated to the Programme (please see section "Eligible Countries" in Part A of this Guide) in Regions 1, 2, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9, 10 and 11. **Exception:** organisations from Belarus (Region 2)and the Russian Federation (Region 4)are not eligible to participate in this action		
Eligible applicants	• higher education institutions (HEIs) or organisationsof HEIs • established in an EU Member State, in a third country associated to the Programme or in eligible third countries not associated to the Programme		• higher education institutions (HEIs), organisations of HEIs or organizations • established in an EU Member State, in a third country associated to the Programme or in eligible third countries not associated to the Programme. • organisations from Syria are not eligible to participate in this Strand
Types of organisations	• HEIs located in an EU Member State or in a third country associated to the Programme must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). • The HEIs, established in eligible third countries not associated to the Programme, and recognised as such by the competent authorities, with their affiliated entities (if any), have to offer full study programmes leading to higher education degrees and recognised diplomas at tertiary education qualifications level(at least level 5). • Organizations or institutions, including their affiliated entities (if any), active in the labour market or in the fields of education, training and youth located in an EU Member State, in a third country associated to the Programme or eligible third countries not associated to the Programme, may also participate, but **not as coordinator.**		
Number and profile of participating organisations	**Geographical Coverage:** ➢ **National Projects** (open only for Regions 2306, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9) - at least 2 EU Member States or TCaP - at least 1 eligible TCnaP ➢ **Multicountry Projects** - at least 2 eligible TCnaPs - at least one TCnaP **Institutional coverage:** - at least 1 HEI from each participating EU Member State or TCaP - at least 2 HEIs from each participating TCnaP		**Geographical Coverage:** - at least 2 EU Member States or TCaP –at least 1 eligible TCnaP **Institutional coverage:** - at least 1 HEI from each participating EU Member State or TCaP; –at least 2 HEIs from each participating third country not associated to the Programme; –the national competent authority (e.g. Ministry) responsible for higher education in **each of the eligible TCnaPs**
	Note: No of HEIs from EU Member States and TCAPs ≤ No of HEIs from TCnAPs For additional specific criteria, see Erasmus+ Guide p. 332 and p.334		
Eligible Programme Countries	• **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)*		

Expected Impact

Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education	Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education	Strand 3: Structural reform projects
• 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 *i.e. cater for newcomers to the programme, less involved countries/regions, and for disadvantaged targeted groups (i.e. through modernisation of management/administrative capacity, increase of the accessibility of students/staff with fewer opportunities, etc*.	• **innovation (either in new or 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 *i.e.* have a large and wider impact on innovation, university/business relations and institutional governance	• **Promote cooperation and mutual learning** among and between public authorities 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+.

*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**

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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. 326-341)
- Eligible countries https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries

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