

Infosheet on Erasmus+ KA 2 Capacity Building in Higher Education – CBHE Call 2022

What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the EU Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. The programmes for lifelong learning, youth and sport as well as the European cooperation programmes in the field of higher education were brought together in Erasmus+ in 2014. The new programme generation started in 2021 and finishes in 2027.

Erasmus+ consists of three key actions (KA). KA2 supports cooperation projects in the field of higher education and capacity building projects among others.

What are capacity building projects¹?

The Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) action supports international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of higher education. Its objective is to foster the relevance and quality of higher education in partner countries.² The action seeks to uplift their socio-economic conditions and wealth and also to counteract trends of rising social, economic and ecological inequality.

Erasmus+ CBHE projects are expected to...

- ... contribute to the overarching **priorities of the European Commission**: the Green Deal (including climate change, environment and energy), digital transformation and data technologies, alliances for sustainable growth and jobs, among others (cf. below „Priorities“)
- ... be conceived and implemented **based on the needs** of the target groups. To identify and address the areas of higher education institutions (HEIs) and higher education systems which should be strengthened more urgently, an analysis of shortcomings and needs should be done while the project is still in its conceptual phase.
- ... have a **sustainable impact** for the participating institutions and individuals. The project plan is expected to include concrete and impact-oriented steps to integrate the results of the institutions, to ensure the sustainability of the project beyond the funding period and to disseminate its activities and results.

In order to respond to the various challenges in partner countries, the CBHE action is composed of three specific strands.

Project strand 1: [Fostering access to cooperation in higher education](#)³

Objective: Project Strand 1 (PS1) seeks to address and acquire HEIs with little to no experience with the Erasmus+ programme for the capacity building action. Thus, the action facilitates the access to cooperation in higher education for „newcomer“ partners and enhances their capacities to reach out to individuals (candidates, students and staff) with fewer opportunities. A further objective is

¹ The Erasmus+ programme includes capacity building projects in the fields of higher education, training, youth and sport. This infosheet refers only to projects in higher education.

² The Erasmus+ Programme distinguishes between EU Member States and countries associated with the programme ("Programme Countries") as well as countries not associated with the Programme ("Partner Countries"). Since the Call 2022, the Programme Guide no longer uses the abbreviations "Programme Countries" or "Partner Countries". However, we continue to use them here. In addition to the EU member states, the programme countries include the associated countries Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Turkey. Further information can also be found on pages 35 – 37 of the Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2024.

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2024-cbhe-strand-1>

to ensure high quality and relevant education.

Possible activities in PS1:

- Modernising the administration of HEIs and enhancement of services for students
- Building up capacities for staff and student mobility
- Upgrading and/or developing new modules, courses and training programmes for staff and students
- Fostering initiatives with the objective to facilitate the access to higher education to groups with fewer opportunities

Duration of project: 24 or 36 months

Scope of funding: EUR 200,000 – 400,000

Project strand 2: [Partnerships for transformation in higher education](#)⁴

Objective: Project strand 2 (PS2) seeks to implement new and innovative approaches and initiatives in higher education that have an impact not only on HEIs, but on society as a whole. Projects in this strand rely on sharing and transferring experiences, competences and validated methods. These projects aim at enhancing the capacities of HEIs to cope with the challenges of the 21st century.

Possible activities in PS2:

- Developing and implementing innovative curricula and teaching/learning methods with the aim of a closer interlinkage of HEIs, society and private sector
- Developing and testing solutions for societal demands and challenges
- Introducing Bologna-type reforms (three-level cycle system, transparency tools such as credit systems, National/Regional Qualification Frameworks, etc.) at institutional level

Duration of project: 24 or 36 months

Scope of funding: EUR 400,000 – 800,000

Project strand 3: [Structural reform projects](#)⁵

Objective: Project strand 3 (PS3) seeks to achieve sustainable, structural and systemic improvements in the partner countries in the field of higher education. These improvements should meet their broader socio-economic needs. In this project strand, competent national authorities (Ministries of Education) of the partner countries must be directly involved in the projects.

Possible activities in PS3:

- Developing and introducing programmes and mechanisms for the improvement of opportunities in education and employment
- Strengthening regional academic cooperation and integration – fostering exchange, mobility and recognition of certificates
- Fostering additional funding mechanisms in the field of higher education with the objective of granting access to individuals with fewer opportunities and of bridging the digital divide

Duration of project: 36 or 48 months

Scope of funding: EUR 800,000 – 1,000,000

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2024-cbhe-strand-2>

⁵ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2024-cbhe-strand-3>

Priorities

Projects in the CBHE action must address the overarching (horizontal) priorities explained in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide⁶:

- Green deal
- Digital transformation
- Integration of migrants
- Governance, peace, security and human development
- Sustainable growth and jobs

Additionally, projects in strands 1 and 2 must address the regional priorities published in the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal (FTOP)⁷ by the European Commission.

The relevance of the project for the corresponding priorities must be made explicit in the project proposal. It is not recommended to mention too many priorities, since it will be expected that the proposal establishes the project's relation to the mentioned priorities in a clear and elaborate manner. The EU delegations in the participating partner countries will evaluate how the project (proposal) addresses the regional defined priorities.

Consortium

- Based in programme country or eligible partner country
- At least one HEI from each of two programme countries
- At least as many HEIs from partner countries as from programme countries
- National projects: at least two HEIs from one partner country
- Multi-country projects: at least two HEIs from at least each of two partner countries
- In projects in PS3, national authorities must be part of the consortium
- Associated partners (optional) may be involved in the consortium, but they do not receive financial support. They may be from the public or private sector and their role should be clearly defined in the project proposal

Financial support

The CBHE action follows a lump sum funding model. In case of a grant, the EACEA as granting authority will fix the lump sum of each grant based on the proposal, evaluation result, funding rates and the maximum grant amount set in the call.

Applicants must fill in a detailed budget table according to the application form. Co-funding is expected. EACEA will evaluate the budget in terms of quality and plausibility and fix up to 90 per cent of the budget as the granted lump sum (co-funding).

The budget should be detailed as necessary by beneficiaries and organised in coherent work packages (for example divided into 'project management', 'training', 'organisation of events', 'mobility preparation and implementation', 'communication and dissemination', 'quality assurance', "equipment" etc.). The proposal must describe the activities/deliverables covered by each work package. Costs described 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).

⁶ Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2024, <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2024-version-1>, p. 327.

⁷ Cf. footnotes 3 to 5.

Selection criteria

- Relevance of the project (max. 30 points)
- Quality of the project design and implementation (max. 30 points)
- Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements (max. 20 points)
- Sustainability, impact and sustainability of the project results (max. 20 points)

At least 60 out of the 100 possible points must be achieved, with a minimum of 50 per cent of the total points in each category.

For more detailed information on what is relevant in the project proposal, consult the [Guide for Experts](#). This document is the guideline for the evaluating experts.

Application and deadlines

The access to the application documents and the application are on the EU's [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

Deadline: Thursday, 8 February 2024, 17:00 (CET, Brussels time)

Important! TUB's internal deadline for the application process: Thursday, 25 January 2024

The via long-track submitted ePA/ePA-replacement must have been received by this date. Please consider the signing process in your faculty and plan sufficient time for it. Before submitting the ePA, please make sure to familiarize yourself with the [information sheet on TU Berlins internal application procedure](#), where you can find all the required content.

Prepared Declaration(s) on Honour or Mandate(s) must have been received in the International Projects Section.

The selection takes place in Brussels by the EACEA in a two-step process. Firstly, two independent experts evaluate applications with the aforementioned selection criteria and create a ranked shortlist with the projects. Secondly, the EU delegations in the respective partner countries are consulted on diverse issues, such as on the viability of the project in the local context and on the contribution of the project to the local needs.

Only the projects successfully approved by the consultation with the EU delegations are proposed for financing to the EU. In the final step of the evaluation process, the EACEA decides on the projects which will be granted financial support. Besides the ranked shortlist, the available budget for each action is determining for the grant.

Further Information

[Funding und Tenders Portal der EU \(Conditions, Documents, Partner Search\)](#)
[Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2024](#)
[Webseite „Nationalagentur DAAD“](#)
[Erasmus+ Project Results Platform](#)

DAAD can also be consulted for more information and counselling
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