

Erasmus + KA 2: Funding of Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions

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Erasmus+ General

- **What is Erasmus+?**

Erasmus+ is the European Union's program to support education, training, youth and sport.

- **What are the program's objectives?**

It funds the mobility of learners and supports people of all ages to acquire job-related skills and intercultural competences. Erasmus+ further funds European and international educational collaborative projects and helps the participating countries to modernize their educational systems and supports them in their work in the area of youth projects.

- **Duration:** 2021-2027

Erasmus+ Key Actions in Higher Education

- Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals
 - KA 131 Mobility with Program Countries
 - KA 171 Mobility with Partner Countries
- Key Action 2 : Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions
- Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation
- Jean Monnet actions

E+ KA2 Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions

- KA220 Cooperation Partnerships
- KA2 Alliances for Innovation
 - Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises
 - Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills
- KA2 Capacity Building in Higher Education
 - Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education
 - Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education
 - Strand 3: Structural reform projects
- KA2 Erasmus Mundus Actions
 - Joint Masters
 - Design Measures
- KA2 European Universities

Co-funding
by the EU

Consortium projects:
TU Berlin applicant or
partner

Erasmus+ program and partner countries

Program countries:

- EU 27
- Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey

Partner countries:

- all other countries
- divided in regions 1 – 14

Horizontal Priorities

Inclusion and Diversity

Inclusion and Diversity Strategy

Digital Transformation

Digital Education Action Plan

Environment and fight against climate change

European Green Deal

Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement

Further „important features of the E+ Programme“

Respect for EU values

„respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities“

E+ Program Guide 2024, p. 11

Further Information

Erasmus+ Programme Guide

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2024-version-1>

Website of the German National Erasmus+ Agency DAAD

<https://eu.daad.de/>

Erasmus-Forum for Partnerships and cooperation projects

<https://eu.daad.de/service/veranstaltungen/de/80118-digitales-erasmus-forum-fuer-partnerschaften-und-kooperationsprojekte--von-der-idee-zum-projekt/>

Erasmus+ Project Results Platform

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects_en

Cooperation Partnerships – KA220

KA 2: Cooperation Partnerships

Cooperation Partnerships (KA220) promote structured cooperation between organisations to implement the political priorities of the EU Commission.

- Quality improvement and capacity building of the participating institutions
- Development and exchange of new procedures and methods as well as innovative practices
- Expansion of topic-based, transnational and/or transdisciplinary partner networks

Results: transferable, usable, freely accessible

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Priorities 2024

- Contribution to the realisation of the EU Commission's priorities
- At least one general and/or sector-specific priority
- National agencies can carry out national prioritisation

General (horizontal) priorities:

- Inclusion and diversity; building inclusive higher education systems
- Promotion of educational integration of Ukrainian refugees
- Environmental protection and combating climate change; development of green sector-specific skills strategies
- Managing the digital transformation

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Priorities 2024

Sector-specific (vertical) priorities

- Higher education
- Promotion of networked higher education systems
- Promotion of innovative learning and teaching practices
- Development of STEM/MINT subjects, esp. participation of women in STEM fields
- Rewarding excellence in learning, teaching and skills development
- Building inclusive higher education systems
- Supporting the digital and green capabilities of higher education
- Promoting innovation and entrepreneurial skills among students
- Supporting higher education institutions in cooperation with their Ukrainian partner universities

Projects at TU Berlin

❖ **UrbanCARE** - Battle climate change impacts on urban ecosystems and health across different European climate zones (2023-2026)

❖ **Fit-Balkans** - Improving the Subjective Wellbeing of Young Women in Balkans through Interventions in their Physical Activity (2021-2024)

❖ **IncluSTEM** - A Training Program for Sustainable Rapid Inclusion Leading to Employment via STEM/Tech Universities in Europe (2020-2023)

❖ **Further examples:** <https://eu.daad.de/infos-fuer-hochschulen/beispiele-aus-der-praxis/praxisbeispiele-fuer-hochschulkooperationen/de/>

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Key data

- At least 3 organisations from 3 different programme countries
- Participation of organisations from partner countries possible, if proof of (significant) added value for the planned project is provided
- Project duration: 12-36 months
- Budget: 120,000, 250,000 or 400,000 euros
- Success rate: 46% (2020), 49% (2022)

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Financial support

- Lump sum = own cost estimate
- 120,000 EUR, 250,000 or 400,000 EUR
- Co-financing principle
- Lump sum becomes the total funding amount after approval
- Appropriateness of the requested budget is an important element of the quality assessment

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Consortium

Eligible institutions:

- Any public or private organisation from a
 - Programme country (coordination / partner)
 - Partner country (partner)
- Higher education institutions from programme countries require valid accreditation (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, ECHE)
- Cross-sector cooperation is possible (and desired)
- Participation of associated partners possible but no funding

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Application: Methodology

Detailed project methodology:

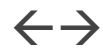
- Description and Allocation of tasks
- Financial agreements between the partners
- Detailed timetable
- Quality assurance mechanism: specification of quantitative and qualitative indicators for project success
- Clear demonstration of European added value
- Needs assessment/needs analysis + state of the art
- Defined target group

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Application: Project description



- Division of activities into work packages = series of activities to achieve specific objectives

- Project management



- Project implementation

Monitoring, coordination, risk management, communication, evaluation → Max. 20% of the total funding amount

Implementation activities, dissemination and promotional activities

- Recommendation: max. 5 work packages (incl. work package for project management)

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships – Application

- ✓ National Agency (or EACEA)
- ✓ EU application portal (for applications in the field of higher education)
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/>

Per deadline: One application per consortium and only to one agency!

Cooperation Partnerships: Selection criteria

Evaluation by two independent experts

4 evaluation criteria

- Relevance of the project (max. 25 points)
- Quality of the project concept and implementation (max. 30 points)
- Quality of the partnership and cooperation agreements (max. 20 points)
- Impact (max. 25 points)

At least **70 out of 100 points**, at least 50% in each category

„Guide for experts“ (Version 2023)

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/guide-for-experts-on-quality-assessment-2023>

KA 2 Cooperation Partnerships: Application deadline and timetable



Task	Deadline
TU internal deadline	Tuesday, 20 February 2024
Application deadline	05 March 2024 – 12:00 CET, Brussel Time Online EU Portal
Project start	01 September 2024 – 31 December 2024

Further information (partially in German)

Programme information on the website of the DAAD National Agency

<https://eu.daad.de/infos-fuer-hochschulen/antragstellung/cooperation-partnerships/de/45853-die-beantragung-von-cooperation-partnerships/>

Consultancy portal for cooperation projects

<https://eu.daad.de/service/beratung/beratungsportal-fuer-kooperationsprojekte/de/81806-beratungsportal-fuer-kooperationsprojekte/>

Do's and Don'ts

https://eu.daad.de/medien/eu.daad.de.2016/dokumente/service/veranstaltungen/pr%C3%A4sentation_dos_and_donts_nadaad_cooperation_partnerships.pdf

Online-Application (Sample)

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/documents-and-guidelines?>

Webinar on the application (in German) of NA DAAD on 16 January 2024, 14:00 – 16:00

CET <https://eu.daad.de/service/veranstaltungen/de/>

Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

KA 2: Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

- Transnational cooperation projects of consortia of higher education institutions (HEIs) of Erasmus + programme countries and eligible partner countries
- Goals:
 - modernization of higher education institutions and higher education systems in partner countries
 - HEIs and HE systems
- Project funding in the area of higher education with aspects related to the action field of development policy

CBHE – Project examples at TU Berlin

- ❖ **YEBO!** – Development of the Internationalization of PhD studies in South-Africa (2017 – 2021)
- ❖ **CAMINOS** – Enhancing and Promoting Latin American Mobility (2016 – 2019)
- ❖ **MIELES** – Modernizing and Enhancing Indian eLearning Educational Strategies (2016 – 2019)

CBHE: Three project strands

- **PS1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education**
- **PS2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education**
- **PS3: Structural reform projects**

PS1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education

- Target group: „Newcomers“, HEIs in remote regions, students and staff with fewer opportunities, HEIs from „least developed countries“
- Activities should have a clear added-value for the targeted beneficiaries
- Possible activities:
 - Activities aiming at ensuring high quality and relevant education
 - Activities aiming at increasing the accessibility of the students/staff with fewer opportunities
- Duration: 24 or 36 months
- Grant: EUR 200,000 – 400,000

PS2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education

- Modernisation of HEIs' administration and management
- Strengthening the link between HEIs and their economic and social environment
- Possible activities:
 - Designing innovative curricula and concepts in education
 - Developing solutions for pressing social need and to tackle major societal challenges
 - Introducing of Bologna-type reforms (e.g. three-level cycle system, transparency tools such as credit systems)
- Duration: 24 or 36 months
- Grant: EUR 400,000 – 800,000

PS3: Structural reform projects

- Modernisation of HE systems (governance) in close cooperation with the authorities and ministries of partner countries
- Possible Activities:
 - Introduction of established processes to improve education and employment opportunities (transfer)
 - Regional academic cooperation: exchange, mobility and certification
 - Fostering new and alternative mechanisms for funding
 - to improve the access of individuals with fewer opportunities
 - to overcome the digital divide
- Duration: 36 or 48 months
- Grant: EUR 800,000 – 1,000,000

CBHE: consortium

- Based in programme country or eligible partner country
- At least 1 HEIs from 2 different programme countries
- **National projects:** 1 partner country with at least 2 HEIs (exceptions possible)
- **Multi-country projects:** at least 2 partner countries with at least 2 HEIs each
- At least as many HEIs from partner countries as from programme countries
- Associate partners cannot be included to achieve the minimum quotas
- Costs for associate partners are not eligible

CBHE: consortium

- **Multi-country projects** are possible in all regions
- **National projects** are only possible in the following regions:

2	Neighborhood East (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)
3	South-Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia)
5A	Asia A (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam)
6	Central Asia (Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
7A	Middle East A (Iran, Iraq, Yemen)
8A	Pacific A (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)
9	Sub-Saharan Africa (Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, and others)

CBHE: financial support

- Lump sum funding model
- Estimated, detailed total budget by the applicant → decision on the lump sum (grant) by the granting authority
- Grant max. 90 per cent of total budget (co-funding principle)
- Costs may comprehend: staff costs, travel and subsistence costs, equipment costs and subcontracting, among others

CBHE: selection criteria

Four quality considerations:

- 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 (maximum 20 points)

At least 60 out of the 100 possible points must be achieved, 50 per cent in each category

Maximum of 2 projects per HEI

The budget on the application is reducible

CBHE: Application + schedule

Stage	Deadline
Application	8 February 2024 17:00 (CET, Brussels time) Online to EACEA
TU Berlin's internal application	25 January 2024
Selection process (in consultation with partner countries)	March – July 2024
Results of selection procedure	August 2024
Signing of Grant Agreement	November 2024
Start of funding period	starting in November (tbc)

CBHE: further information

PS1

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

PS2

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

PS3

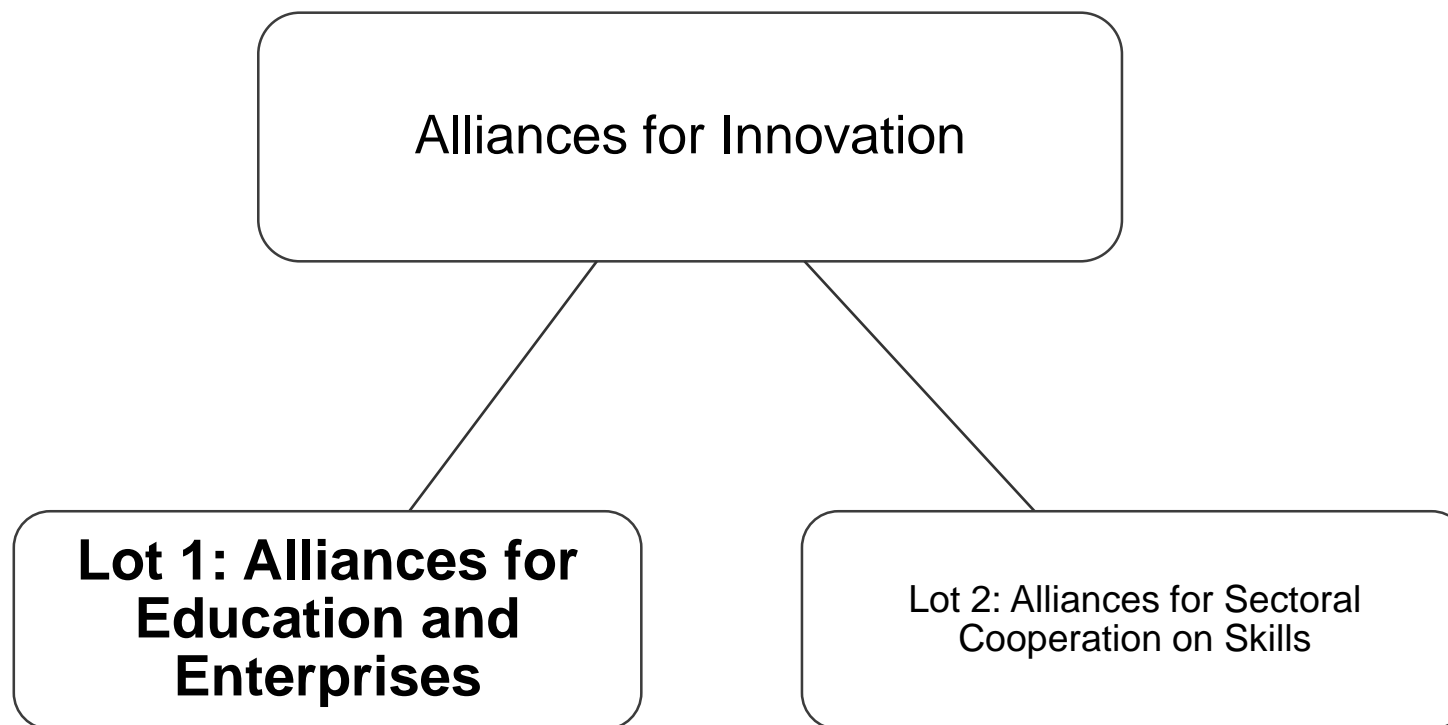
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2024-cbhe-strand-3>

Email address for inquiries at DAAD National Agency: capacitybuilding@daad.de

Alliances for Innovation

Lot 1 – Alliances for Education and Enterprises

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation



KA 2: Alliances for Innovation (Lot 1): Overview

- Partnership between enterprises and both higher education and vocational training providers

Aims:

- Strengthening of Europe's **innovation capacity**
- Supporting the development of new **skills**
- Fostering **corporate social responsibility**
- Exchange of knowledge between higher education, vocational education and training (VET) and the business sector
- Responding to the **labour market's needs** through education and training

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation (Lot 1): Activities

- Boosting innovation
- Developing a sense of initiative and entrepreneurial mind-sets, competences and skills
- Stimulating the flow and exchange of knowledge between higher education, VET, enterprises and research
- Identifying resilience-related, market needs and emerging professions

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation(Lot 1): Criteria

- A minimum of 8 applicants, covering at least 4 programme countries. The consortium must include:
 - At least 3 labour market actors /enterprises or intermediary organisation such as chambers, trade unions) and
 - At least 3 education and training providers (HEIs and VET), of which
 - At least one HEI and
 - At least one VET provider
- Partner countries may also participate if this brings an essential added value to the project
- Duration of the project: 24 or 36 months
- Budget: 1 million euros Euro (2 years project) / 1,5 million euros (3 years project)
funding rate of 80%

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation: Funding rules

- Lump-sum funding model
- Funding rate of 80%
- Detailed Budget → in work packages (e.g. project management, training, organization of events, mobility, public relations and dissemination)
- Eligible costs: Personnel costs, travel and accommodation expenses, costs for equipment and subcontracting as well as other costs (such as publication or translation costs)
- Template for the financial plan:

https://eu.daad.de/medien/eu.daad.de.2016/dokumente/infos-fuer-hochschulen/programmlinien/2023_nur_ansicht_tpl_detailed_budget_table_erasmus_lsii_xlsm

Note: an updated template will be provided by the EACEA

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation(Lot 1): Application

- Any public or private organization from a programme country is eligible to apply
- Submission at the EACEA
- Access to the application documents and submission of the application via the EU [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)
- Page limit: max. 120 pages (not yet finally confirmed)
- HEIs established in a programme country must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation(Lot 1): Application deadline and timeline



TU internal deadline (ePA)	22 February 2024
Application deadline	07 March 2024 at 17:00 (Brussels time)
Selection results	August 2024
Signature Grant Agreement	August 2024
Start of funding period	September 2024

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation(Lot 1): Award criteria

Assessment by two independent experts

Award criteria

- Relevance of the project (maximum score 25 points), new: EU-values
- Quality of the project design and implementation (maximum 30 points)
- Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements (max. 25 points)
- Impact and dissemination (max. 20 points)

A total of at least 70 out of 100 possible points. At least 50% in each category.

Success rate 2021 and 2022: less than 10%

KA 2: Alliances for Innovation(Lot 1): further information

2024 Call for proposals - Funding und Tenders Portal

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2024-pi-all-inno-edu-enterp?programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027&frameworkProgramme=43353764>

2024 Programme Guide

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/alliances-innovation>

EACEA infosession (Call 2023)

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/online-info-session-alliances-innovation-2023-2023-03-09_en

Procedure and deadlines within TU Berlin

Signatures of the President

- Please clarify in advance at which stage of the process you have to provide the signed Declaration of Honour (DoH)/ Mandates
 - When submitting the application?
 - After the selection procedure /before signing the Grant Agreement?
- Signatures of the President for DoH/Mandates in Erasmus+ KA 2 are obtained exclusively via INT IP
- Approx. 21 days lead time for the TU internal process!

Procedure within TU Berlin: ePA-replacement

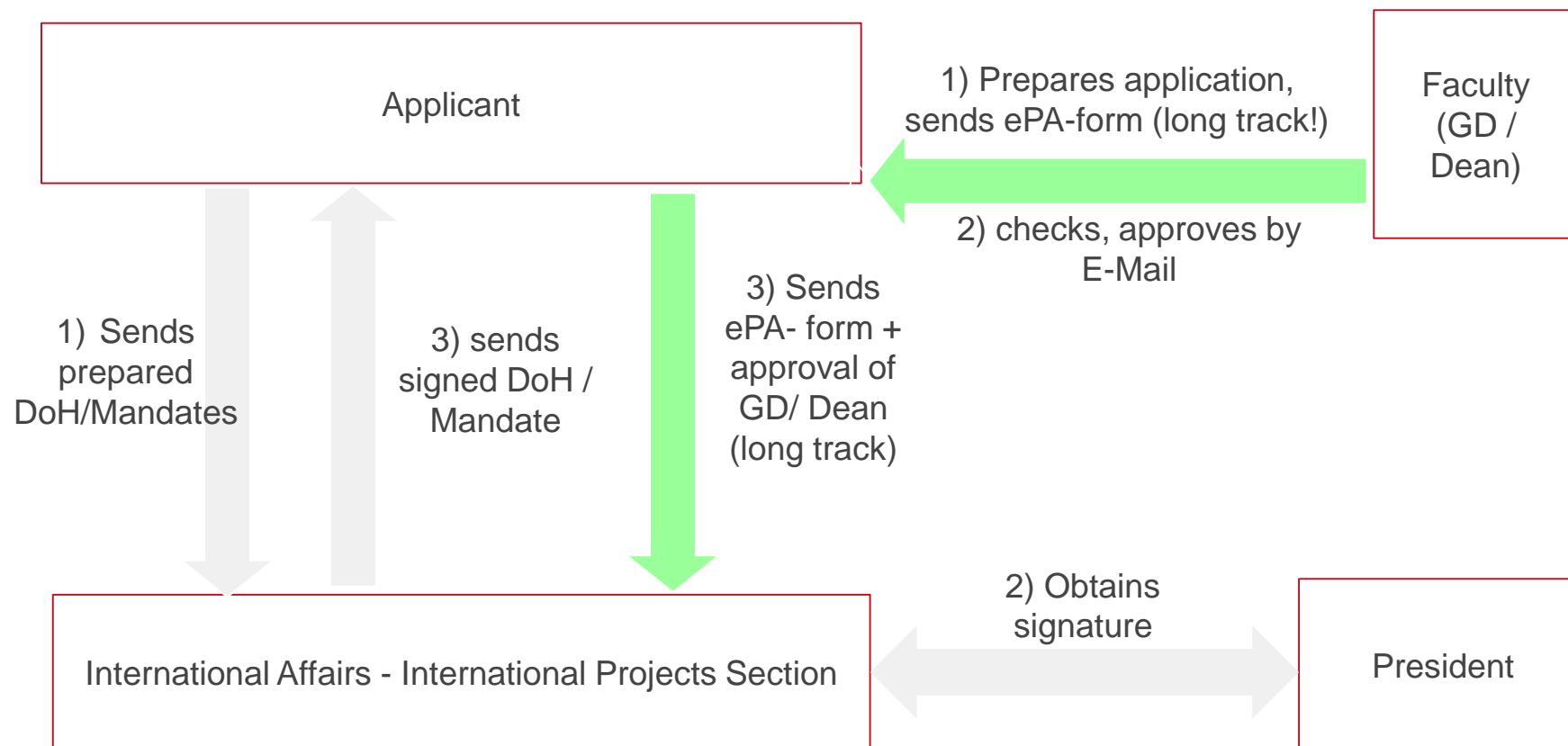
Why? Risk of a long-term financial commitment / co-funding must be excluded or assumed by the department for the entire duration of the project

Procedure

1. ePA replacement form via long track (co-signature of DG, Dean) by e-mail to INT IP
2. prepared mandates / Declaration of Honour send to INT IP
3. INT IP obtains signature of the Presidents when the complete ePA form is available

Important note: Applicants should ensure at the time of application that they will obtain the necessary signatures of their faculty/ department for the long track ePA once the project application is selected for funding.

Responsibilities at TU Berlin



DoH/ Mandate at application stage: internal deadlines

If you need the DoH/ Mandate at the time of application, the following deadlines apply:

CBHE:

Deadline for submitting DoH and ePA form to INT IP: 25 January 2024

Cooperation partnerships:

Deadline for submitting DoH and ePA form to INT IP: 20 February 2024

Alliances for Innovation:

Deadline for submitting DoH and ePA form to INT IP: 22 February 2024

Important: We strongly recommend that you inform INT IP of your application - stating the application number, name of the project and name of the coordinating university - even if you do not yet require DoH / mandates at the time of application.

Important information for your application

- PIC number TU Berlin: 999986678 (Application via EACEA)
- OID number TU Berlin: E10209450 (Application via NA)

Detailed information on the application procedure and the Erasmus+ funding lines:

<https://www.tu.berlin/en/international/researchers-staff/funding-opportunities-at-tu-berlin/erasmus-cooperation-projects>

Thank you!

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