

Erasmus + Key Action 2 Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education (I)

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Capacity Building in Higher Education General overview of the Action

Project consortium, national and regional priorities

Application process and Selection procedure



PART I

General Overview of the Action





Capacity-Building Projects are:

- transnational cooperation projects
- between higher education institutions (HEIs)
- from Programme and (eligible) Partner Countries,
- aiming at modernizing the Partner Countries' higher education institutions and systems.



CBHE Principles





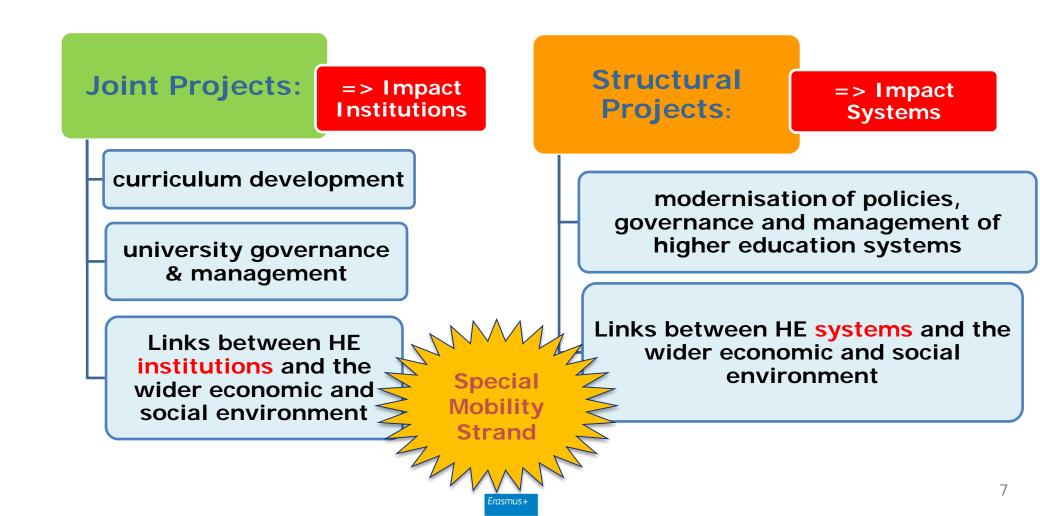
CBHE Programme and Partner Countries

Programme Countries (33 countries paying a contribution to E+)	CBHE Eligible Partner Countries (> 150 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. 	 Region 1: Western Balkans Region 2: Eastern Partnership Region 3: South-Mediterranean Region 4: Russian Federation Region 6: Asia Region 7: Central Asia Region 8: Latin America Region 9: Iran, Iraq, Yemen Region 10: South Africa Region 11: African, Caribean and Pacific
	Ineligible Partner countries: Regions 5, 12 and 13

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CBHE – Types of Projects





Part II

Project consortium, national and regional priorities





Who can Participate? - Eligible Applicants

Exceptions: Russia, Syria & Libya cannot coordinate projects State-recognised public or private Higher Education Institutions

Associations/ Organizations of Higher Education Institutions

Only for <u>Structural Projects</u>: recognized national or international rector, teacher or student organisations.



Each applicant organisation must be located in a Programme or in a Partner country

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Who can Participate ? - Eligible 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

International governmental organisation (self-financing basis)

Each participating organisation must be located in a Programme or in an eligible Partner country

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Who can participate? - Associated Partners



Contribute indirectly

 "Associated partners" are not considered as part of the consortium and therefore cannot benefit from any financial support from the project

• Ex: non-academic partners providing placement opportunities



Consortium Structure

STRUCTURAL

PROJECTS:

Partner

Country

Ministries for

HE must participate

<u>National Projects</u> (1 Partner Country only +

min. 3 Programme Countries)

Min.1 HEI from each Programme Country <u>Multi-Country Projects</u> (≥ 2 Partner Countries+ 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 Min.2 HEI from each Partner Country

At least as many Partner Country HEIs as Programme Country HEIs

Russia,

Latin America -

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Priorities & Types of projects

National Priorities defined by the **Ministries of Education** in close consultation with the EU Delegations

Regional priorities defined by the **Commission** and based on EU's external policy priorities

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National Projects

National projects 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 4, 6, 8, 9, 11

Multi-Country Projects

Regional priorities apply to multi-country projects in the same region

Combination of **regional + national** priorities <u>common</u> to all partner countries may also be accepted (in particular for cross-regional projects)



Part III

The application and selection procedure



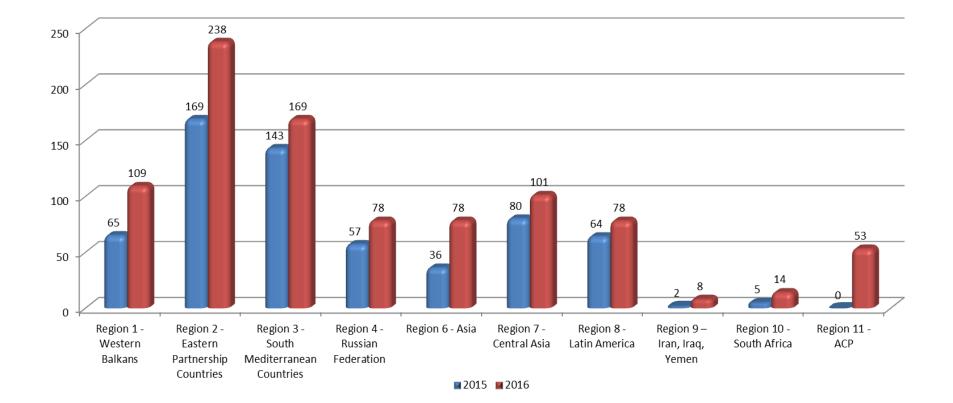
Selection results 2016

Stage	1 Western Balkans	2 Eastern Partners hip	3 South Med	4 Russian Federa- tion	6 Asia	7 Central Asia	8 Latin America	9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	10 South Africa	11 ACP	Total*
Reception	109	238	169	78	78	101	78	8	14	53	736
Eligible	93	219	146	77	68	93	72	8	13	42	653
Sent to Consultation	37	64	80	35	57	49	31	5	6	19	287
Proposed for funding	18	24	36	16	53	19	14	4	5	9	147
Success rate	17%	10%	21%	21%	<mark>68</mark> %	19%	18%	50%	36%	17%	20%
(compared to 2015)	(15) +20%	(23) +4%	(40) -10%	(13) +23%	(27) +96 %	(23) -17%	(19) -26%	(2) +100%	(4) +25%	(0) -	(140) +5%

* The number of projects by region cannot be added considering that a project can cover different regions.



Selection: evolution of the applications (2015-2016)





Lessons Learned

- Relatively high percentage of ineligible applications due to insufficient understanding of minimum requirements for consortia;
- National/regional priorities established for the Partner Country need to be respected and matched with the local needs (assessed in award criterion 'relevance');
- A need to mobilise new institutions both in Programme and Partner Countries, as grant holders and/or partners;
- Outreach beyond the capital cities to institutions in the regions and the periphery;
- ✓ Lack of innovative approaches (new content and methodologies);





Key messages for the 3rd Call

- Diversify the type of applicants involving new institutions;
- ✓ Intensify efforts to encourage the cooperation with Asian countries;
- Disseminate widely the 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);
- ✓ Involve the Partner Country partners from the early stages of the proposal preparation.





Indicative Budget and Calendar for 2017 Call

Region	Budget allocated 2016 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2017 (Indicative) (in Mio €)	Indicative number of selected projects under the assumption of national projects)
REGION 1 - Western Balkans	13,17	13,82	17
REGION 2 - Eastern Partnership countries	13,86	13,51	16
REGION 3 - South-Mediterranean countries	28,57	27,84	35
Additional allocation for Tunisia*	0	3,00	4
REGION 4 - Russian Federation	6,89	6,72	8
REGION 6 - Asia	35,38	39,55	48
REGION 7 - Central Asia	9,2	8,80	11
REGION 8 - Latin America	13,1	13,20	16
REGION 9 - Iran, Iraq, Yemen	1,9	2,00	3
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REGION 10 - South Africa	3,42	3,91	5
REGION 11 - ACP countries	5,29	5,64	8
TOTAL	131,47	138,68	

*An additional allocation for Tunisia might become available subject to the relevant Commission decisions being taken.



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Application and Selection procedure Indicative roadmap for selection process-CBHE

Steps	Date
Publication Erasmus+ CBHE Call for Proposals	October 2016
Deadline for submission of applications	9 February 2017
Verification of eligibility of project proposals	February – March 2017
Assessment of projects by experts (remotely)	March – May 2017
Consultation procedure	June 2017
Evaluation Committee for selection of projects	July 2017
Sending for signature of Award decision by Agency AO	July 2017
Notification of applicants & publication of results	July 2017
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August-September 2017
Start of eligibility period	15 October 2017



CBHE Information sources

Erasmus + website - EACEA http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

Erasmus+ website – EU Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

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

National Erasmus + Offices (NEOs) in certain Partner Countries <u>https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices_en</u>



