

The Erasmus + programme and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme for education, training, youth and sport. Each year the programme selects new projects under a call for proposals. The 2016 Call for Proposals was launched on 20 October 2015, with deadlines in 2016. Higher education institutions and individuals from ACP countries are able to take part in the four components of the programme described in this brochure.

Mobility: Joint Master Degrees and the credit mobility action will provide scholarships for students and staff from ACP countries to come to Europe.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Higher education institutions (HEIs) in ACP countries can be part of an international consortium offering an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programme (EMJMD) in which students study in at least two of the participating HEIs and receive a joint or double/multiple degree. The EU funds scholarships for students to take part, and HEIs receive a contribution to the cost of managing the joint programme.

An alternative to being a full partner delivering the course and awarding degrees, would be a role as an associate partner, hosting students for research or placements, or supplying lecturers for certain course modules.

HEIs from Erasmus+ Programme Countries (in Europe) submit a Joint Master Degree application on behalf of the consortium. HEIs from ACP countries can act as partners.

This action is fully described on pages 96 to 103 of the Erasmus + Programme Guide. More information is also available on the website of the Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels.

In addition to the joint programmes, since 2004, over 1700 students from ACP countries have been able to apply for EU-funded scholarships for these degree programmes. There are currently 103 Master courses: students apply direct to the Master programme, and can find details on each programme's web. These are listed in the Catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_ensite

Mobility schemes with one or more European HEIs

Through the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility action, European HEIs can apply to set up mobility agreements with their counterparts in Partner Countries around the world. HEIs will be able to send their students or doctoral candidates to partner HEI for short-term mobility (up to 12 months). The participating HEI must recognise the learning outcomes and credits earned by their students while studying abroad, which count towards their degree at home. Staff can receive grants for teaching or training assignments (5 days to 2 months) at a participating HEI.

Institutions from Erasmus+ Programme Countries (in Europe) can submit to their National Agency in Europe a mobility project application that involves an HEI from ACP countries. HEIs from ACP Countries interested in taking part in credit mobility should contact a partner university in a Programme Country, which will be able to apply for funding.

If selected, the two universities sign an inter-institutional agreement and will be able to begin the mobility and exchanges in September 2016. Mobility schemes selected in the 2016 Call will provide mobility for some 1300 students and staff to and from ACP countries.

This action is full described on pages 32-49 of the programme guide and the list of different National Agencies across programme countries can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/national-agencies/index_en.htm

Cooperation: Capacity building in higher education and promoting excellence in EU studies provide opportunities for HEIs in the ACP countries to cooperate with universities in Europe

Capacity-Building projects

HEIs from ACP countries can take part in capacity-building projects in partnership with HEIs from Europe. These projects can be:

- Joint projects: to help HEIs from ACP countries to develop, modernise and disseminate new curricula, teaching methods or materials, as well as to boost quality assurance and governance of HEIs.
- Structural projects: to develop and reform HEIs and systems in ACP countries; to enhance their quality and relevance, promote regional cooperation and increase convergence with international developments in higher education.

The Call will select some six projects involving higher education institutions from ACP countries. Applications can be submitted either by the HEI in the ACP country or in Europe.

This action is full described on pages 148-168 of the programme guide. More information is available on the website of the Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels.

Promoting excellence in EU studies

The Jean Monnet activities support academic teaching and research (Chairs, Modules and Centres of Excellence), cooperation projects, conferences and publications in the field of EU studies.

Postgraduate level course on European Union issues or promoting debate and exchange on European issues are examples of activities that are supported by this programme, which also sets up EU centres of excellence to act as a focal point on EU issues.

HEIs from ACP countries may apply for these activities.

This action is full described on pages 192-221 of the programme guide and more information will be published on the website of the Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels.

Useful links:

Erasmus + programme guide:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf

Website of the Executive Agency (EACEA):

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

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