

ERASMUS+

Key Action 2
Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education

Call for proposals 2020 EAC/XXX/2019



Specific activities: **Erasmus+** Jean Monnet Sport **KA3 Policy Systems CBHE KA2 Cooperation Institutions Action KA1 Mobility Individuals**



CBHE Action Objectives





CBHE Action – Programme and Partner Countries

Programme Countries

(34 countries paying a contribution to E+)

28* EU Member States:



Other programme countries:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey

For UK organisations: Please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with
for the entire duration of the grant. If UK withdraws from the EU during the grant
period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that
British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while
continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the
basis of the relevant provisions of the grant agreement on termination.

CBHE Eligible Partner Countries (> 150 countries)

Regions:

- 1: Western Balkans
- 2: Eastern Partnership
- 3: South-Mediterranean
- 4: Russian Federation
- 6: Asia
- 7: Central Asia
- 8: Latin America (For Chile and Uruguay, see 'Exeptions')
- 9: Iran, Iraq, Yemen
- 10: South Africa
- 11: African, Caribbean and Pacific

Ineligible Partner Countries:

- Regions 5, 12 and 13 (except Chile and Uruguay)



National and Regional Priorities

For National Projects

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

National projects must address:

- National priorities when defined for the specific Country
- Regional priorities when national priorities are not defined for a specific Country

For Multi-Country Projects

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

Multi-Country projects must address:

 a regional priority for the Region concerned for regional projects

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- a regional priority that is common to different Regions for cross-regional projects



CBHE Action Cross-Cutting Priorities

Cross-cutting priorities will be considered for deciding between proposals of similar quality:

- Diversification of projects within a Region, in terms of objectives, activities, target groups, and consortium composition
- > Integration of refugees from conflict-affected countries in Higher Education
- Climate change prevention, adaption and mitigation strategies (new!)





CBHE Activity Types/Priorities

Types of Activities	Curriculum	Governance and	Higher Education
	Development	Management	and Society
Categories of Priorities			
1. Subject Areas	X		
2. Improving Management and		X	
operation of HEIs			
3. Developing the HE sector			X
within society at large			

Please note that only 1 choice per type of project is possible!





Impact – Types of Projects

Joint Projects:

=> Impact on Institutions

Curriculum development

University governance & management

Links between HE institutions and the wider economic and social environment

Structural Projects:

=> Impact on HE Systems

Modernisation of policies, governance and management of Higher Education systems

Links between HE systems and the wider economic and social environment

Exception
Syria cannot
have
structural
projects

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Consortium Structure

National Projects

(1 Partner Country only + min.

2 Programme Countries)

Min.1 HEI from each Programme Country

STRUCTURAL PROJECTS:

Partner Country Ministries for HE must participate **Multi-Country Projects**

(≥ 2 Partner Countries+ min.

2 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

Exceptions:
Syria,
Libya, Russia,
Latin America,

Min.2 HEI from each Partner Country

At least as many
Partner Country HEIs as
Programme Country HEIs



Exceptions

- □ Projects involving partners from Latin America must involve at least two Partner Countries from that Region in the project
- □ Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Chile and Uruguay are eligible as partners in a CBHE project but they cannot be applicants
- □ Organisations from Libya and Syria as well as from the Russian Federation cannot act as applicants
- **☐** Syria may not benefit from Structural projects
- □ Projects involving partner institutions from the Russian Federation must involve at least another Partner Country.



Project Duration

- □ CBHE projects can last 2 or 3 years
- **□** Earliest starting dates*:
 - 15 November 2020 or
 - 15 January 2021

Please note: Grants cannot be awarded retroactively. This means that project activities covered by the grant can only be implemented as from the date on which the last party has signed the grant agreement.





Project Budget

Min. 500,000 -

Max. 1,000,000€

Unit Costs and Real Costs

5 Budget Headings



Budget Categories

Staff costs (max 40%)	4 Staff Categories (Manager, Researcher/ Teacher/Trainer, Technician, Administrator)
Travel costs	Staff/students from partner institutions from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return. Activities and related travels must be carried out in countries involved in the project.
Costs of stay	Subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport, personal or optional health insurance.
Equipment (max 30%)	Exclusively for the benefit of HEIs in the Partner Countries and necessary for the implementation of the project
Sub-contracting (max 10%)	For services /competences that can't be found in the consortia
(Exceptional costs)	Expensive travel costs of participants, including the use of cleaner, lower carbon emission means of transport



Evaluation: Two-step procedure (I)

First step

- □ Eligible applications are assessed with the support of external experts against the 4 Award Criteria explained in the Guide for Applicants.
- □ The scoring has a range from 0 to 100 points. To be considered for funding, proposals <u>must</u> score at least 60 points in total AND at least 15 points for "Relevance of the project".
- □ A ranking list of applications per Region (two times the estimated number of funded projects) will be sent to the EU Delegations.



Evaluation: Award Criteria

Relevance
(30 points)

Quality of
Design +
Implementation
(30 points)

Quality of
Team +
Cooperation
arrangements
(20 points)

Impact and
Sustainability
(20 points)





Evaluation: Two-step procedure (II)

Second step

- □ Consultation of the EU Delegations concerning the "Feasibility of the project in the local context"
- ☐ The Evaluation Committee takes into account furthermore in its funding decision
 - a sufficient geographical representation within a Region in terms of number of projects per Partner Country
 - budget available for each of the Regions covered by the call
 - > subject areas insufficiently covered by past or existing projects
 - cross regional proposal need to be funded in all Regions targeted by a proposal
 - > A maximum of three funded proposals per applicant organisation





Selection results 2019

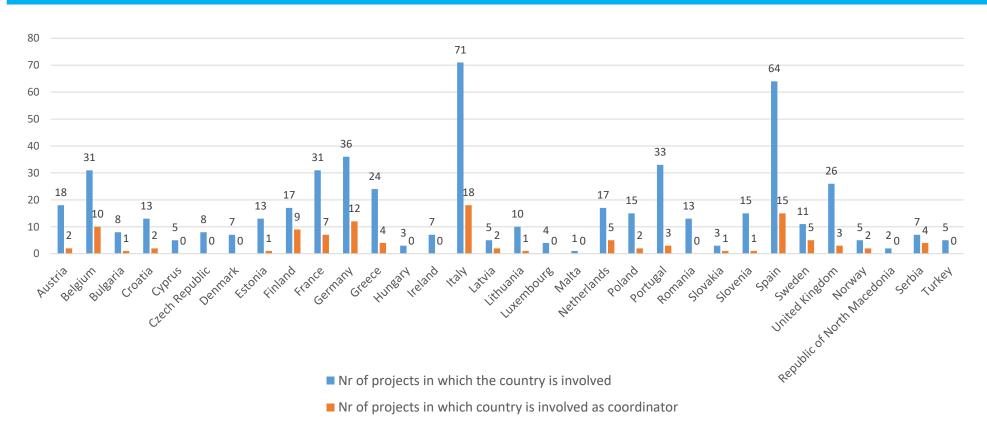
Stages	Region 1 - Western Balkans	Region 2 - Eastern Partnership Countries	Mediterra	Region 4 - Russian Federation	Region 6 - Asia	Region 7 - Central Asia	Region 8 -	East (Iran,	Region 10 - South Africa		TOTAL*
Number of Proposals Received	78	186	236	83	169	104	87	16	18	51	840
Number of Proposals Sent to Consultation	45	55	73	36	119	40	28	5	12	21	346
Number of Proposals Proposed for Funding	20	20	34	8	55	15	14	2	5	8	163
Success Rate	25,6%	10,7%	14,4%	9,6%	32,5%	14,4%	16,0%	12,5%	27,7%	15,6%	19,4%

Success Rate 2018	12,4%	8,7%	12,8%	9,8%	31,0%	11,2%	15,0%	11,1%	45,5%	16,7%	16,8%
Success Rate 2017	11,85%	7%	19%	10%	37,5%	19%	15%	25%	33%	14%	18%
Success Rate 2016	16,5%	10%	21%	20,5%	68%	19%	18%	50%	36%	17%	20%

^{*} Figures cannot be added as cross-regional applications are counted in more that one or two regions



Selected proposals: Programme Countries participation 2019 selection

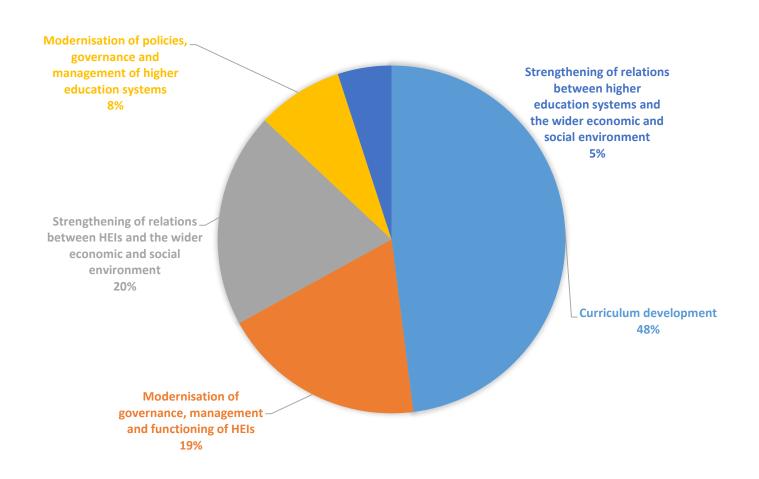


Out of 34 eligible Programme Countries involved in the submitted applications, 32 are represented in the selected applications.

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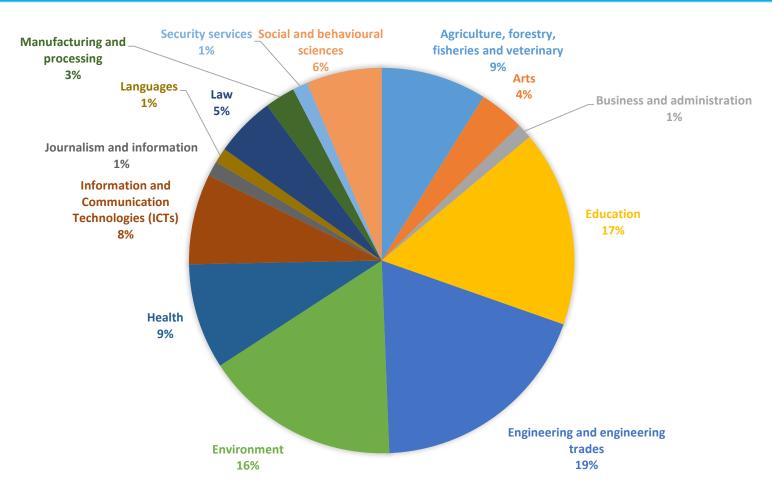


Coverage of the CBHE Specific Activities – Selected proposals 2019



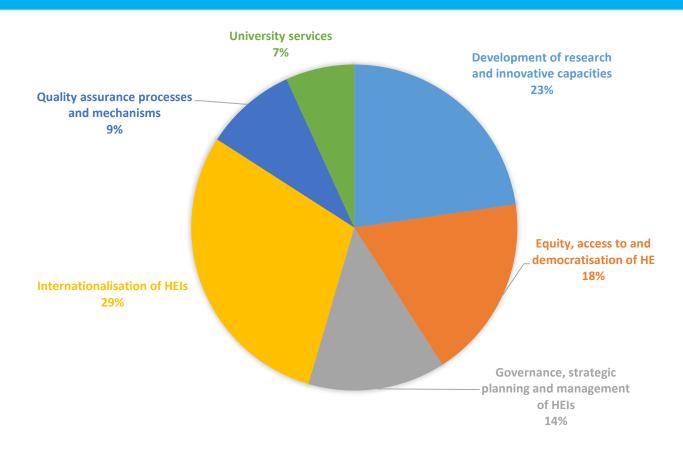


Coverage of Subject Areas in Curriculum development projects— Selected proposals 2019



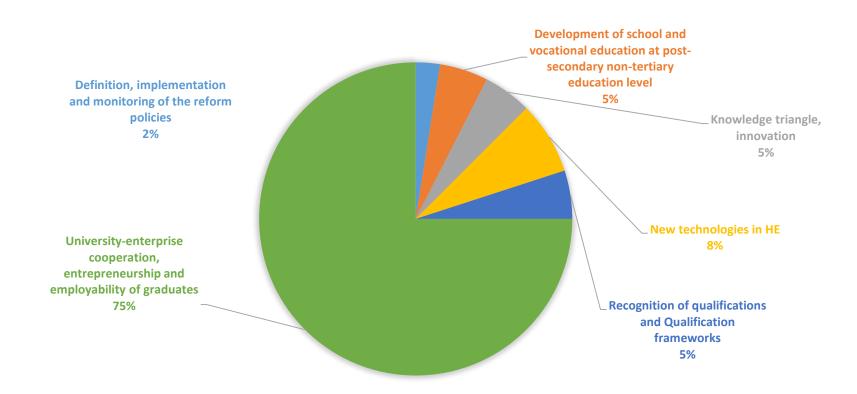


Coverage of Thematic Areas: Improving management and operation of HEIs – selected proposals 2019





Coverage of Thematic Areas: Developing the HE sector within society at large – selected proposals 2019



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Indicative budget (tbc)

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Region	Budget allocated 2016 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2017 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2018 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2019 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2020 (in Mio €)	Indicative number of selected projects**
REGION 1 - Western Balkans	13,17	13,82	14,57	16,39	<i>16,50</i>	19
REGION 2 - Eastern Partnership countries	13,86	13,51	12,88	12,77	15,02	<i>17</i>
Additional allocation for Georgia/Ukraine*				1/1	1/1	1/1
REGION 3 - South-Mediterranean countries	28,57	27,84	26,55	26,17	30,16	34
Additional allocation for Tunisia*		3,00	0	3	0	0
REGION 4 - Russian Federation	6,89	6,72	6,41	5,85	<i>8,15</i>	9
REGION 6 - Asia	35,38	39,55	41,44	47,46	49,09	55
REGION 7 - Central Asia	9,2	8,80	8,80	9,42	11,73	13
REGION 8 - Latin America	13,1	13,20	13,20	12,70	15,05	17
REGION 9 – Middle East (Iran, Iraq, Yemen)	1,9	2,00	2,10	2,20	3,19	4
REGION 10 - South Africa	3,42	3,91	4,20	4,50	5,01	6
REGION 11 - ACP countries	5,29	5,64	6,00	6,35	6,71	8
TOTAL	131,47	138,68	136,15	148,81	162,63	182

^{*} An additional allocation for Georgia/Ukraine might become available subject to the relevant Commission decisions being taken.

^{**} Calculated on the average grant/project recorded in 2019



News in the 2020 Call for proposals

- New cross-cutting priority on " Climate change prevention, adaption and mitigation strategies "
- > Exceptional costs can be claimed also for travels in cases where the participants opt for cleaner, lower carbon emission means of transport (e.g. train)
- > HEIs from Chile and Uruguay are eligible as partners in a CBHE project but they cannot be an applicant
- Ukraine and Georgia have been awarded 1 extra million €/each
- For <u>UK organisations</u>: eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. Brexit should be followed carefully:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about/brexit



Key messages for 2020 (I)

- Attention must be paid to the respect of national and regional priorities
- > National and regional cooperation in ASIA is encouraged
- Regional and cross-regional cooperation should be relevant and justified by a detailed analysis of common needs and objectives
- Mandate letters for each partner institution must be provided with the application and signed by the Legal Representative
- Declaration of honour to be provided by the applicant organisation
- Organisations need to register in the Funding & tender opportunities portal in order to obtain the Participant Identification Code (PIC): https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

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Key messages for 2020 (II)

For Curriculum Development projects:

- > Study programmes must be officially accredited before the end of the project time life
- > The teaching of new or updated courses must start during the life-time of the project with an adequate number of students and retrained teachers and has to take place during at least one third of the project duration
- > Training during curriculum reform projects can also target administrative personnel such as library staff, laboratory staff and IT staff



Roadmap for 2020 CBHE Call

Steps	Dates			
Publication Erasmus+ CBHE Call for Proposals	October 2019			
Deadline for submission of applications	5 February 2020 (17:00 Brussels time)			
Assessment of projects by experts	February – April 2020			
Consultation procedure with EU Delegations	May - June 2020			
Final Evaluation Committee	July 2020			
Award decision	July 2020			
Notification of applicants & publication of results	August 2020			
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August - December 2020			
Earliest start of eligibility period	15 November 2020 or 15 January 2021			



CBHE Information sources (I)

Erasmus+ website - EACEA

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices/capacity-0 en

Erasmus+ website - EU Commission

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

Study in Europe website:

http://ec.euroHow will Brexit impact the Erasmus+ programme?pa.eu/education/study-in-europe_en





CBHE Information sources (II)

International E+ International Contact Points (ICPs) in Programme Countries

<u>https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/international-erasmus-plus-contact-points_en_</u>

National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs) in certain Partner Countries (PCs)

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices en





