

EU-funded Programme Erasmus+ 2021-2027

About the EU's Programme Erasmus+ for 2021-2027.

Erasmus+ is the European Union Programme that aims to support the educational, professional and personal development of people in education, training, youth and sport, in Europe and beyond through lifelong learning. It contributes to sustainable growth, quality jobs and social cohesion, to driving innovation, and to strengthening European identity and active citizenship. As a key instrument for building a European Education Area, it supports the implementation of the European strategic cooperation in the field of education and training. In addition, it is key in advancing youth policy cooperation under the European Union Youth Strategy and developing the European dimension in sport.

The Programme priorities cover inclusion and diversity, digital transition, green transition, participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement.

The Programme provides opportunities for **mobility**, **scholarships**, **projects and partnerships** for cooperation between the EU, other countries and Ukraine via annual calls for proposals in formal, non-formal and informal education. It builds professional networks and platforms.

The Programme is inclusive and open for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. It provides opportunities to different types of organisations from Ukraine within almost **40 calls for proposals**.

The European Commission co-funds projects via grants to **organisations** from EUR **35,000** to EUR **4M** depending on the types of the calls and projects duration (**1-4 years**). **Individuals** can apply to mobility projects and receive grants for traineeship or credit mobility (EUR **900 per month**), degree mobility, (EUR **1000** per month plus travel and other expenses), teaching, training and job shadowing, participation in the international youth events and activities etc. International students and young people from abroad could benefit too and come to Ukraine for exchange mobility.

The projects budget lines covers human resources development, teaching and learning excellence, staff costs, mobilities for exchange, study missions, training of trainers, innovative curricular, course and resources, methodologies, technologies and infrastructure development, scholarships and individual grants, all depends on the call.

Depending on action, the partnerships may include a single organisation from Ukraine, 2 or more organisations from EU Member States and other participating countries over the world.

The cooperation is based on the learning the EU expertise and exchanging of best practices between different countries.

Ukraine under Erasmus+ 2021-2024.

Higher Education, Secondary and Vocational Education and Training of Ukraine benefit from participation in different actions of Erasmus + Programme. Ukraine has the biggest number of projects in the Eastern Partnership Region and is among the top twelve Participating Countries of the Programme.

In particular, in 2021-2024, the Erasmus+ Programme funded the following actions:

- 8,173 international mobilities for Ukrainians' Universities staff & students;
- 999 projects for leaning mobilities for young people (13-30 years old), youth workers and active citizenship exchanges;
- 6 Virtual Exchanges projects in higher education and youth;
- 13 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programmes design and implementation projects;
- 138 Master Degree students scholarships provided to Ukrainians;
- 142 Cooperation Partnerships projects in education, training, youth and sport ;
- 3 projects of Alliances for Innovations with Ukrainian industries and HEIs as partners;
- 47 projects on Capacity Building in Higher Education;
- 10 projects on Capacity Building in VET;
- 4 projects on capacity building projects in youth;
- 3 projects on capacity building projects in sport;
- 256 Jean Monnet (European Studies) projects (grants up to EUR 100,000 per project);
- Creation of Digital University in Ukraine (EUR 5M);
- 40 HEIs that have joined over 25 European Universities Alliances and working together on the challenges in higher education in Europe;
- 13 Higher Education reform experts supported by Erasmus + Programme work side by side with the Ministry colleagues on higher education reforms.

In 2024 1480 education institutions received access to European School Education Platform functioning under Erasmus + Programme, 21 eTwinning-projects were awarded with





National Quality Label, 17 – with European Quality Label; 4 schools received eTwinning School Label.

Ukrainian organisations projects are published at the link: <u>https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/project-database/</u>

Erasmus+ Solidarity as a response to Martial Law and its consequences April 2022-September 2024.

Since 2022, flexibility measure and specific mobility grants to immediate support to individuals in School, VET, Higher Education, Adult Education, Youth and Sport fields. EUR **200M** for Ukrainian <u>students and staff</u>. Moreover, capacity building projects teams were able to adjust their activities to respond the challenges and consequences of Martial Law and provide the relocated universities with additional equipment. Due to sanctions and termination of russian federation and belarus participation in Erasmus+, their budget was relocated, providing more Ukrainian projects funding.

Since 2022, specific resources and professional network communities have become open for Ukrainian professionals and organisations, in particular: European School Education Platform, Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe, Lifelong Learning Platform, Salto Education and Training, Salto-Youth and others. Over **3,000** Ukrainian teachers received access to eTwinning educational resources.

In 2023 Programme allocated EUR **5M** for the creation of Digital University Ecosystem in Ukraine.

In 2023-2024, the European Commission allocated EUR <u>100M</u> with a particular focus on cooperation partnership projects aiming at addressing the consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in the Education, Training and Youth sectors. Such projects are devoted to formal and informal education and impact the new cooperation partnerships to meaningful support Ukrainian learners and staff currently displaced in other European countries and to retain their links with Ukrainians in Ukraine.

In 2023, **2** new calls for proposals for youth and sport capacity building were opened for Ukrainian organisations as applicants with grants up to EUR **300,000** per project and Ukrainian Universities received possibility to join European University alliances as associated partners.

In 2023, EU Erasmus + Programme funded printing of EUR **500 000** schoolbooks on Ukrainian language. In 2024, it is a **1 000000** textbooks printed by the EU on informatics and arts for 5th and 6th grade students. So far, EUR **3** million has been earmarked by the Erasmus+ Programme for this action, and talks are already ongoing with the Ukrainian authorities on a third batch of copies for the next school year. After recent Russian air strikes on the city of Kharkiv, during which one of the largest printing houses in Ukraine was destroyed, the planned budget has been further increased.

5 support and resource centers were funded by Erasmus+ and are fully operational: National Erasmus+ Office, Support Offices to eTwinning, European Qualification Framework, EUROGUIDANCE and EUROPASS, EURYDICE Unit and 13 Higher Education reform experts supported by Erasmus+ Programme are working side by side with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine staff on higher education reforms. Erasmus Students and Erasmus Alumni Networks become more proactive during Martial Law.

Moreover, Erasmus+ continues to be a unique Programme and Eurointegration instrument of EU with a systemic impact on reforms in education, training, youth and sport. It contributes to the capacity building of institutions and establishing a long term cooperation communities working in these fields to join smoothly the European Education Area and converge with the European standards. It results into the high profile and quality value-based Erasmus Generation as Ambassadors, agents of change, Eurointegrators and negotiators during Ukraine's accession to EU.

<u>National Erasmus+ Office – Ukraine</u> (EU-funded project) promotes open opportunities for Ukraine, covering education, training, youth and sport actors. The team performs information campaigns, trainings, workshops, open resources, individual and group consultations for potential and current beneficiaries: from idea to submission and implementation processes. Promotes projects activities and results via cluster events and Internet resources. Higher Education Reform Experts Team works actively on legislation reforms, contributes to the capacity building of the Ukrainian Universities to implement reforms on line with Bologna Process and European Education Area provisions. NEO – Ukraine team closely cooperates with the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine other authorities and institutions, interacts and synergises with other programme and initiatives working in education, training, youth and sport. Contact us and join Erasmus+ Community – Ukraine!

