

Webinar for Erasmus+ Projects Beneficiaries "Specifics of EU's Programme Erasmus+ Projects implementation during martial law in Ukraine"

6 March 2025, online

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15.30-15.45 / 16.30-16.45: Q&A

15.45-16.00 / 16.45-17.00: Break

16.00-16.20 / 17.00-17.20: Erasmus+ projects during martial law: specifics on mobility, bank transfers, priority of payments, equipment purchase, dissemination and communication tools

Svitlana Shytikova, National Erasmus+ Office - Ukraine

16:20-17.00 / 17.20-18.00: Q&A and Conclusions

Agenda (CET/EET)

14.20-14.30 / 15.20-15.30:

registration – technical guide – event intro

14.30-15.00 / 15.30-16.00: Introduction:

•Education reforms in Ukraine: challenges, safety, HEIs merger, projects impact focus

Mychailo WYNNYCKYJ, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, HERE

•Youth and Sport fields development: challenges, projects impact focus, communication

Victoria RIASNA, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine

15.00-15.30 / 16.00-16.30: Erasmus+ projects during martial law in Ukraine: specifics on communication, official registration of projects in Ukraine, *Serhii SHKABKO, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine*

NEO and National Authorities initiative

How to implement Erasmus+ projects during martial law to mitigate risks

- education sector reforms, safety, merger process of Ukrainian HEIs, impact
- youth and sport sectors strategies
- war consequences (safety and security, financial transfers etc.) and enforcement of the martial law (registration, mobility, equipment purchase...)

Solutions found:

based on expertise and resources mobilised by NEO, National Authorities, education institutions and in strong cooperation with EU Delegation to Ukraine, DG EAC, European Education and Culture Executive Agency, National Erasmus+ Agencies and Offices



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Erasmus+ Projects implementation: Specifics during Martial law in Ukraine



National Erasmus+ Office – Ukraine
Higher Education Reform Experts



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National Erasmus+ Office Ukraine team – operational

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Youth&Sport



- National Erasmus+ Office – Team Contacts of Managers by Actions at: <https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/about-us/project-team/>
- Updates on the situation during the Martial Law in Ukraine at the NEO – Ukraine webpage has been updating regularly (in English and Ukrainian languages) at the link: <https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/opportunities/erasmus-during-the-war-in-ukraine/>
- Promote projects activities and results via NEO website special page on Projects News - <https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/project-news/>
- Analytics on participation of Ukraine in Erasmus+ and database of projects by calls with contacts for interproject cooperation and synergy: <https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/project-database/>



International cooperation during martial law

April 2022 – March 2025: increased internationalisation



From survival mode to transformation approach:

- ✓ individual support: scholarships, study/traineeship, teaching, training, research (bilateral agreements)
- ✓ projects to respond challenges of martial law: Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, other EU's, OeaD, DAAD, French Institute, GIZ, British Council, Twinning, World Bank, USAID etc.
- ✓ structural and institutional support (HRD, capacities, equipment purchase for relocated HEIs etc.)
- ✓ € 5 million for digital ecosystem in higher education
- ✓ 13 new projects for youth and sport capacity building
- ✓ 32 HEIs joined European Universities Alliances
- ✓ 94 projects for capacity building in higher education
- ✓ 356 projects for European Studies
- ✓ 1000 other projects in education, youth and sport
- ✓ relocated russian budget to Ukraine

ERASMUS+ SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE:

- ✓ 200 million euros for Ukrainian students and staff
- ✓ €4.43 billion for projects supporting Ukraine!
- ✓ Over 3,000 Ukrainian teachers with access to eTwinning educational resources; 500 000 books for Ukrainian school pupils were published: school buses provided.



A NEW UKRAINE FACILITY

Recovery,
Reconstruction,
Modernisation
of Ukraine

€50
billion

in grants & loans
2024 - 2027

More opportunities opened: about 40 calls for proposals
More projects funded: education, youth and sport
More access to networks, resources and platforms:
eTwinning, EPALE, EQF, Eurydice, Euroguidance, Europass

Projects by ACTIONS - 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (results platform)	Funded year	Funded year	Funded year	Funded year	4 years
Calls for Proposals	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
KA1 Learning mobility for Youth	228	347	348	103	1026
KA152. Youth Exchanges	119	184	196	69	568
KA123. Youth Workers	102	154	138	30	424
KA154. Youth Participation	7	9	14	4	34
KA1 International (Credit) Mobility	4248		3925		8173
KA 1 Virtual Exchanges	2	1	3	3	9
KA2: Cooperation Projects in Education and Youth (CPs):	21	27	80	38	166
KA220-YOU. Cooperation Projects in Youth	8	13	21	5	47
KA220-SCH. Cooperation Projects in School Education	2	3	7		12
KA220-VET. Cooperation Projects in VET	3	1	7	4	15
KA220-HED. Cooperation Projects in Higher Education	3	9	40	27	79
KA220-ADU. Cooperation Projects in Adult Education	5	1	5	2	13
Cooperation Projects in Sport:	2	3	9		14
KA2 Alliances for Innovations	1	3	3		7
KA2 Centres of Vocational Excellence			1		1
KA2 European Universities Alliances	NA	2	18	12	32
KA231. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Projects (full/associated partners)	1	1	2	6	10
KA231. Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (grantholders/partners)	0	2	1	0	3
KA231. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Scholarships	36	64	23	17	140
KA211. Capacity Building in Higher Education	NA	13	20	14	47
KA233. Capacity Building in VET	NA	2	1	7	10
KA2. Capacity Building for Sport	NA	NA	NA	5	5
KA2. Capacity Building for Youth	NA	NA	NA	8	8
Jean Monnet	38	93	90	35	256

Resilient Education Institutions of Ukraine during martial law



Types	Higher Education Institutions (Universities, Academies, Institutes)		Academic staff	
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
Total HEIs	347 (1,053 mln students)	314 (1,149 mln students)	120 514	115 857
Public HEIs	246 (1,018 mln students)	217 (1,114 mln students)	NA	NA
Private HEIs	101 (0,035 mln students)	97 (0,035 mln students)	NA	NA
International students	49 999	33 328		

➤ **978 VET institutions :**

- 575 207 students
- 71 177 pedagogical staff
- 195 foreign students

34 relocated HEIs due to martial law

Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine: <https://enic.in.ua/index.php/en/uipeng>

➤ **National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine:**

- 160 research institutes
- 29 870 staff, incl. 15 530 researchers
- 260 cooperation agreements with HEIs
- 5 Sectoral National Academies of Science:
Law, Medicine, Agrarian, Education, Arts

➤ **12 701 (12 976 in 2022) Secondary Schools:**

- 3 906 174 (4 041 976 – 2022) pupils
- 390 089 (401 836 - 2022) teaching staff
- Young [people \(14-35 years old\)](#): 10.6 mln.

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Instrument for the support to recovery and preparation to the EU membership!

- International Inter-Governmental Agreement (ratified by Verkhovna Rada as a Law - http://zakon4.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/994_763) in 2008.
- Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine [Regulation#153 on International Technical Assistance in English language \(unofficial translation\)](#)
- **Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers on the Right for Mobility ([May 13, 2022](#))**
- Recognition of higher education qualifications within Higher Education system: [Law on Higher Education - by the decision of the Academic Council of the HEIs](#)
- Law of Ukraine “**On Higher Education**” Amendments on **Individualized Learning Pathway** (approved, 2024): opportunities to form individualised learning pathways, expanding autonomy of HEIs to develop and implement interdisciplinary educational programs, recognition of non-formal/informal education
- Grant Agreements, Interinstitutional Agreements, Mobility Agreements is a must

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- Implementation in accordance with the National legislation and Institutional Regulations
- Local control authority for state-funded institutions – State Audit Services of Ukraine etc.
- Grant Agreements, Interinstitutional Agreements, Mobility Agreements is a must
- Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Regulation dated on September 2, 2015 p. № 719 – on university funds location at the state banks accounts <http://zakon0.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/719-2015-%D0%BF>
- Regulation on the specifics of the border crossing for the students for 1 semester international mobility for exchange as of April 2024 – [at the link](#)
- Regulation on **Priority Payments** for International Technical Assistance projects activities
- Regulations on transfer of funds in **currency** to international partners
- Simplified [tendering procedure](#) for equipment purchase during martial law – [explanation](#)
- Specifics, institutional regulations on international mobility, international cooperation, recognition mechanisms, male students mobility etc.

Safety measures

No safe place – certain measures in place (shelters, blended/online format)

- Education and other organisations are operational, relocated where required
- Staff safety: blended format of events with videorecordings
- Always remind about the safety measures to be taken during sirens
- Storage of projects documentation – on cloud or in international partners/coordinator
- Staff losses: access to the project documents by Vice-Rectors, IROs, legal services, LEAR
- Equipment – temporary storage in the partners located closer to the EU borders (if relevant)
- If destroyed, official letter with description of the situation, only if possible/available video/photo or other relevant documents

Changes/delays of workplan/ activities / equipment purchase due to martial law consequences

- Inform via Project Coordinator – Project Officer of Granting Authority without delay!

International (Credit/Learning) Mobility Abroad

- Institutional regulations for Mobility adopted to the martial law consequences
- Official mobility for student&staff, crossing border, recognition – based on interinstitutional and other agreements, track record
- Delays with documents for permission to staff/ researchers/ students mobility
- Crossing the border procedures for specific categories of students and staff
- Students visa or temporary protection status – must be clearly communicated by host institution and agreed with the students beforehand
- Visa for students/youth exchanges – support letter from NEO for free of charge visa
- Longer time during mobility period for arrival and departure – to be planned
- Blended format of mobility could be a solution

Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers on the Right for Mobility updated ([May 13, 2022](#))

NEO does not validate/certify organisation OID – contact National Agency of Applicant!

Mobility of certain categories

- Male students (18-60 y.o.): only 1 semester is allowed for specific categories of students
- The specifics, documents and procedures are described in 2 languages at: <https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/news/specifics-for-international-credit-mobility-for-1-semester-for-male-bachelor-students-under-erasmus-new-regulations-cmu-366-as-of-2-04-2024/>
- Male staff (18-60 y.o.) for mobility and other projects types activities abroad up to 3 weeks: specific procedure in cooperation of the HEIs, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine – invitation and other documents must be submitted to the Ministry not later than 2 weeks before planned departure
- For the specific cases, they must consult the hotline of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine at <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/sluzhba-dovira>
- Final decision is taken by State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and have plan B!

Limitations for full time study abroad (Erasmus Mundus scholars), youth mobility/ youth workers, NGO staff for projects activities

Banking system: Transfers to Ukrainian organisation's accounts

Banking system is operational in the territories under control of the national authorities of Ukraine, & where Ukrainian institutions were relocated – use official institutional accounts

Due to **Martial law and consequences**, in some countries there is a problem (**blocks or delays**) with the **transfer of funds** from EU University's (as a Coordinator) foreign **bank** to Ukrainian institution banks, especially if they are based close to the frontlines/relocated

Solution: Ukrainian partner should request **official letter** certifying that the bank is working at the territory under control of the National Authorities of Ukraine and **endorse the letter from the HEI's Rector (or relevant legal person of organisation under the case)** certifying the situation and for relocated universities, if legal address is different from real placement after relocation, to explain that fact attaching the Order of the National Authorities about the relocation or the updated Statut of the University/organisation (with unofficial translation).

Funds transfers in currency from Ukraine

- Transfers to abroad (from coordinator, partners if they return unspent funds) in currency is possible after the official registration of project
- In rare cases the banks can do it based on the Guarantee letter
- Instability of the currency exchange rates: grant funds are recommended to be kept in currency accounts – use when payments are necessary (convert into UAH only amount required to cover necessary expenses scheduled, not all amount)
- Bank should be informed that the grant is for EU project registered as International Technical Assistance (МТД – Міжнародна технічна допомога)
- *Regulations on currency transfers for the registered projects during martial law:*

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Regulation on the Currency transfers abroad within the International Technical Assistance Projects during martial law – [at the link](#)

Payments within Ukrainian institutions

- For state education institutions/ organisations when State Treasury Service of Ukraine/local administrations manages the UAH operations official registration of project ensures the priority of payments invoices for project expenses
- Weak experience/capacity in local administrations to manage grant funds (school/VET)

Special regulation during martial law:

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Regulation on priorities of payments under the International Technical Assistance Projects during martial law [at the link](#)

Merger consequences:

- Payments will be blocked within institutions under reorganisation (merger, full/partial) – for all expenses (staff travel, salaries, equipment etc.)
- ‘Old’ institution is not operational and staff employed by the new institutions – no legal relations with new institution in Grant Agreement, no payments possible
- Changes to Grant Agreement is a must to unblock the payments

Equipment purchase

- Start the process as early as possible but only after official registration: registration card and procurement plan are part of tendering procedure documents
- Ukrainian education Institutions/organisations: institutional procedures according to the type of organisation (state-funded, private, NGO etc.)
- Plan accordingly the timing to mitigate the risks during martial law: delay of registration, tender challenges: no providers interested, winners may refuse due to availability of equipment, safety/delay of delivery etc.
- Agreements for purchase: bilateral/multilateral
- Delivery from abroad require uncustom procedure (relevant documents, broker)
- Equipment for International Technical Assistance projects is exempt from VAT, custom fees, free of charge storage at custom etc.

Erasmus+ projects registration contacts

NEO can provide the procedure, templates, and other related information upon request
EU Delegation to Ukraine provides support letters only based on the NEO verification of the registration package

Contacts for registration issues: office email: office@erasmusplus.org.ua

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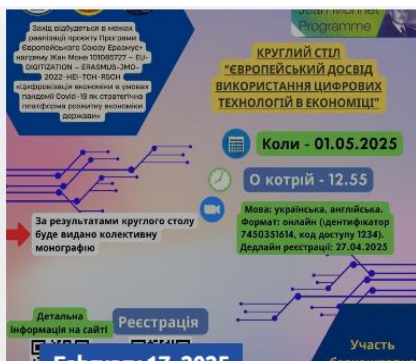
For Youth and Sport Actions: Kateryna Zhdanova: +38 095 33 22 645

Details for beneficiaries in Ukrainian language is available at:
<https://erasmusplus.org.ua/opportunities/mozhlyvosti-dlya-organizaczij/vykonavczyam-proyektiv-2021-2027/>

Erasmus+ projects promotion

Projects' News

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February 17, 2025

Round Table "European Experience Of Using Digital Technologies In The Economy" Within The Framework Of The Erasmus+ Project (01.05.2025, Online)

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January 15, 2025

Kick-Off Meeting Within The Framework Of The European Union ERASMUS+ Project "Ways To Motivate Active Mobility And Healthy Lifestyles For Sustainable Urban Development" (NUDGING2MOVE) (15.01.2025, Thessaloniki, Greece)

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December 18, 2024

Opening Of The Thematic Cabinet Within The Framework Of The European Union Erasmus+ Project Jean Monnet / EVUESS Module (18.12.2024, Chernivtsi)

[Read more](#)

Organisation
Internet resources and social media
National, local and other authorities
and stakeholders

EU Delegation to Ukraine
promocampaigns

NEO Ukraine website,
InfoBox, database, cluster events

Sectoral media resources

Summary

ErasmusCommunity Ukraine is resilient!

National Authorities and other stakeholders: working to find solutions under local contexts

Case studies, HEREs, best practices available – experienced beneficiaries are ready to share

NEO Winners Days provides specifics of projects implementation for Ukrainian beneficiaries during martial law, local context requirements and regulations

National and institutional regulations applied – type of organisation and activities

Potential challenges and risks exists as well as solutions to mitigate them

Erasmus+ project is governed by a grant agreement and activities must comply with it!

Reminder: each beneficiary must inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) immediately of any events or circumstances likely to affect significantly or delay the implementation of the action!



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You are welcome to contact
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and Higher Education Reform Experts – team

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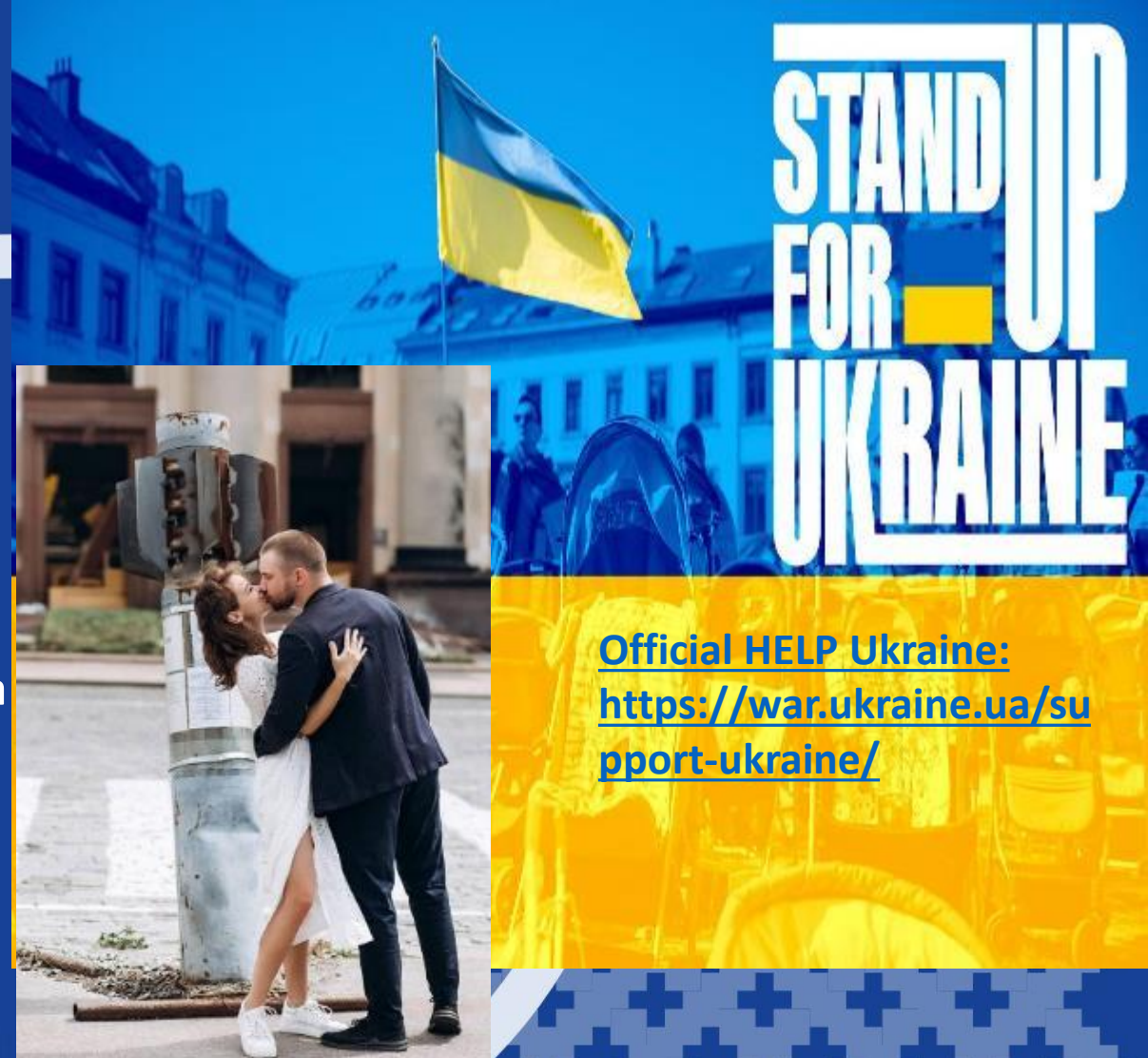
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<https://war.ukraine.ua/support-ukraine/>

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