



# Erasmus+

Opportunities for cooperation for sub-Saharan  
Africa

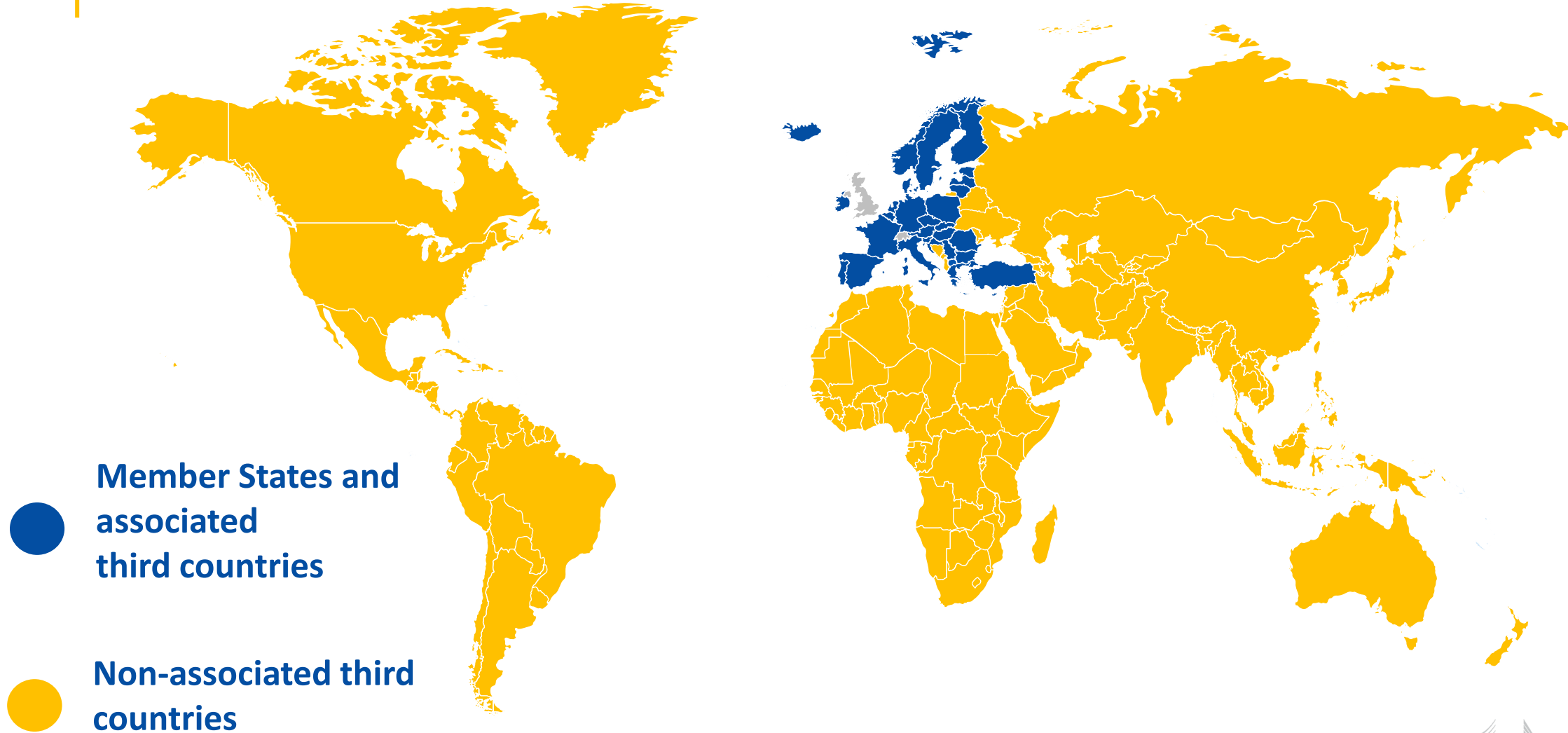
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**European Commission**

# What is Erasmus+?

- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation
- International projects
  - Are based on **partnerships**
  - Meet a **need** at your institution / in your country

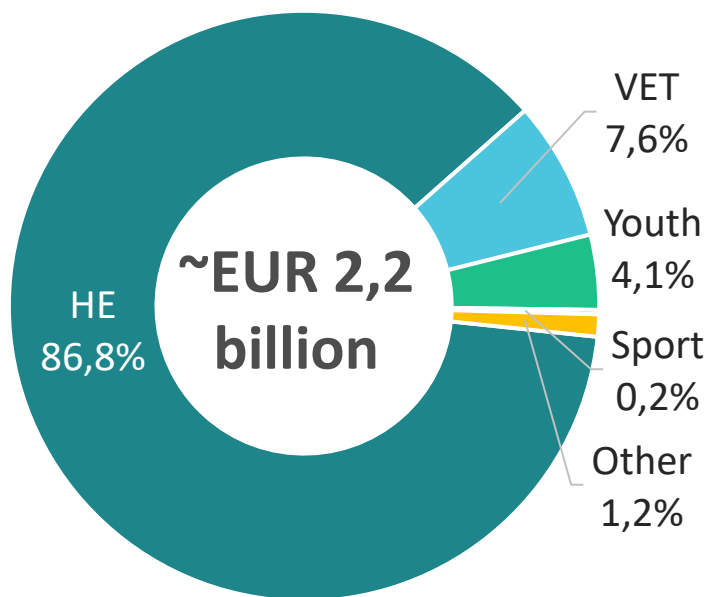


# International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



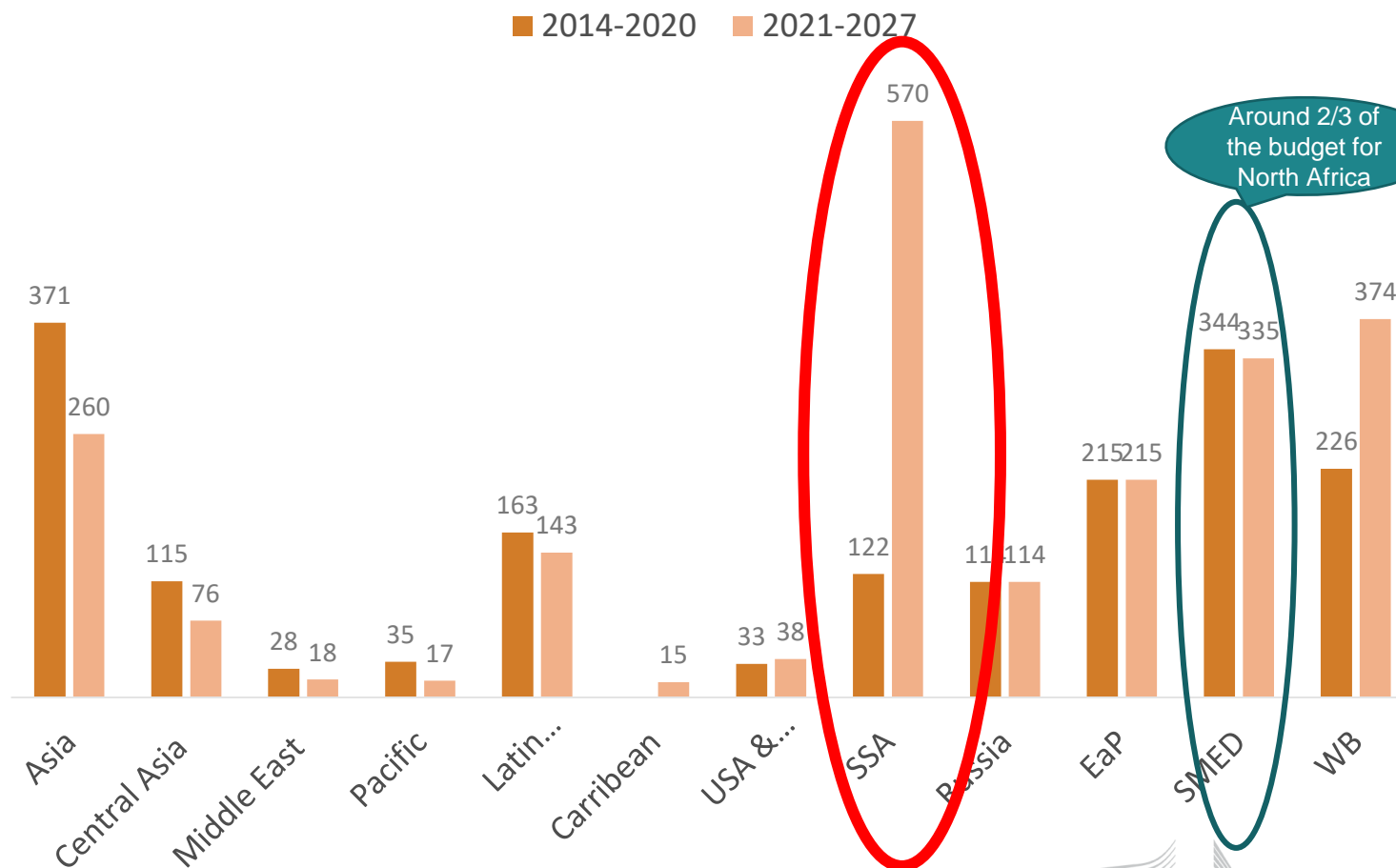
# International dimension of Erasmus+: funding

International actions budget (H6)  
per sector  
2021-2027



2014 – 2020  
~EUR 1,8 billion

H6 budget per region (in million EUR)



# What is available for Sub-Saharan Africa - Overview

## HIGHER EDUCATION

- **International Credit Mobility**
- **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters & Erasmus Mundus Design Measures**
- **Capacity Building for Higher Education**
- **Jean Monnet activities**
- **Alumni Association**
- European Outgoing mobility
- Cooperation Partnerships\*
- Alliances for Innovation\*

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Capacity Building in VET**
- European outgoing VET mobility
- Centres of Vocational Excellence\*
- Alliances for Innovation\*
- Cooperation Partnerships\*

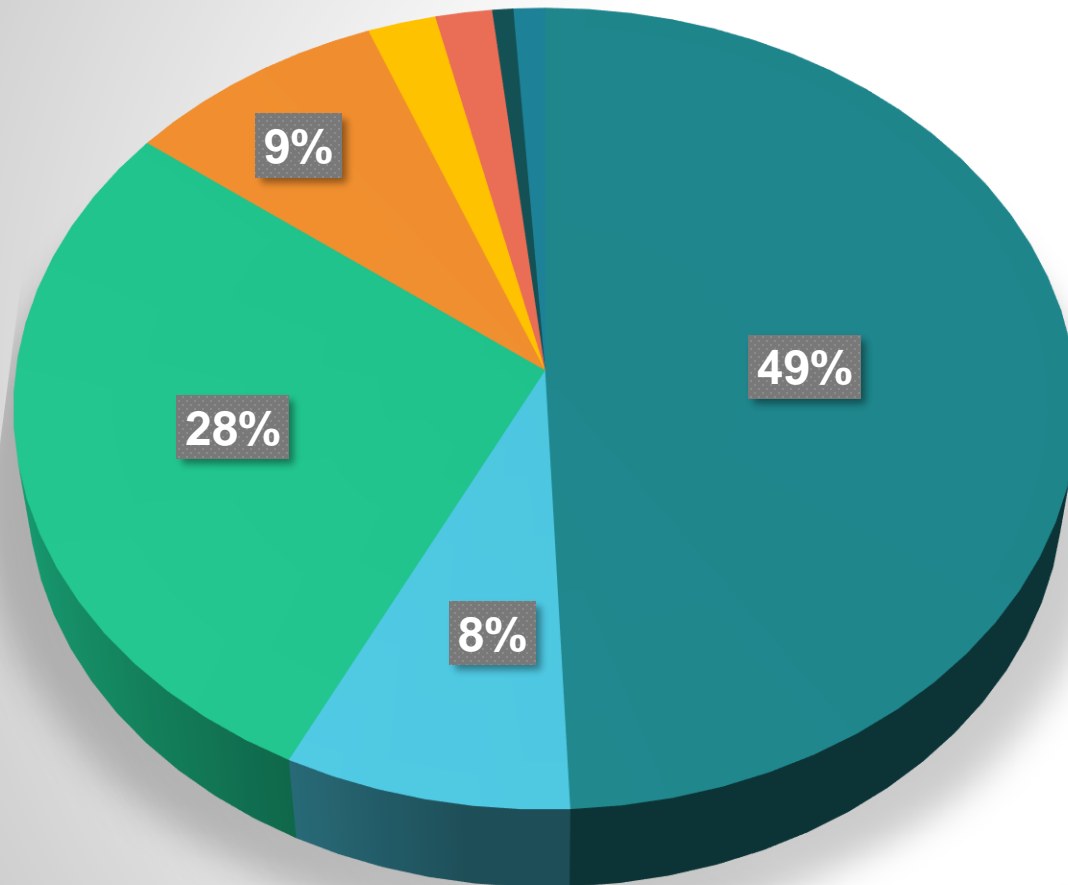
## YOUTH / HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Virtual Exchanges**
- Cooperation Partnerships\*

\* Conditional access - Partners from Non-Associated countries must prove added-value to the project

# Erasmus+ budget allocation for Sub-Saharan Africa

570,2 M€ for Sub-Saharan Africa 2021-2027



- International credit Mobility
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Capacity Building in Higher Education
- Capacity Building in VET
- Virtual Exchanges
- Jean Monnet Actions
- Alumni
- Erasmus+ Focal Points

# International credit mobility

## MAIN FEATURES

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates for African students (only staff and PhD candidates from Europe to Africa)
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- Duration: 2-3 years projects
- Also supports traineeships for students and training for staff
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months (5 days to 2 months for staff)
- Blended mobility (physical mobility of 5 – 30 days + virtual component)

Message to  
Universities:

*“Begin to engage with  
European partner  
universities able to  
apply”*

Message to students:

*“only possible if your  
university has an  
agreement with a  
European one”*

# International Credit Mobility in practice

- The applicant is a higher education institution in Europe
- This action is managed by the Erasmus+ National Agency where the applicant is located

- The European University and its partner institution in a non-associated country sign an **inter-institutional agreement**.
- A **grant agreement** links the European University and its E+ national agency.
- A **learning learning/mobility agreement** links the participant to the sending and hosting institutions.



## Organisational support

EUR 500/participant



## Individual support

EUR 700-900/month for students and  
EUR 140-180/day for staff

EUR 79/day up to the 14th day of activity and EUR 56/day from 15th to the 30th day of activity in case of blended mobility

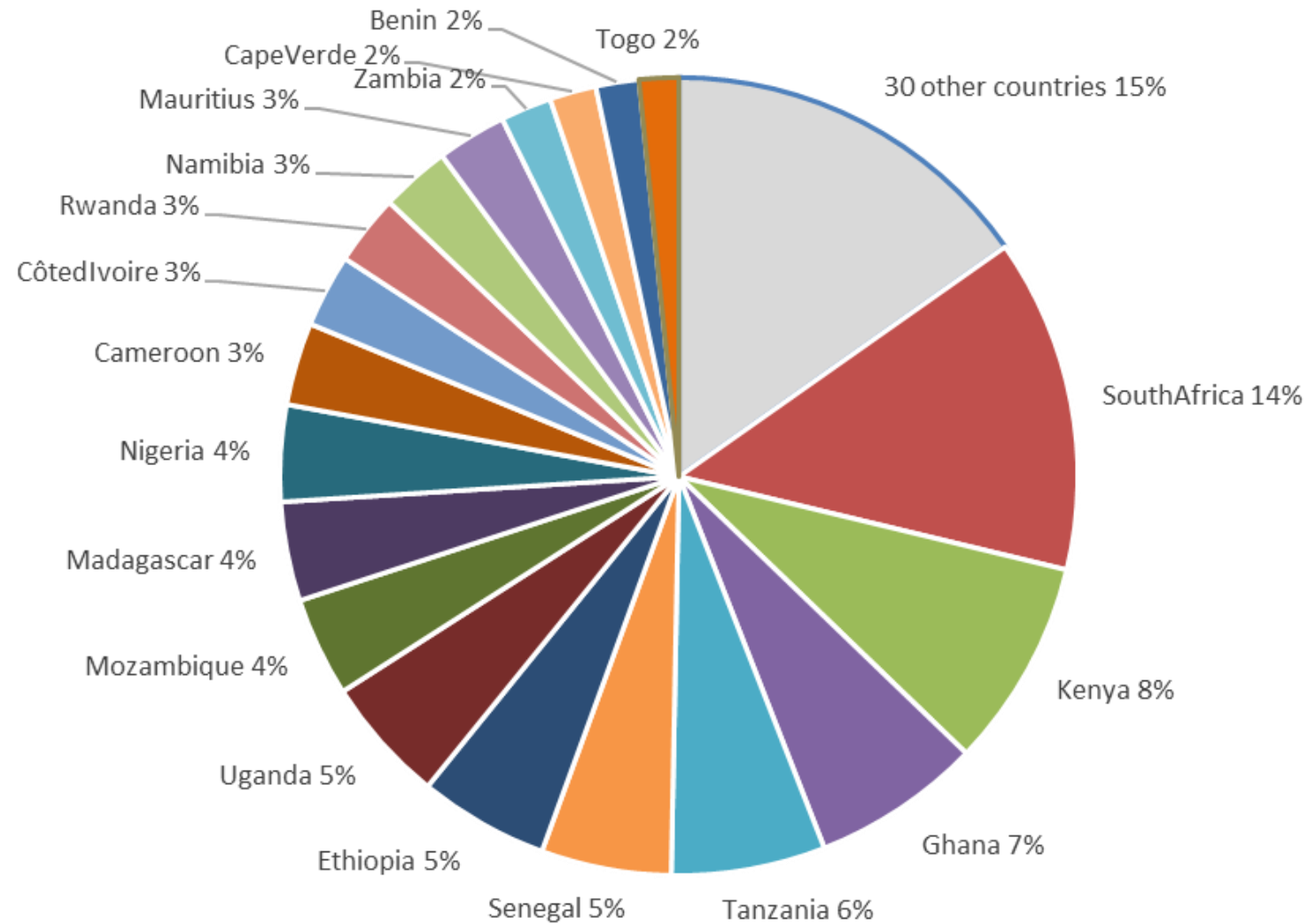


## Contribution to travel costs

EUR 20-1500, depending on distance travelled



# International Credit Mobility in practice



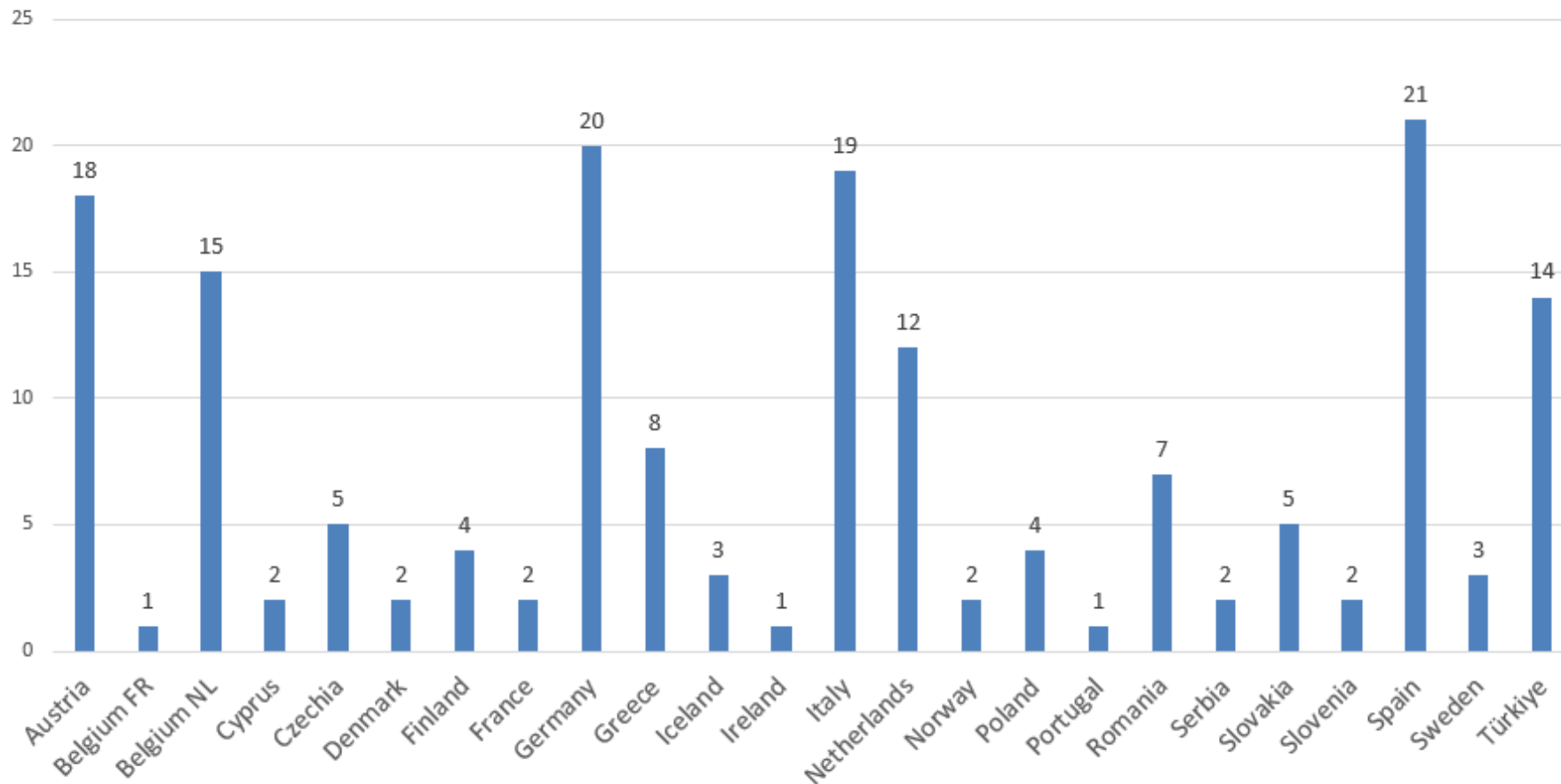
# International Credit Mobility in practice

Uganda

Partner Country Name ▼

Count of Project Code

ICM partnerships with EU+6 countries (2022 & 2023 projects)



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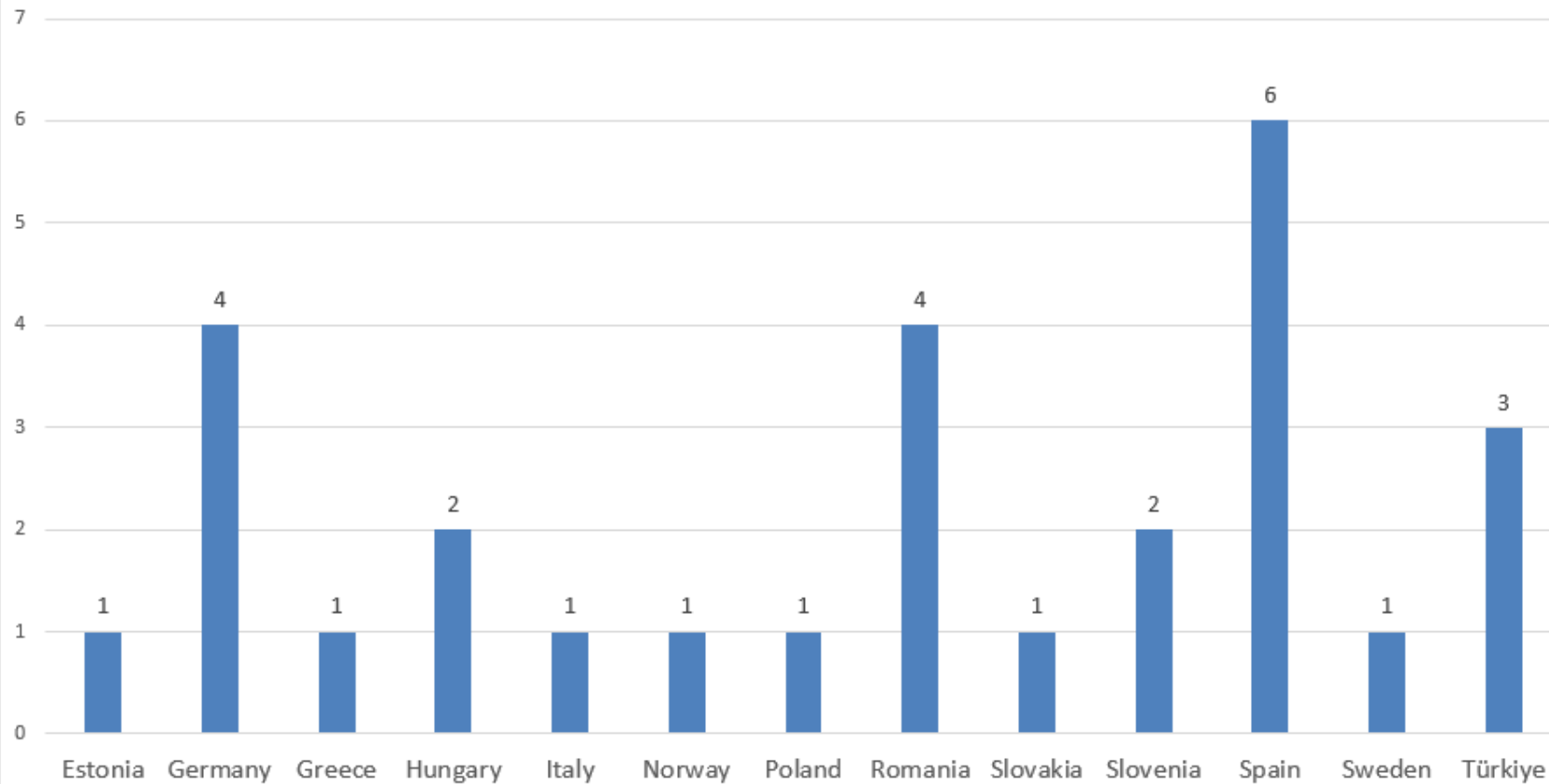
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Botswana

Partner Country Name ▼

Count of Project Code

ICM partnerships with EU+6 countries (2022 & 2023 projects)



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# Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

Coordinator  
can be in  
Africa

## University perspective

- Integrated Masters of excellence offered by a consortium of universities. At least 3 partners from 3 countries (including 2 European ones)
- Jointly delivered programmes with study in 2+ countries, of which at least one must be an EU Member State or third country associated to the programme
- Aim to attract the best students in the world through EU-funded scholarships
- 6-year project – 4 cohorts of students

African  
students can  
apply

## Student perspective

- Annual selection cycles by each master program
  - Joint degree or multiple degrees
  - Generous scholarships
  - Mobility between countries integrated in Master programme
  - Students apply online without the intermediary of their home university
- [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en)

# Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

NEW

New sub-action, supporting the design of high-level study programmes at master level

Autonomous action (no automatic transition to Erasmus Mundus Joint Master)

Strong integration between partners necessary (curriculum, management, student services, accreditation...)

15 months project

Lump sum contribution amounting to 55 000 €

# Capacity building for Higher Education

160 M€ for SSA  
over 6 years !

- Develop and adapt curricula, in terms of content and teaching/learning methods
- Support university-enterprise cooperation
- Work on upskilling of academic and administrative staff
- Reform of governance and management systems at national, regional or HEI level
- Foster internationalisation of universities in research, scientific and technological innovation
- Introduce Bologna-type reforms at institutional, national or regional level
- Develop new approaches and tools for policy making and monitoring

**The Applicant** can be in Europe or in an African Country.

Minimum 4 organisations

Minimum 1 HEI from 2 Programme Countries and 2 HEIs from one or more Non Associated Countries.

The number of organisations from Programme countries should not be higher than the number of organisations from Non Associated countries

# One action – 3 strands to better answer needs

## FOSTERING ACCESS TO COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Smaller scope projects
- Focused on higher education institutions.
- Designed for newcomers to the programme, less involved countries/regions, and for disadvantaged target groups.
- Enhance management capacities, quality of education and accessibility
- Budget between 200 000 and 400 000€
- 2-3 years.

## PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Focused on higher education institutions and local actors linked with industry
- Designed to have a larger impact on innovation, university/business relations and institutional governance.
- Promoting reforms in universities
- Budget between 400 000 and 800 000€
- 2-3 years.

## STRUCTURAL REFORM PROJECTS

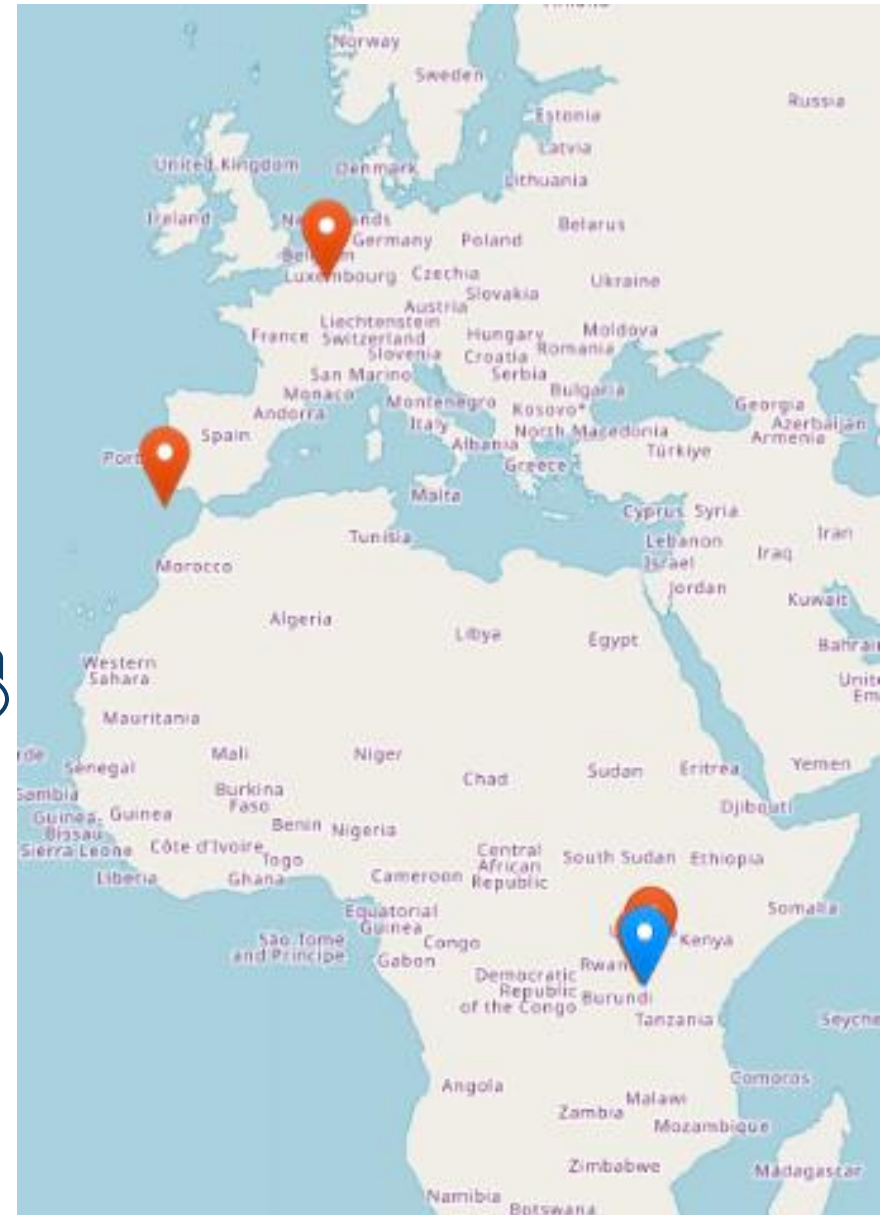
- Focus on macro level policy reforms
- Involve national competent authorities, HE sector and institutions
- Support Policy making (expert advice, training, creation of representative bodies ...)
- Develop Implementation of tools (Quality assurance, credit systems, accreditation procedures, recognition...)
- Support Internationalisation (Bologna type reforms, surveys and studies...)
- Budget between 800 000 and 1M€
- 3-4 years.

# CBHE in practice

ICT-4MRPQ

Usage and Policy Reforms for  
Relevant and Quality Masters  
Research Process Management in  
Uganda's HEIs

Uganda (Makerere coordinator)  
Netherlands  
Portugal





# CBHE in practice

SME2KE

Smart Manufacturing Engineering  
Education for Knowledge Economy

Botswana (BUSTcoordinator)

Kenya

South Africa

Germany

Italy



# Virtual exchanges under E+ from 2021

Applicant has  
to be located in  
Europe

- maximum of 500,000 € (with 200 € max per participant)
- minimum 2 HEI or youth organisations from 2 EU Member States or associated countries + 2 from Sub-Saharan Africa

- Online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development without physical mobility.
- Take place in small groups always moderated by a trained facilitator
- Be easily integrated into youth (non-formal education) projects or higher education courses

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/online-info-session-30-november-2021-erasmus-virtual-exchanges-funding-opportunities\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/online-info-session-30-november-2021-erasmus-virtual-exchanges-funding-opportunities_en)

# Jean Monnet Actions

The Applicant can  
be located in an  
African Country



## Focus on European integration studies:

- Teaching and research
  - **Modules:** 3 years project / min. 40 h/year
  - **Chairs:** 3 years project / min. 90 h/year
  - **Centres of Excellence**
- Networks for policy debate with academic world

2021-2022  
2 modules selected for  
Sub-Saharan Africa  
involving  
Nigeria and Somalia

# African Students & Alumni Forum (ASAF)

<https://www.asaf.africa/>

Platform offering opportunities for exchange, collaboration for African students, alumni & professionals having benefited from mobility scholarships funded by EU & AU

**Created in 2019**  
**Over 1700 registered members**

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees  
Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme  
Intra Africa Academic Mobility Scheme  
African Union's Nyerere Scholarship  
Academic Mobility Programme



# Capacity building on Vocational Education and Training



They aim to support the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in third countries not associated to the Programme as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development.

**Build capacity of VET providers** to strengthen cooperation between private and public stakeholders in the field of VET for demand-oriented and opportunity-driven VET interventions;

**Improve the quality and responsiveness of VET** to economic and social developments to enhance the labour market relevance of skills provision;

Align VET provision to local, regional and national development strategies

# CBVET – Main features

*Applicant is based in Europe*

At least 4 full partners from a minimum of 3 countries:

At least 1 organisation from 2 different EU Member States and associated countries

+ a least 2 organisations from at least 1 eligible country not associated to the Programme

Duration: 1, 2 or 3 years

EU grant per project:

Min 100 000 € - Max 400 000 €



# Erasmus+ website



EN English

## Erasmus+

EU programme for education, training, youth and sport

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### Overview of opportunities under Erasmus+

Introduction to the opportunities and advice on how to apply.

### Individuals

Students, staff, trainees, adult learners, exchanges and networking.

### Organisations

Learning mobility, innovation, support for policy reform, Jean Monnet, sport.

### Applying from outside the EU

Selected opportunities are available. See what actions you can apply for.



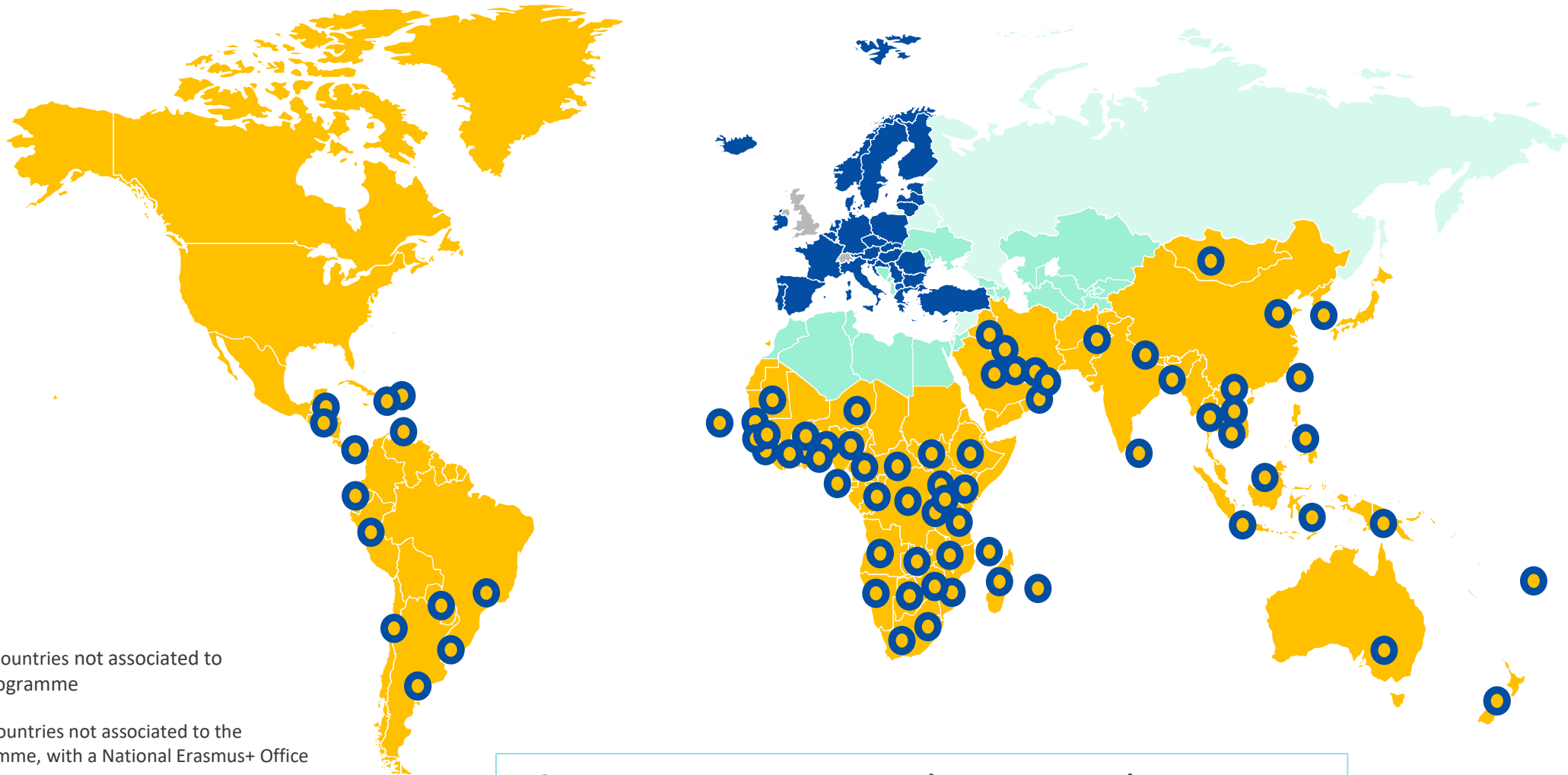
# Recap: who can apply and when?


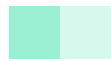



Actions	Managed by	Institutions from Africa	Call publication	Deadline for submission
International credit mobility	National Agencies in 33 European countries	Partner		20 February 2024
Erasmus Mundus	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		15 February 2024
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner	Call published	08 February 2024
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner	30 November 2023	01 February 2024
Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		29 February 2024
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		25 April 2024



# Recap: Working with third countries.

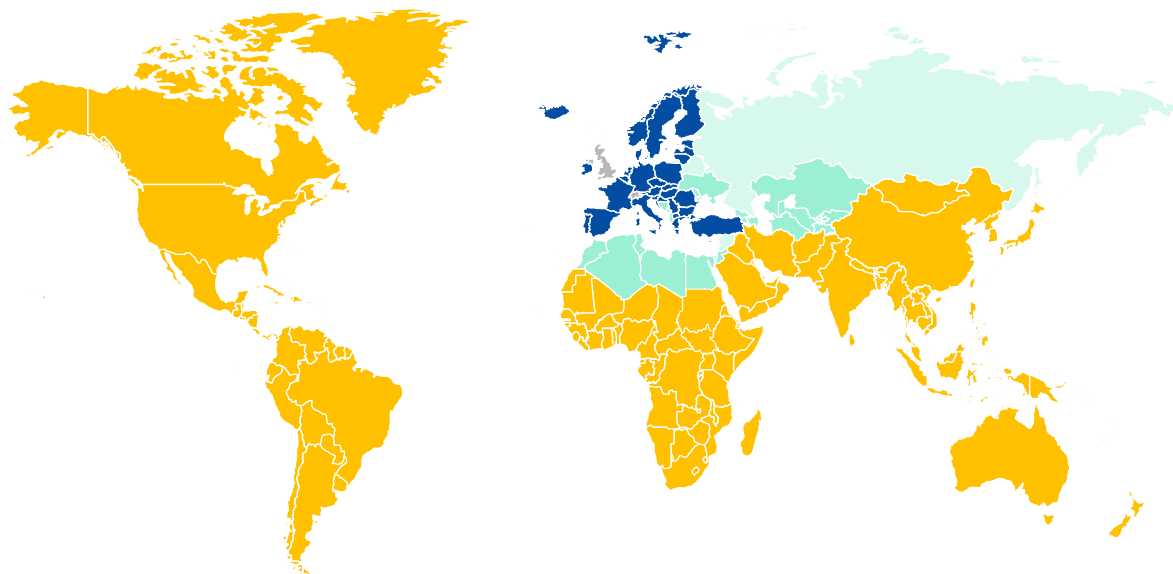


-  Third countries not associated to the Programme
-  Third countries not associated to the Programme, with a National Erasmus+ Office
-  EU Member States & Third countries associated to the Programme

 75 ENFPs appointed – November 2023

# Recap: Two key principles to make sense of Erasmus+

## Partnership



## Needs



# More Information

## Video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5gD3m\\_i4BQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5gD3m_i4BQ)



**Erasmus+ Programme guide** (all EU languages)

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>

**Online trainings (for Actions managed centrally in Brussels)**

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events_en)

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Info days

**Online info session: international dimension of the Erasmus+ programme  
- Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa**

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**Online info session: Erasmus+ programme - Capacity Building in Higher  
Education**