Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)
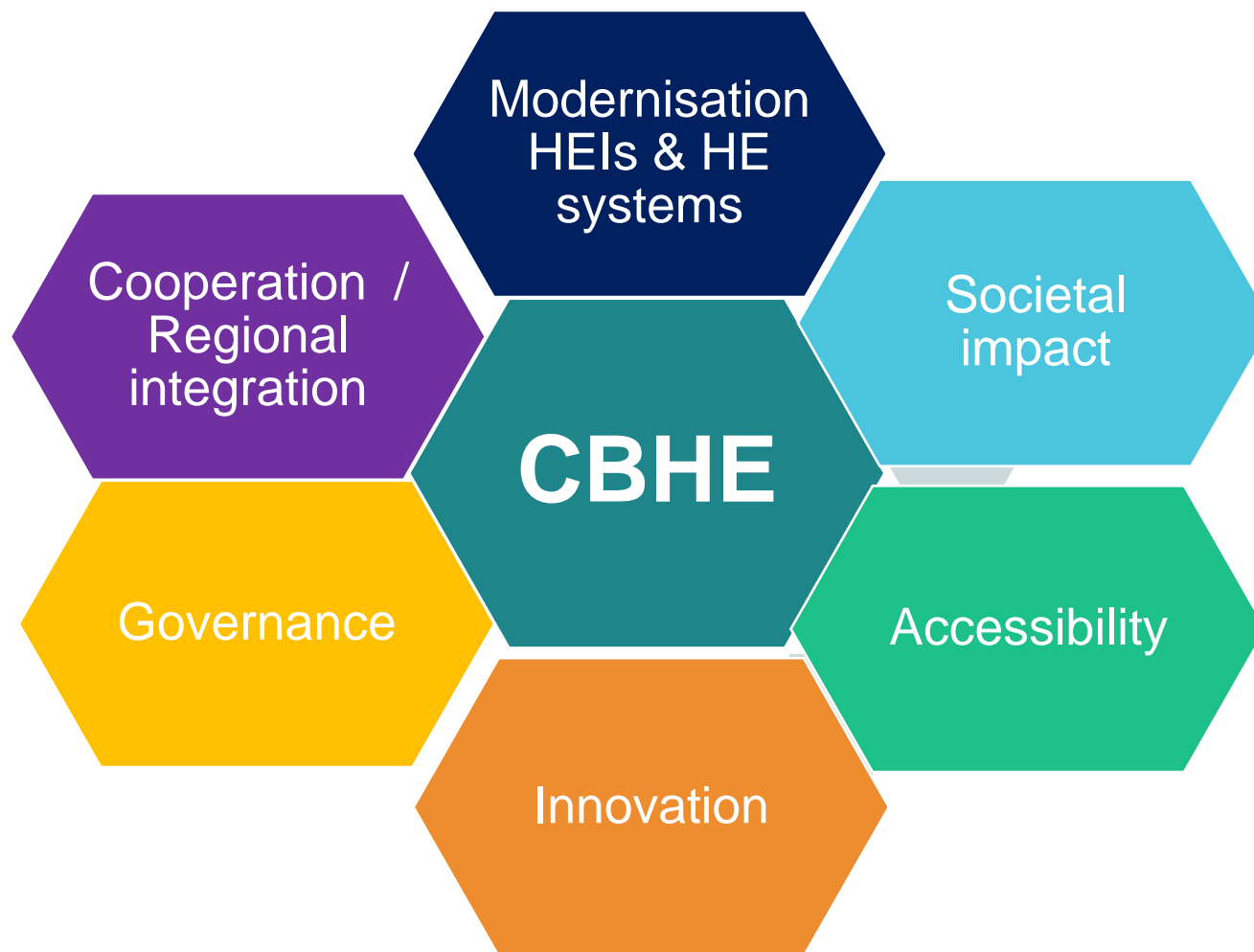
Erasmus+ Information Session for Philippines

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Objectives

Purpose

Focus on the needs
of the third countries not associated to the E+ programme

Targeting priorities
of the third countries not associated to the E+ programme and matching them with the EU priorities

Maximising benefit
of third countries not associated to the E+ Programme

Regions eligible for CBHE

Western Balkans (Region 1)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro
Neighbourhood East (Region 2)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine*
South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)	Algeria, Egypt, Israel*, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, Syria**, Tunisia
Asia (Region 5a)	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam
Central Asia (Region 6)	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Middle East (Region 7a)	Iran, Iraq, Yemen
Pacific (Region 8a)	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Latin America (Region 10)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela
Caribbean (Region 11)	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

* As defined in the Programme Guide
** Exception: Organisations from Syria are not eligible to participate in Strand 3

Three types of CBHE projects

National projects	Multi-country regional projects	Multi-country cross-regional projects
HEIs from **one** third country not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme	HEIs from **several countries** not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme from **one Region**	HEIs from countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme belonging to **several Regions**

- At least **2 EU Member States** or **third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme**. Among them, each participating country must involve at least **1 HEI**.
- For **third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme** participation, specific eligibility criteria should be checked in the Programme Guide (per Region, Strand and type of project).

Who can participate?

Who can apply as coordinator?

- **Higher Education Institutions** (HEIs) or organisations of HEIs

- Applicant must be established in an EU Member State **or** third country associated to the Erasmus+ programme **or** in an **eligible third country not associated to Erasmus+** programme

- The applicant applies on behalf of all organisations involved in the proposal

Who can participate as partner?

- Organisations or institutions **active in the labour market or** in the **fields of education**, training and youth may also participate, but not as coordinator.

Specific rules per Region, per Strand and per type of project should be checked.

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CBHE main features

Three strands
- **Different types of support**

Priorities
- **Overarching & regional context**

Budget system
- **Lump sum II**

Publication system
- **FTOP**

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Overarching priorities

Green deal	Regions: 1, 2, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9, 10, 11
Digital transformation	Regions: 1, 2, 3, 5a, 9, 10
~~**Integration of migrants**~~	Regions: 1, 2, 3, 9
Governance, peace, security and human development	Regions: 1, 2, 3, 5a, 9, 10, 11
Sustainable growth and jobs	Regions: 1, 2, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9, 10, 11

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Overarching priorities for Asia – example of topics

Green Deal

- environmental challenges
- biodiversity
- agri-food value chains
- climate awareness, sustainability and resilience
- green and efficient energy
- sustainable transport

Digital transformation

- digital technology
- business digitalisation
- digital economy
- artificial intelligence
- digital skills and pedagogy
- distance learning

Governance, peace, security and human development

- health and well being
- public policies
- protection of human rights
- peace and security
- respect for diversity
- tolerance
- gender equality

Sustainable growth and jobs

- entrepreneurship
- uptake of STEAM skills
- prevent brain drain
- links with labour market
- address school dropouts

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Three Strands:

Strand 1:

Fostering access to cooperation in higher education

- Projects can last 24 or 36 months
- Funding between EUR 200.000 and EUR 400.000 per project

Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education

- Projects can last 24 or 36 months
- Funding between EUR 400.000 and EUR 800.000 per project

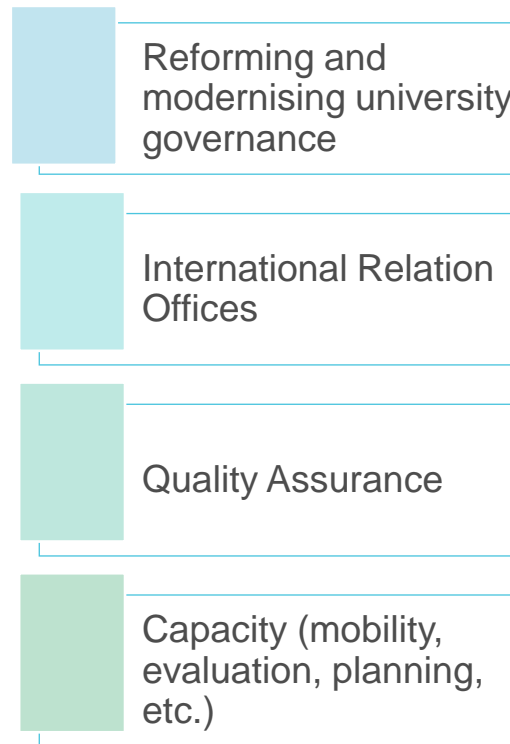## Strand 3:

Structural reform projects

- Projects can last 36 or 48 months
- Funding between EUR 600.000 and EUR 1.000.000 per project
- Involvement of the Ministry

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Strand 1. Fostering access to cooperation in Higher Education

Enhance management *or administrative capacities*
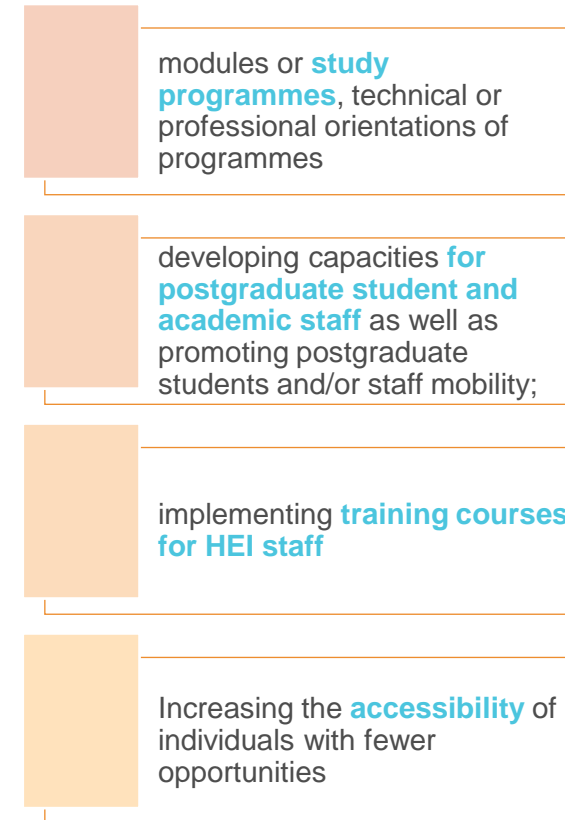
Ensure high quality and relevant education

Target groups

HEIs from least developed countries

HEIs located in remote regions

Newcomers or less experienced

Individuals with fewer opportunities.

Reforming and modernising university governance

International Relation Offices

Quality Assurance

Capacity (mobility, evaluation, planning, etc.)

modules or **study programmes**, technical or professional orientations of programmes

developing capacities **for postgraduate student and academic staff** as well as promoting postgraduate students and/or staff mobility;

implementing **training courses for HEI staff**

Increasing the **accessibility** of individuals with fewer opportunities

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Strand 2. Partnerships for transformation in HE

Innovation *in higher education*

Promoting reforms *of HEIs*

Target groups

- HEIs
- Local actors with a link to industry and business sectors
- Individuals: students, staff, learners in general
- Bodies responsible for HE at local and national level

Design of innovative curricula

Innovative learning and teaching methods

Active engagement with the business world and with research

Introduction of Bologna type reforms at institutional level

Reform of governance and management systems and structures at institutional level

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Strand 3. Structural reform projects

Promoting reforms and innovation of HE system

Target groups

HEIs

National Ministry for higher education (HE)

Research institutions

Other relevant authorities and stakeholders in the field of HE

Mutual learning between public authorities of the countries involved	Promote inclusive Higher Education systems	Increase capacities of bodies in charge of Higher Education	Identify synergies with ongoing EU initiatives
Foster national ownership	Efficient and effective policy making	Foster common regional strategies in Higher Education	Introduction of funding mechanisms

Three Strands, three different types of support:

▶ **Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education**

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Minimum partnership composition (1)

NATIONAL PROJECTS (open <u>only</u> for Regions 2, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9)

- **Strand 1 and Strand 2**
  - **at least 2** EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme
    - ➢ each of these countries must involve **at least 1 HEI**
  - **only 1** eligible third country not associated to the Programme
    - ➢ involving **at least 2 HEIs***

Exception: In third countries not associated to the Programme where the number of HEIs recognised by the competent national authorities is lower than 5 in the whole country, or in cases where one single institution represents more than 50% of the overall student population of the country, applications counting only one HEI from those countries will be accepted.

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Minimum partnership composition (2)

MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECTS (open for all eligible Regions)

- **Strand 1 and Strand 2**
  - **at least 2** EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme
    - ➢ each of these countries must involve **at least 1 HEI**
  - **at least 2** eligible third countries not associated to the Programme
    - ➢ each of these countries must involve **at least 2 HEIs***

Exception: In third countries not associated to the Programme where the number of HEIs recognised by the competent national authorities is lower than 5 in the whole country, or in cases where one single institution represents more than 50% of the overall student population of the country, applications counting only one HEI from those countries will be accepted.

Minimum partnership composition (3)

Strand 3

- **at least 2** EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme
  - ➢ each of these countries must involve **at least 1 HEI**

### NATIONAL PROJECTS (open for all eligible Regions)

- **only 1** eligible third country not associated to the Programme

MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECTS (open for all eligible Regions)

- **at least 2** eligible third countries not associated to the Programme
- ❖ **each** participating eligible third country not associated to the Programme must involve:
  - ➢ **at least 2 HEIs***
  - ➢ **national competent authority** (e.g Ministry) responsible for higher education

Exception: In third countries not associated to the Programme where the number of HEIs recognised by the competent national authorities is lower than 5 in the whole country, or in cases where one single institution represents more than 50% of the overall student population of the country, applications counting only one HEI from those countries will be accepted.

CBHE 2022 & 2023 - % of selected projects
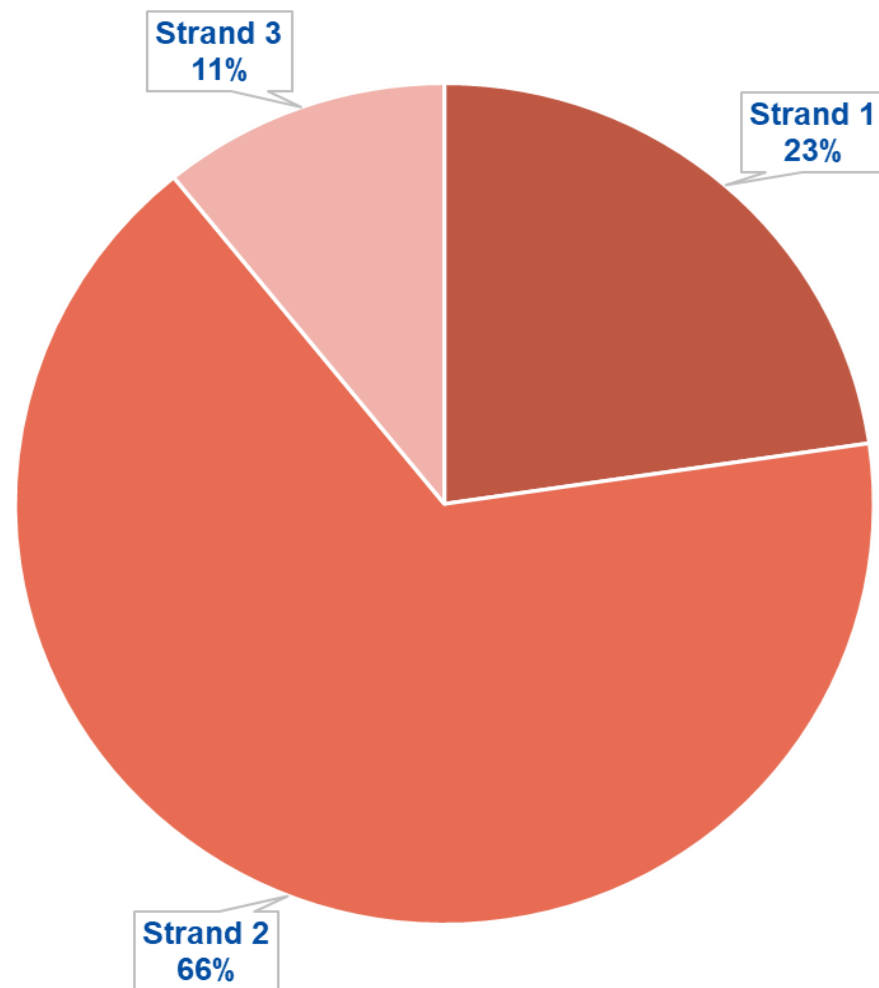
	2022	2023
Applications received	**620**	**790**
Applications selected	**145**	**159**
Success rate	**23%**	**20%**
Role in projects*		
Coordinator	145	159
Full partners & Affiliated entities	1.283	1.430
Total n° of beneficiaries	**1.428**	**1.589**
Average n° of beneficiaries / project	9,8	9,9

*in instances of participation

2024 CBHE indicative available budget and n° of projects (FTOP)

| Regions	Indicative 2024 CBHE budget	Strand 1	Indicative n° of projects	Strand 2	Indicative n° of projects	Strand 3	Indicative n° of projects
Region 1 Western Balkans	11.613.668	4.593.668	11	4.320.000	5	2.700.000	2
Region 2 Neighbourhood East	12.666.143	4.926.143	12	5.040.000	6	2.700.000	2
Region 3 South-Mediterranean countries	7.984.883	4.104.883	10	2.880.000	3	1.000.000	1
Region 5a Asia	17.789.182	3.749.182	9	12.240.000	15	1.800.000	1
Region 6 Central Asia	4.923.200	1.043.200	2	2.880.000	3	1.000.000	1
Region 7a Middle East	720.000	720.000	1				
Region 8a Pacific	400.000	400.000	1				
Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa	22.790.669	8.210.669	20	10.080.000	12	4.500.000	4
Region 10 Latin America	8.667.780	927.780	2	5.940.000	7	1.800.000	1
Region 11 Caribbean	720.000	720.000	1				
2024 CBHE indicative budget and n° of projects to be funded (national / regional)	88.275.525	29.395.525	69	43.380.000	51	15.500.000	12
2024 CBHE indicative budget and n° of projects to be funded (cross-regional)	9.541.725	≈ 12 proposals					
Indicative 2024 CBHE budget	97.817.250	≈ 144 proposals					

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Asia in CBHE 2022-2023

Number of selected projects per region
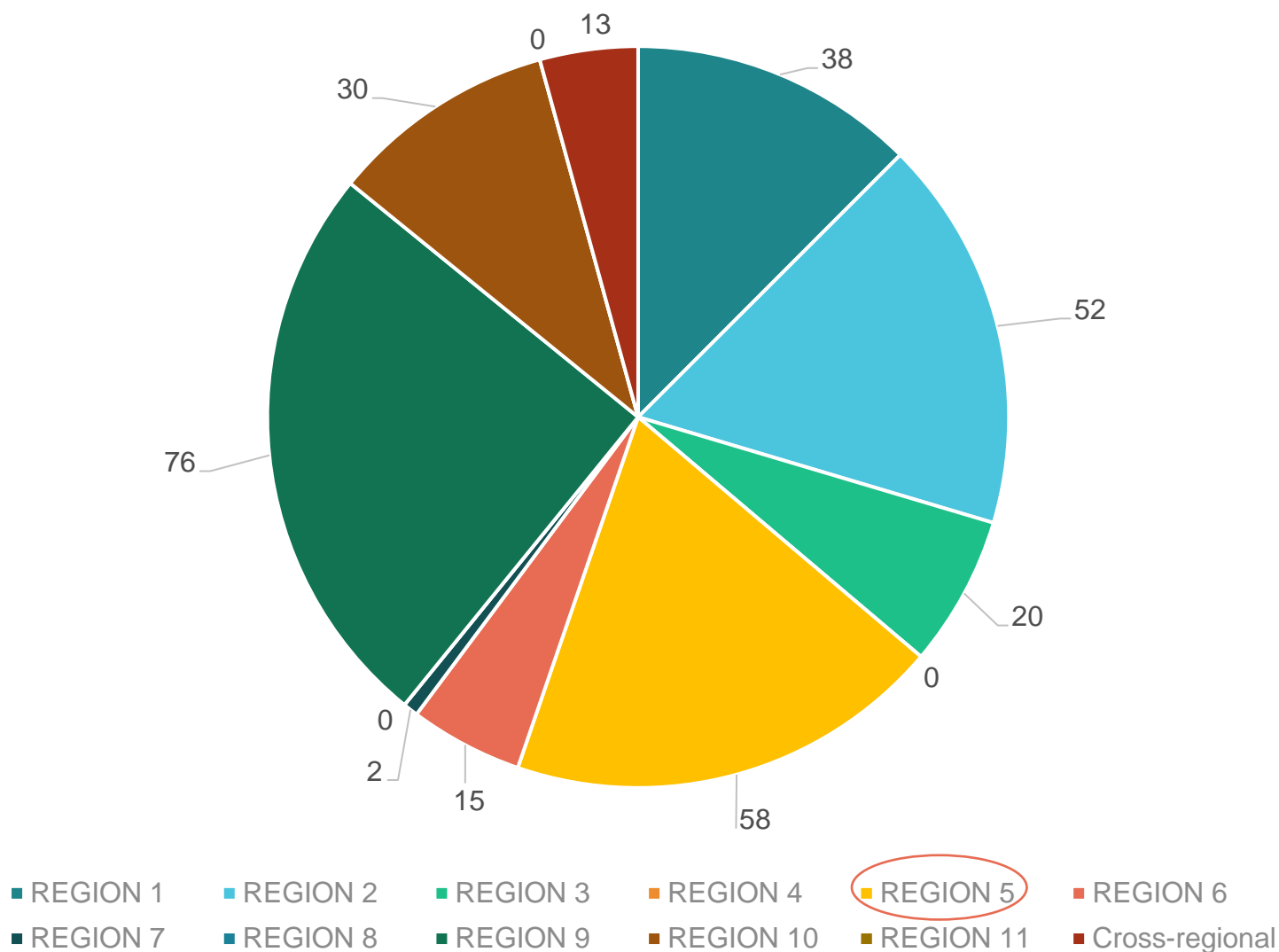
Total projects 2022: 145
Total projects 2023: 159

CBHE 2022 & 2023 - Budget of selected projects
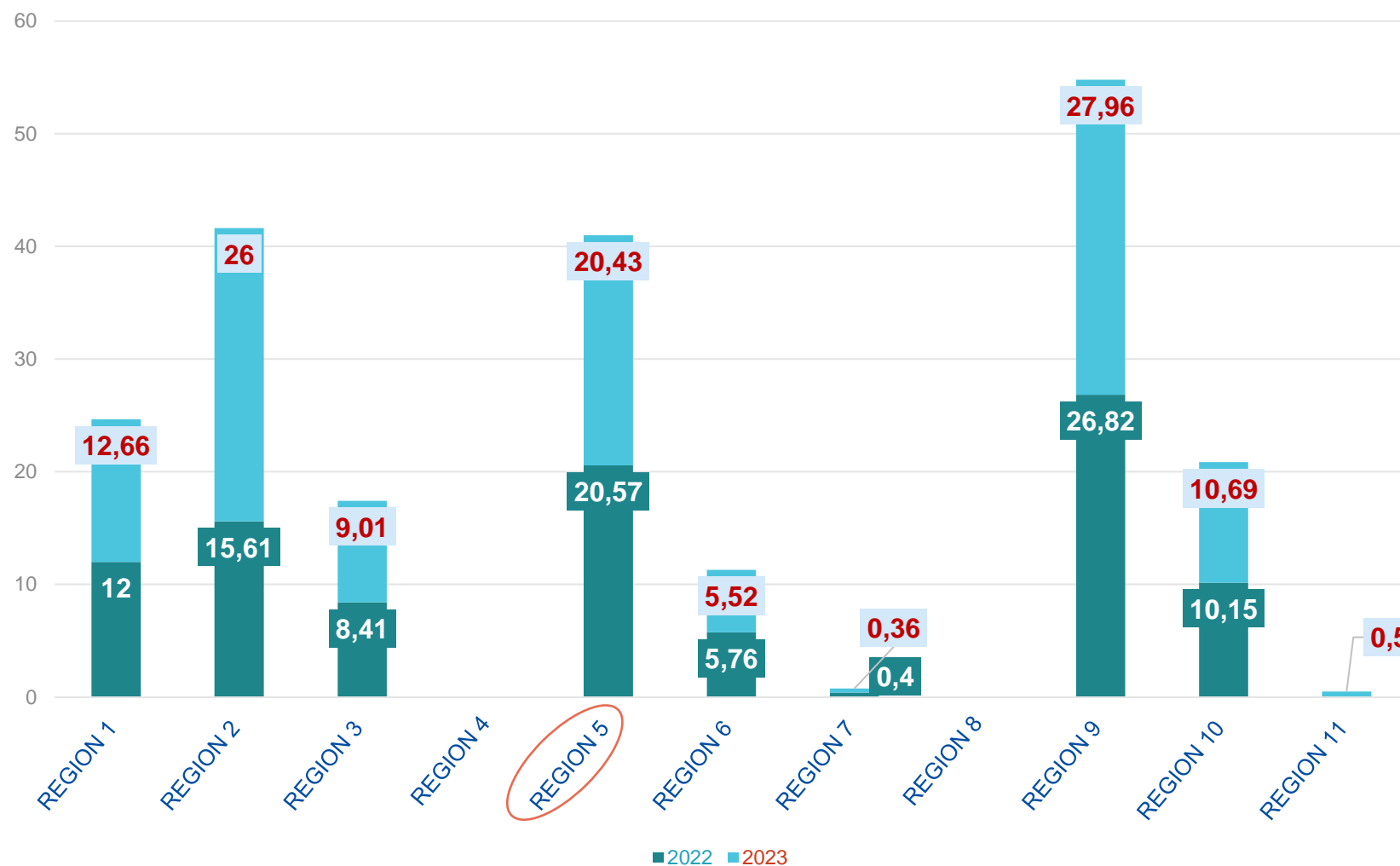
Western Balkans (Region 1)
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South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)
~~**Russian Federation (Region 4)**~~
Asia (Region 5)
Central Asia (Region 6)
Middle East (Region 7)
Pacific (Region 8)
Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)
Latin America (Region 10)
Caribbean (Region 11)

Total budget 2022:   99,7 Mio €
Total budget 2023: 113,1 Mio €
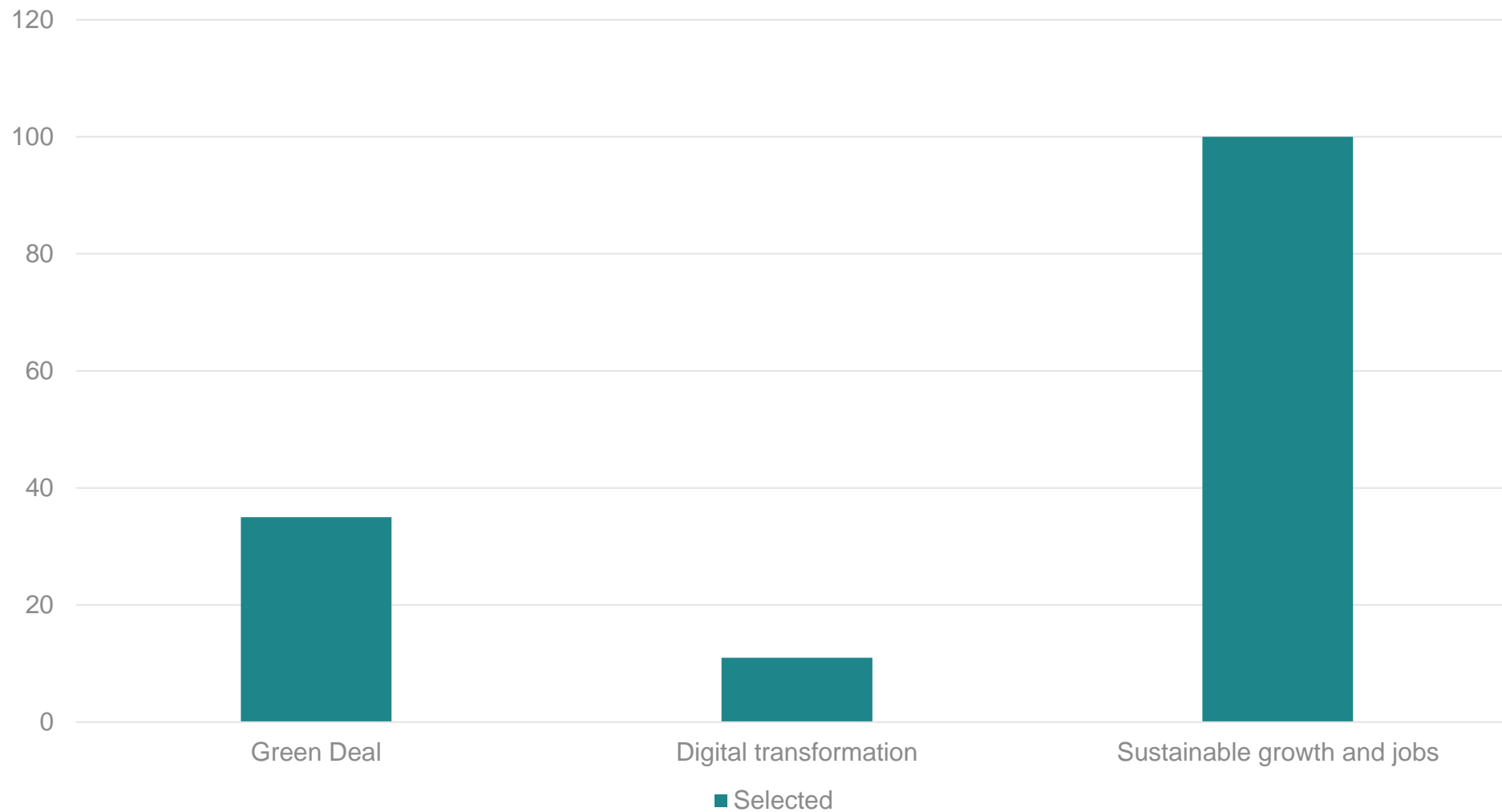
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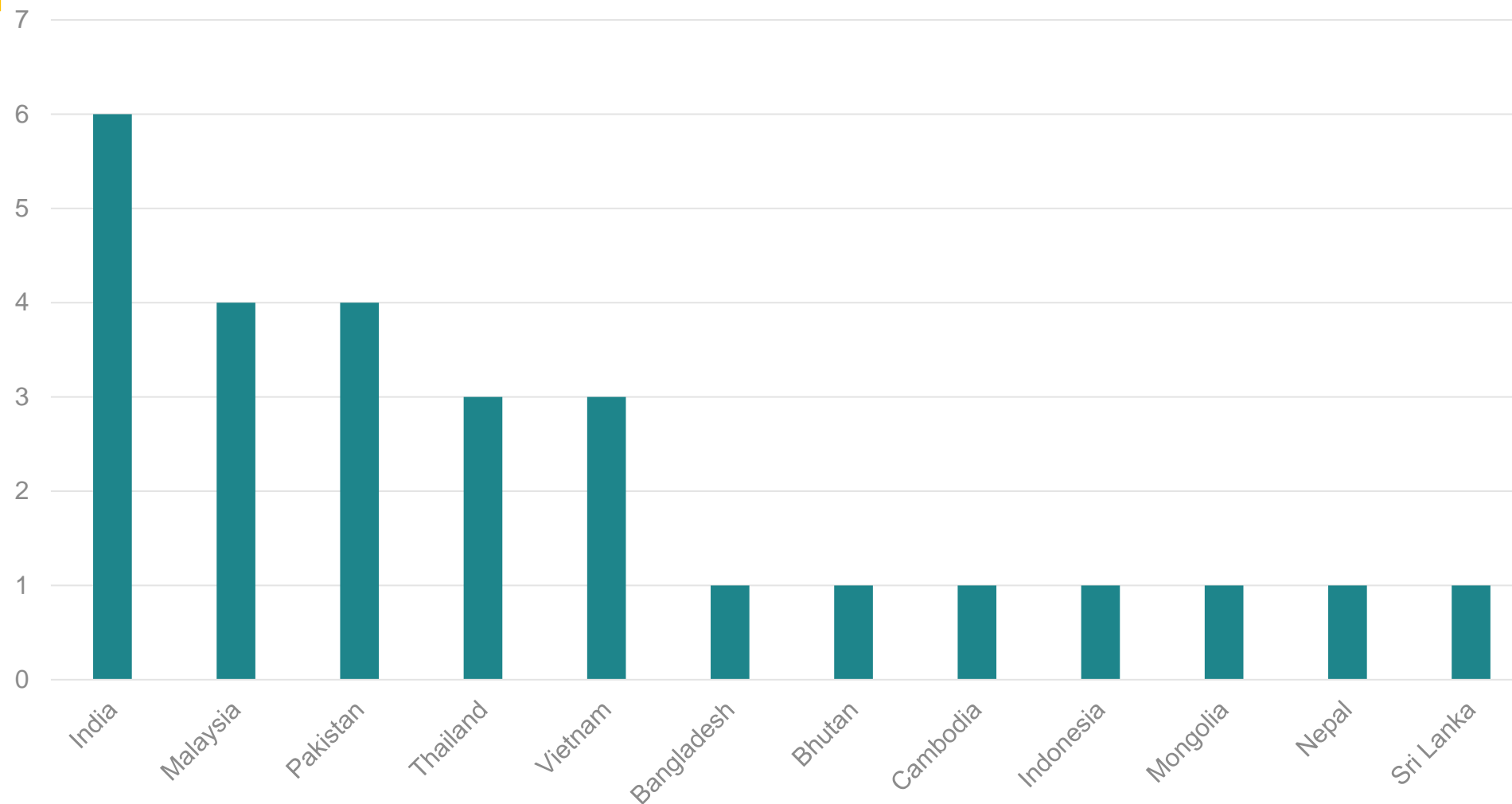
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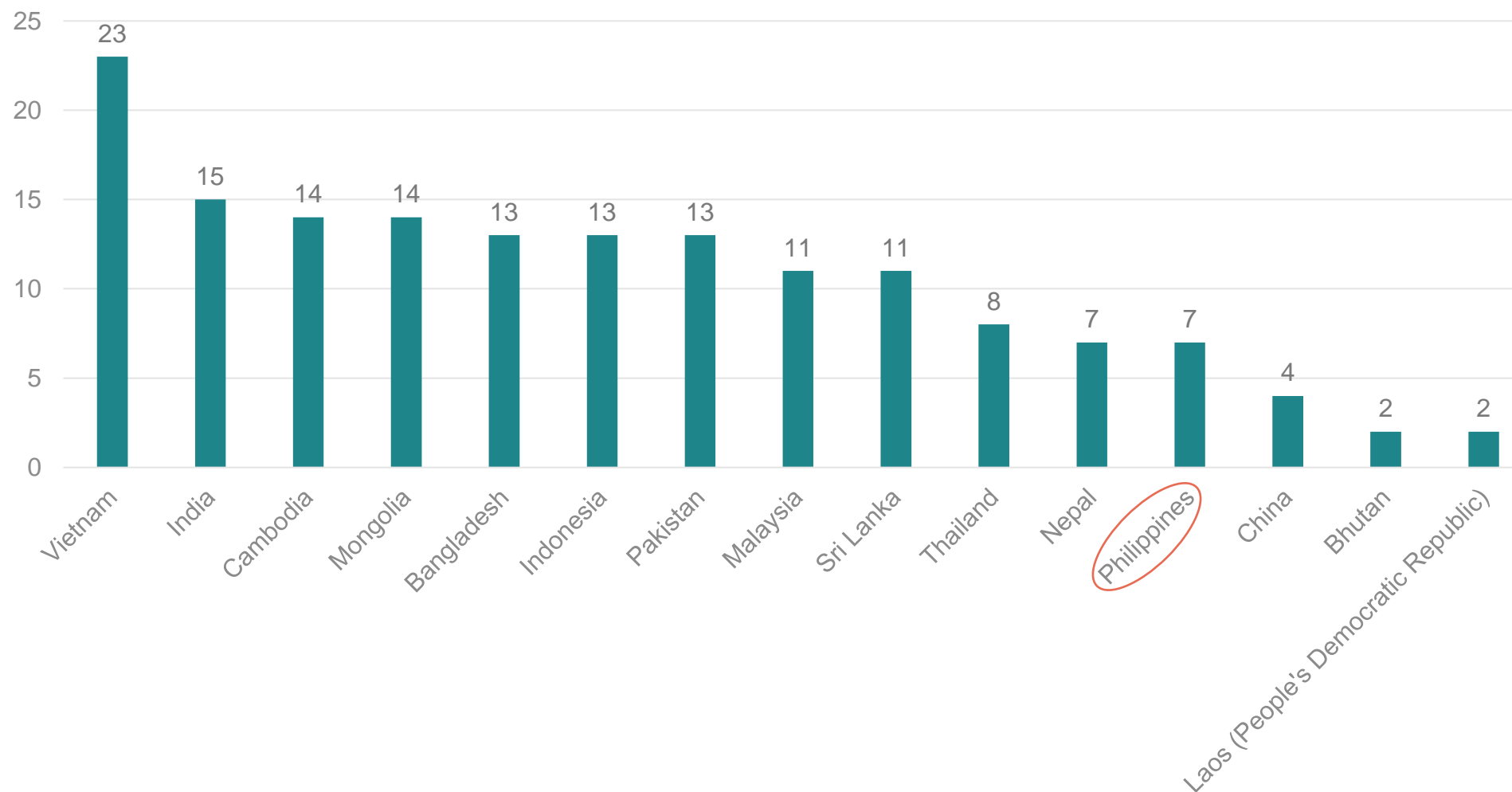
How to submit a proposal?

- **Where?**

  Applications must be **downloaded and submitted** through the **European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal** (F&TP) using the Portal Submission System:

  https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

- **Who?**

  Proposals must be created and submitted by a contact person of the coordinating organisation

- **When?**

  Publication: +/- November 2024
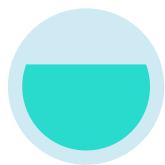
  Deadline: +/- February 2025

Applicants are highly recommended to submit proposals as early as possible and at least 48 hours prior to the call deadline.

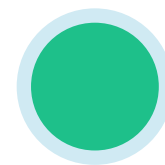European Commission

Application Forms
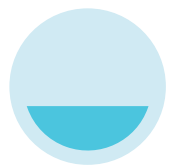
Part A

Administrative Information on the applicants

Part B
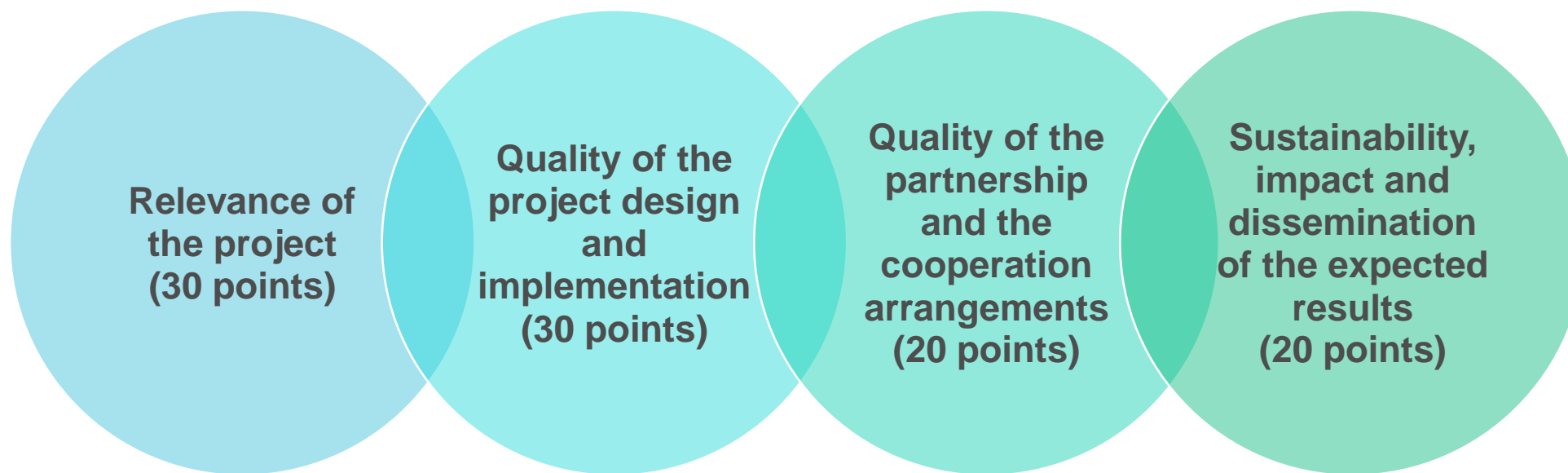
1. Description of Action (do not forget to embed LFM !)

2. Detailed Budget Table (Excel File)

Part C

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

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Award criteria

Relevance of the project (30 points)

Quality of the project design and implementation (30 points)

Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements (20 points)

Sustainability, impact and dissemination of the expected results (20 points)

➢ Proposals must score **at least 60/100 points** in total to be selected
➢ **At least half of the maximum points** for each award criterion
➢ Additional considerations apply to determine priority among equal scoring proposals

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Lump sum II: approach – basic principles

Applicants must define **work packages** and **detailed estimation of costs** for each work package **per beneficiary**

Evaluators assess cost details during the evaluation and make recommendations if needed.

Based on this, the EU grant in the form of **lump sum** is fixed **during grant agreement preparation**

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What are we looking for ?

➢ **Clear** and ambitious **proposal**s that correspond to the **needs of your Countries** and your **HEI**

➢ Activities **in line with EU overarching priorities** and **your countries' strategic priorities/needs**

➢ **Results** that make a difference on several levels: **impact**

➢ **Coherence** and effectiveness of **the work plan executed** by a **competent team**

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Useful links for preparing your application

- **Erasmus+ Call and Programme Guide**:

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

- **Funding & tender opportunities portal** (**FTOP**):

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/erasmus2027

- Logical Framework Matrix:

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-capacity-building-higher-education-cbhe-2024_en

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Thank you

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