



Erasmus+

Opportunities of Cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa

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Some preliminary remarks



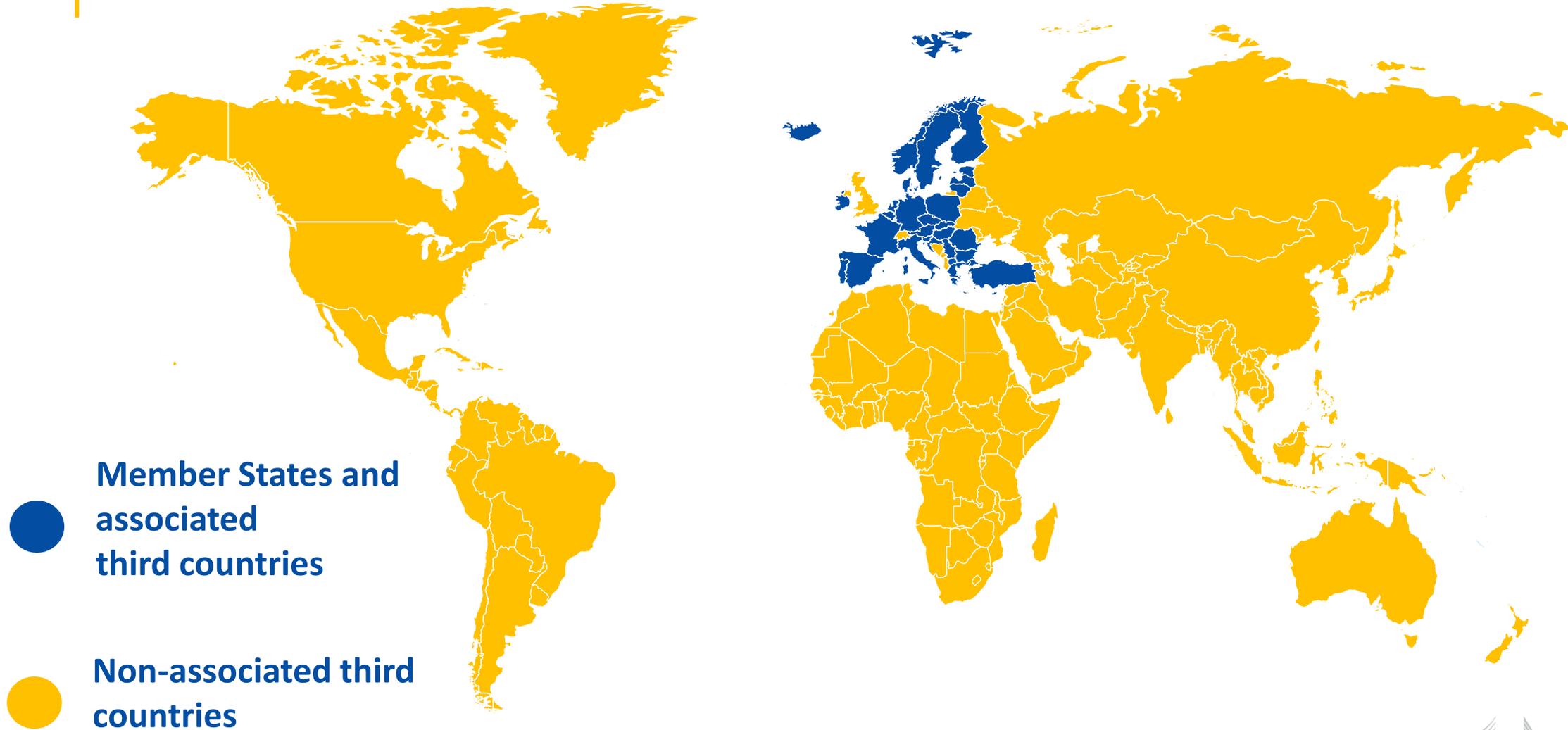
- Cooperation between universities and student mobility is a priority – Refer to EU-AU Summit Summit in February 2022
- Other national cooperation mechanisms exist at EU Member State level See [Study in Europe | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/eu-education-area)
- Cooperation between the European Union and your country is mainly bilateral - Erasmus+ is a "Plus".

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
- Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027:
 - builds on previous programme
 - more international



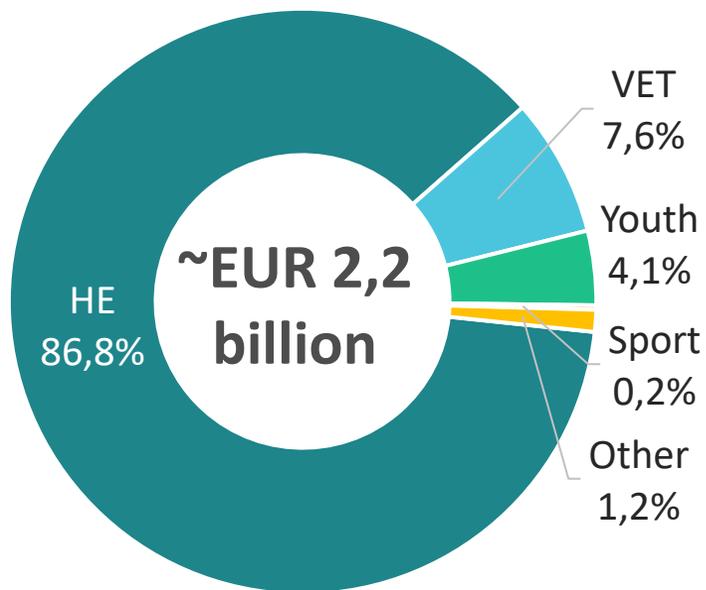
International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



International dimension of Erasmus+: funding

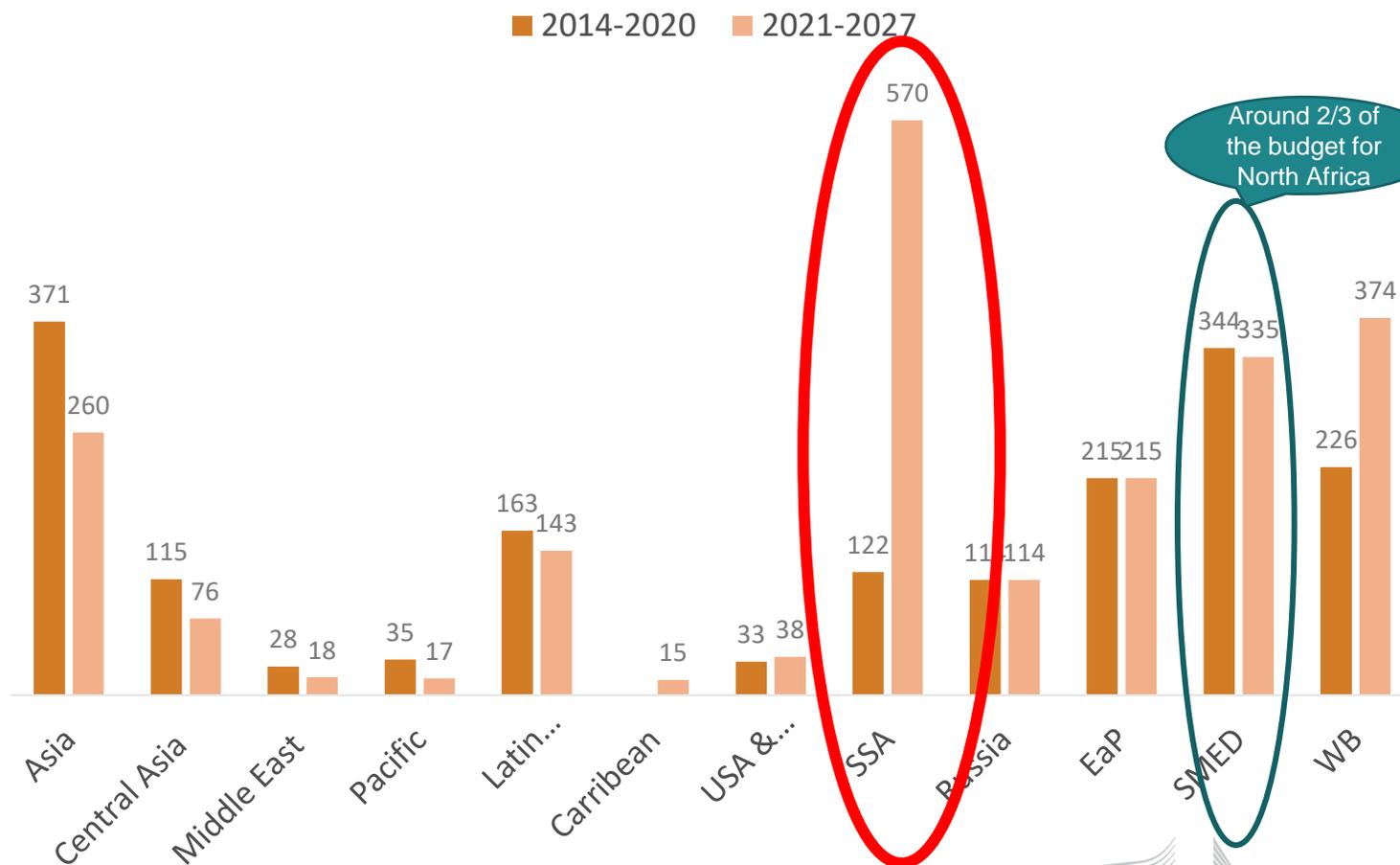
International actions budget (H6)

per sector
2021-2027



2014 – 2020
~EUR 1,8 billion

H6 budget per region (in million EUR)



Around 2/3 of the budget for North Africa

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
- Centers of Vocational Excellence*
- Alliances for Innovation*
- Cooperation Partnerships*

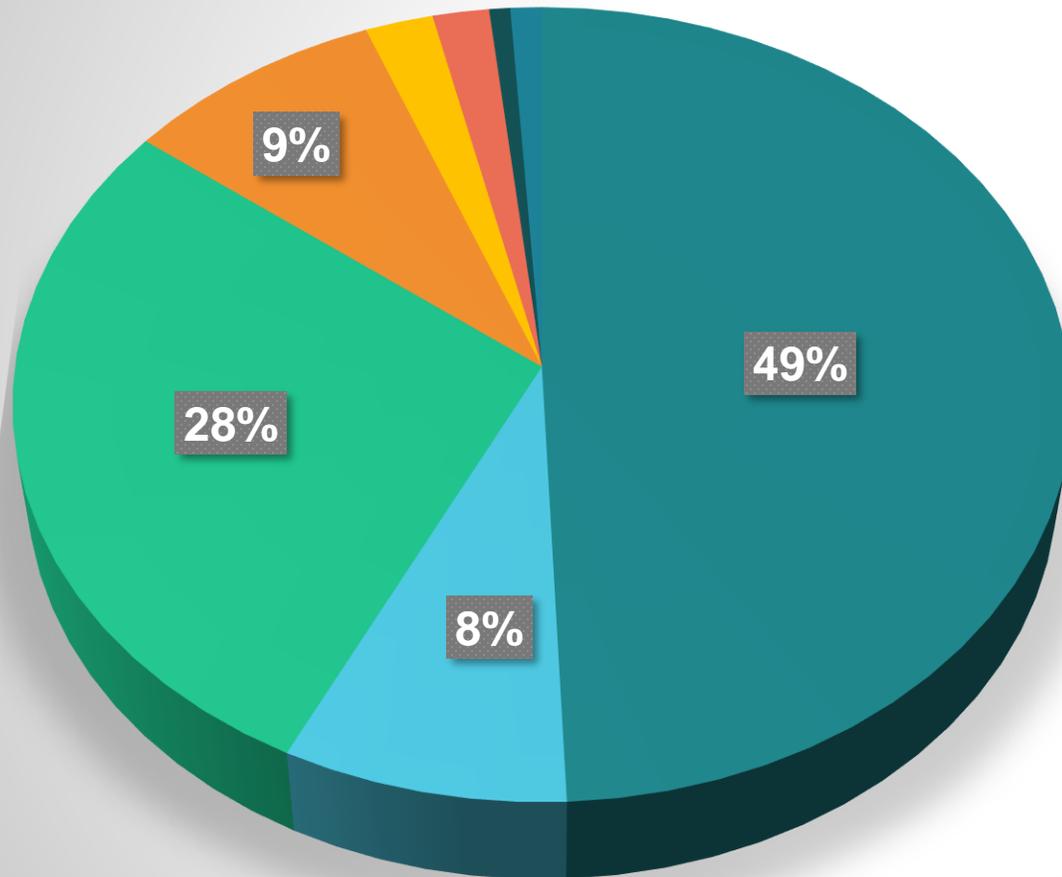
YOUTH / HIGHER EDUCATION

- **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)

NEW

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”*

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

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



NEW

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.

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





Increase leadership attitudes of African and European young people, to play the role of active citizens for their communities through 5 complementary educational programs (communication and digital competences, awareness of civic participation tools).

Strengthen transnational cooperation among Civil Society Organizations from Africa and Europe, their social impact and sustainability with a youth oriented approach

Associazione Internazionale New Humanity	Italy	
Opus Mariae Registered Trustees	Kenya	
Cadre Associatif des Solidaires du Burundi	Burundi	
Namugongo Social Services Organisation	Uganda	
Association pour l'Économie de la Communion	DR Congo	
Oeuvre de Marie en Cote d'Ivoire	Ivory Coast	
Associazione Azione per un Mondo Unito	Italy	
Acciones de Familias Nuevas	Spain	
Humanité Nouvelle – Nieuwe Mensheid	Belgium	

[Search | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

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**
- **Euro-Africa Networks** for policy debate with academic world

UNILAG - Jean Monnet Module

University of Lagos as a leading University in Africa championing international collaboration for a united World based on mutual benefits initiated this Jean Monnet Modules. The Module project will be hosted in the University of Lagos and opened to students who had little contact with European studies and EU. The Module is scheduled to run for three years with 8 modules grouped in



3 Sessions of Summer Schools



3 sessions of Workshops



3 sessions of EU Mock Parliament Presentation and Policy Dialogue



1 Conference



Connect

The module focuses on training young undergraduates who have little exposure and background in EU studies in their traditional academic program but will have opportunities in the future to relate to and interact with EU systems and institutions both locally and internationally.

[UNILAG-Jean Monnet Module \(euafricaconnect.org\)](http://euafricaconnect.org)

Capacity building on Vocational Education and Training

Duration: 1, 2 or 3 years
EU grant per project:
Min 100 000 € - Max 400 000 €

Coordinator is based in Europe

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



Build capacity of VET providers

to strengthen cooperation between private and public stakeholders 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

African Students & Alumni Forum (ASAF)

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

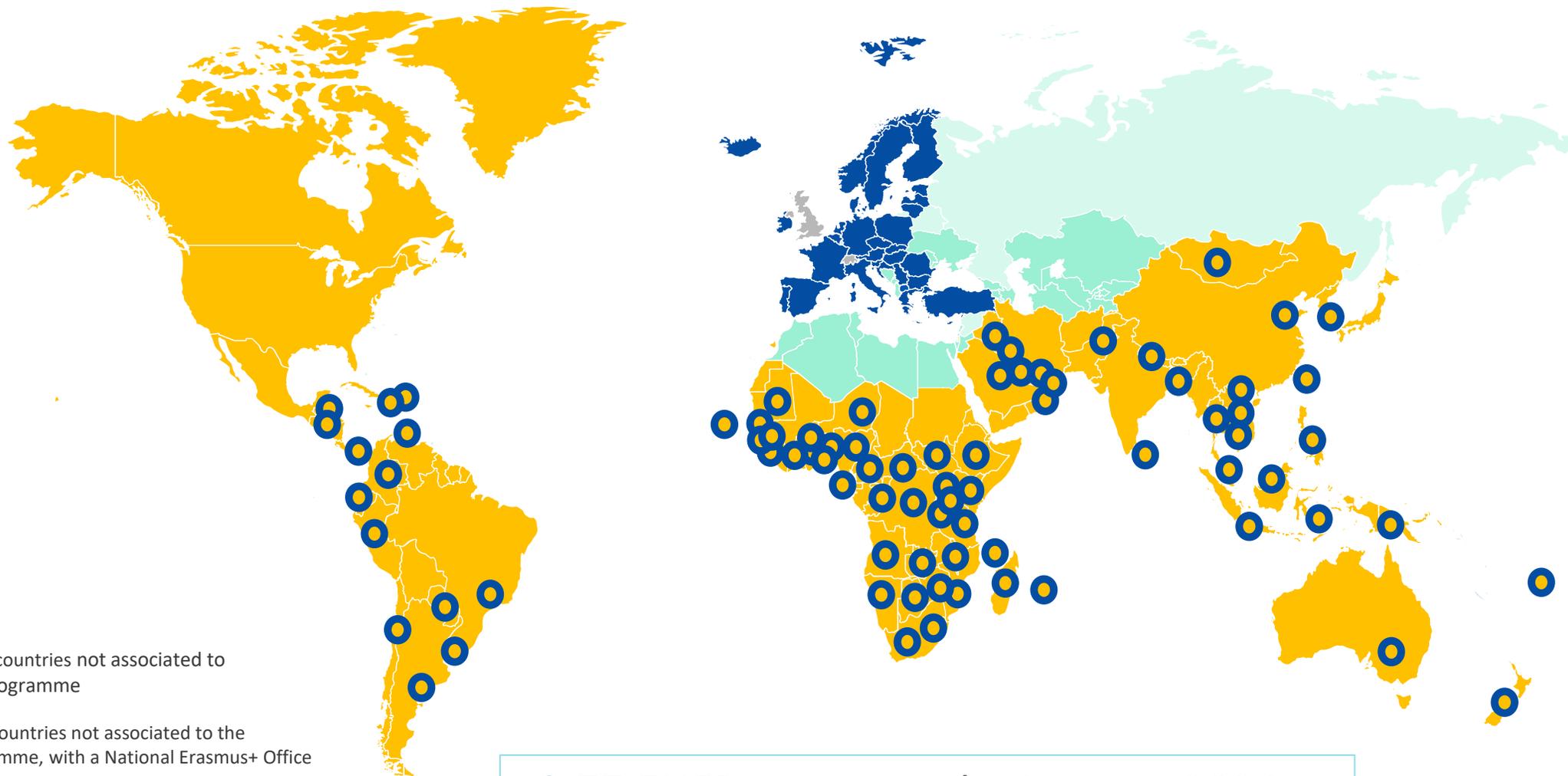
Platform offering opportunities for exchange, collaboration for African students, alumni & professionals having benefited from mobility scholarships funded by EU & AU

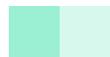
Created in 2019
Over 1700 registered members

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



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

 77 ENFPs appointed – January 2024



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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.



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		February 2025
Erasmus Mundus	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner	Single 2025	February 2025
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner	Erasmus+	February 2025
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner	Call published	February 2025
Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training	EACEA in Brussels	Partner	in November 2024	February 2025
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		tbc

More Information

Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5gD3m_i4BQ



Erasmus+ Programme guide (all EU languages)

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

Recorded training sessions for each Action

https://erasmusconference2023.eu/Paris1/AVEX/2023-10-17_41/

Online trainings (for Actions managed centrally in Brussels)

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events_en