

Erasmus International Credit Mobility for Zambia

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What is ICM?

 Launched in the 2014-2020 programme to fund short-term mobility of students and staff between Programme and Partner countries

- Manifold benefits for individuals and institutions:
 - Key skills & competences, professional development, enhanced employability, teaching methods, etc.
 - Increased capacities, attractiveness & internationalisation; improved quality of higher education



Activities supported (I)

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



Activities supported (II)

- All partners in an ICM project can send and host students and staff as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For Africa, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from Africa countries to Europe – so African universities can send but not host these students. They may host doctoral candidates and staff.

<u>https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-</u> <u>reporting-2021-flows.pdf</u>

• European partners may use a part of their **intra-European mobility budget (KA131)** to fund their outgoing students mobility under ICM.



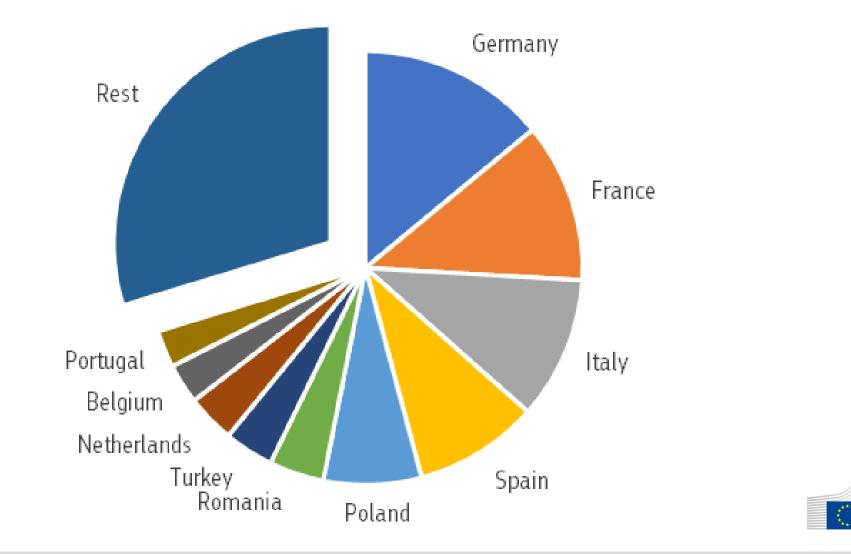
Who can apply and how?

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in EU27 and 6
 associated countries
- The ICM application contains the countries and partner universities the European HEI intends to cooperate with, as well as its cooperation plan in each region
- This application is submitted by the European HEI to the Erasmus+ National Agency located in its country
- The selection of mobility projects is done by Erasmus+ National Agencies





33 European countries have budget for ICM





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

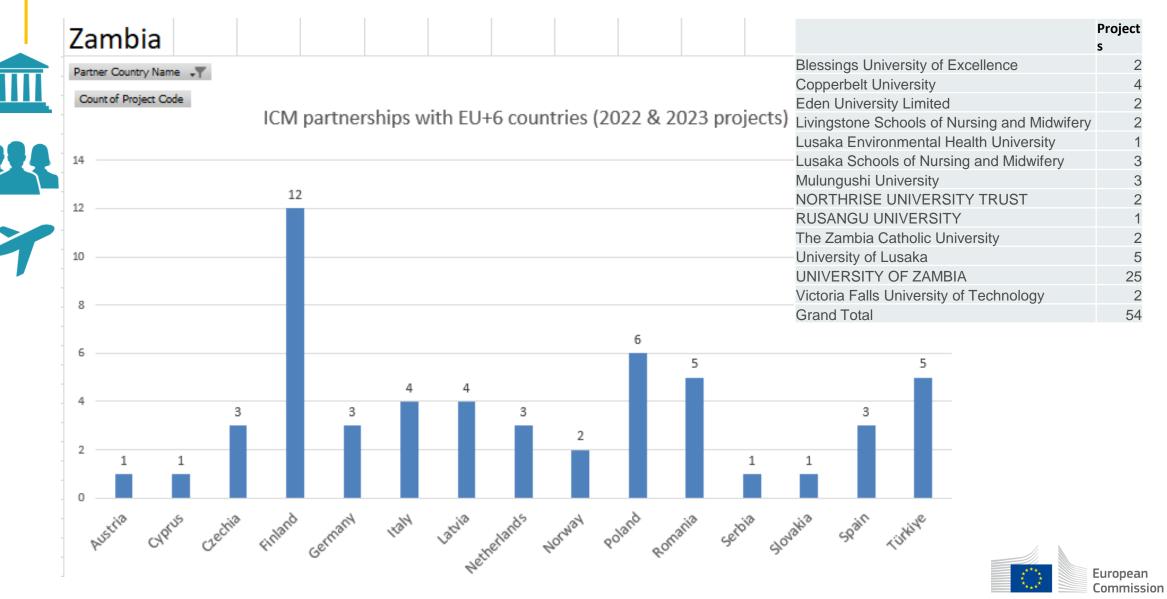
EUR 79/day up to the 14th day of activity and EUR 56/day from 15th to the 30th day of activity in case of blended mobility

Contribution to travel costs

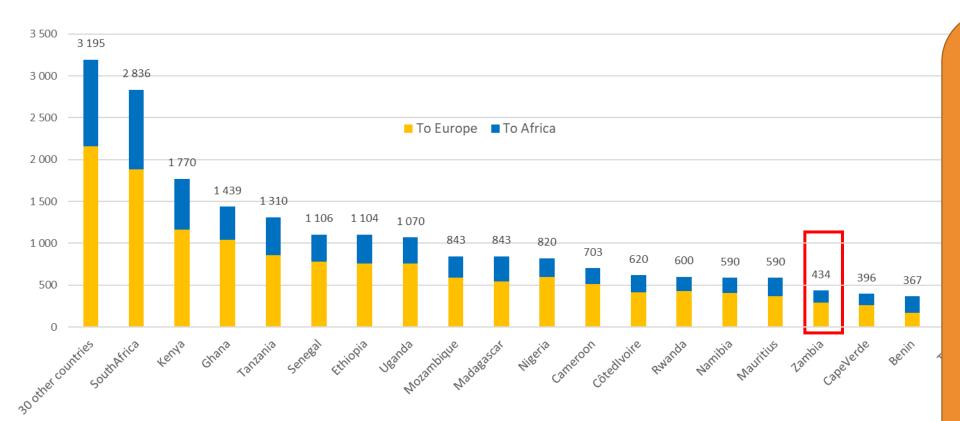
EUR 20-1500, depending on distance travelled



54 ICM projects with Zambia



Zambia as part of African regional mobility



Geographical targets Min 35% of budget on least developed countries Max 8% for each country 24028 planned mobility flows between European and Sub-Saharan countries

440 for Zambia

52 SSA countries involved



What should I be ready for?

- Show how ICM is relevant and strategic for your university...
- ...think how you will focus your student and staff mobility and the benefits it will bring your university
- Think about student-centredness
- Get an OID



What is an OID?

- You need an Organisation ID (OID) to be a partner in an Erasmus+ project
- You can register your organisation online
- Your OID does not need to be validated by a National Agency to take part
- So don't worry if your OID is still "pending validation"



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.... you can get your OID. Maybe you already have one!

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Steps after selection

- Upon successfully passing the established quality criteria, European universities are allocated an ICM grant spread in different regional envelopes
- Project duration: 24 to 36 months
- For every partnership with a secured budget, an **Inter-Institutional Agreement** is needed between the main applicant in Europe and every partner university in third countries before mobilities can start.

