



# Erasmus+

## Opportunities of Cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa

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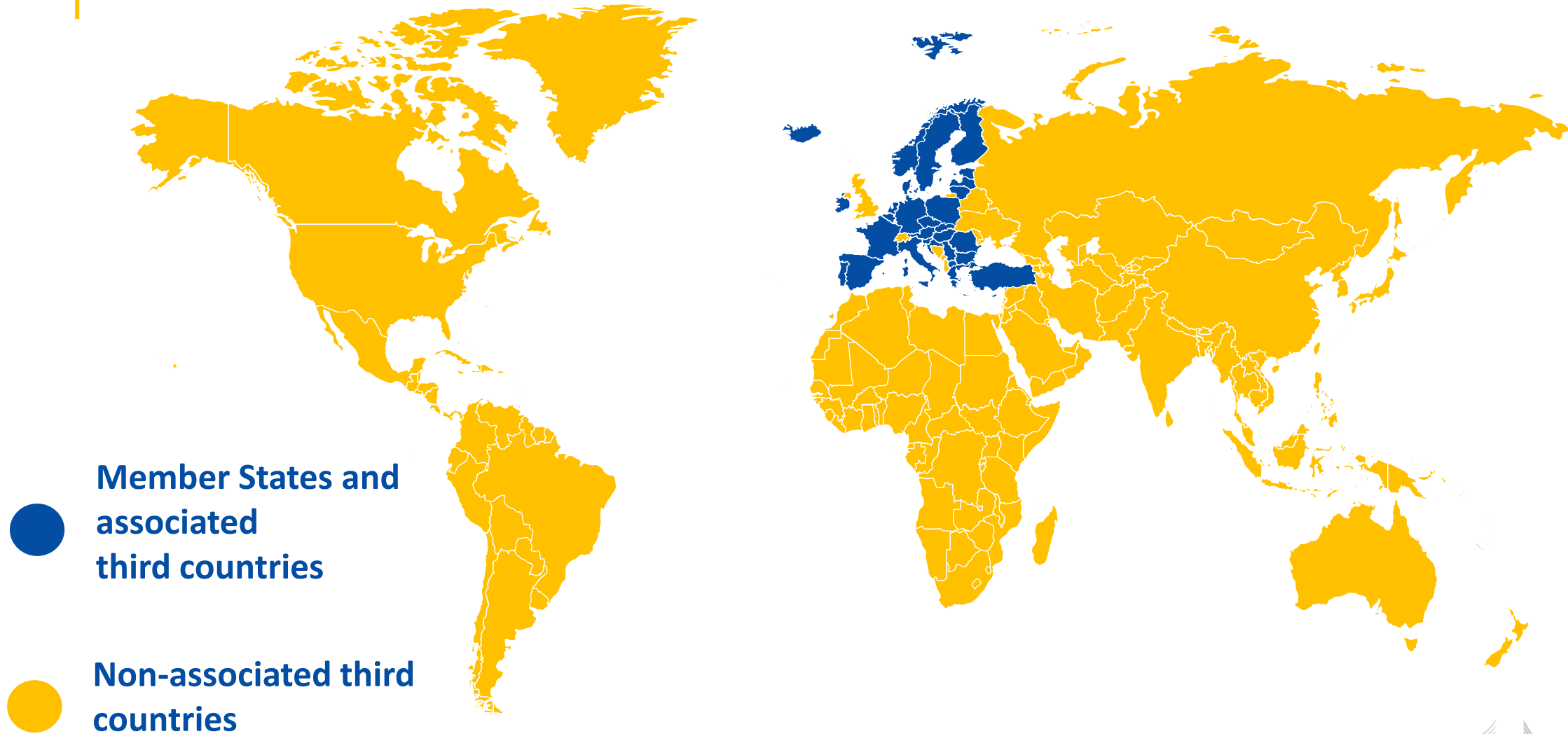
- Cooperation between universities and student mobility is a priority – Refer to EU-AU Summit in February 2022
- Other national cooperation mechanisms exist at EU Member State level See [Study in Europe | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/146844/1/Statement_EU-AU_Summit_Feb_2022_en.pdf)
- 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

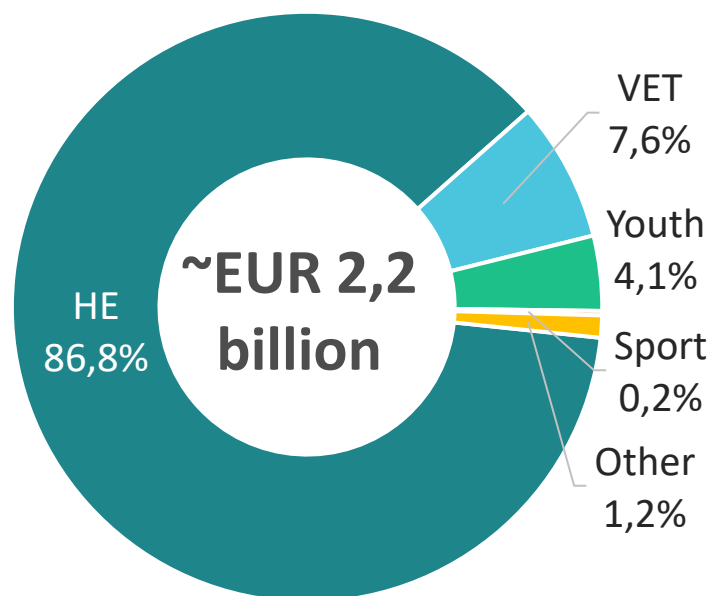


# International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



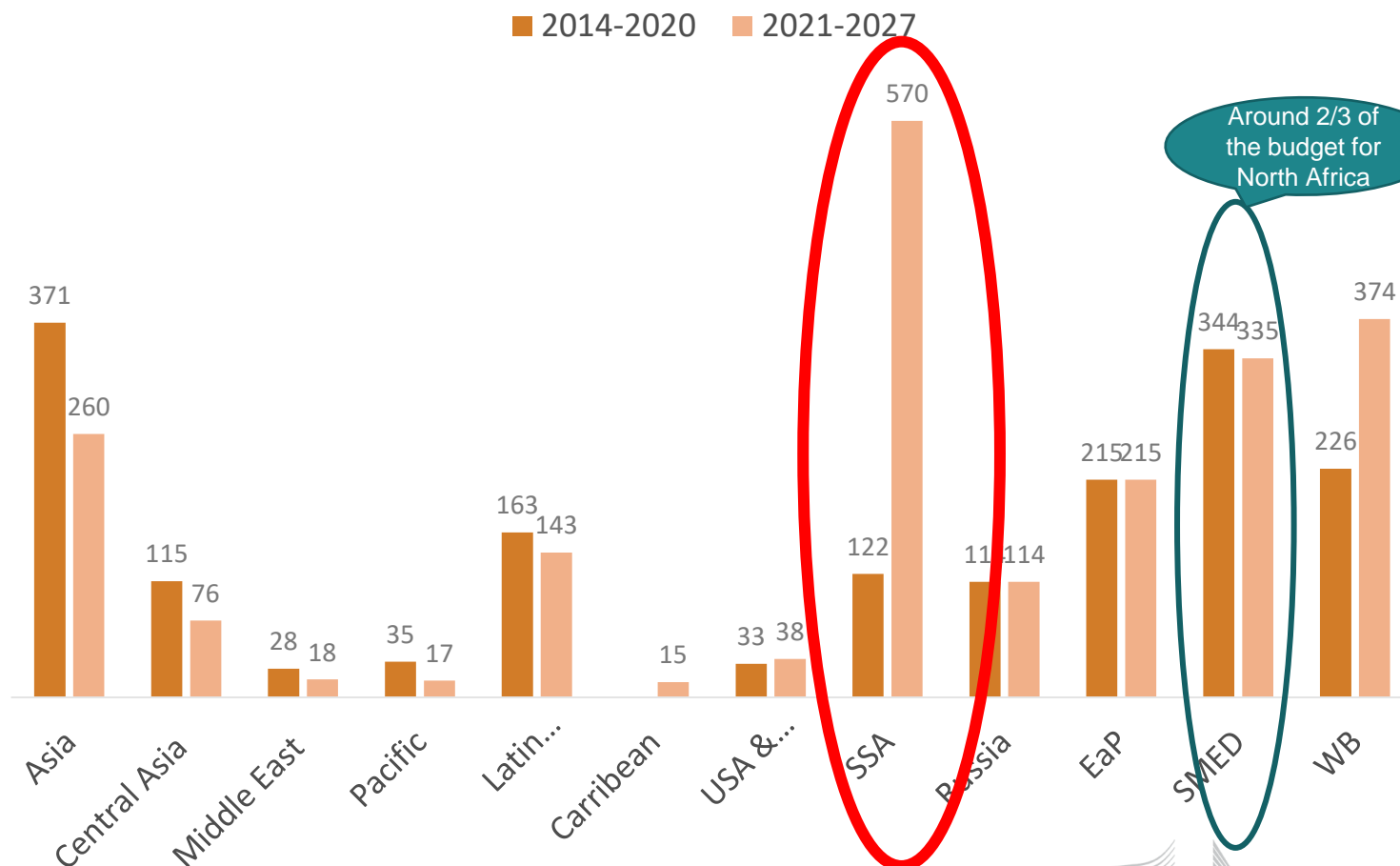
# International dimension of Erasmus+: funding

International actions budget (H6)  
per sector  
2021-2027



2014 – 2020  
~EUR 1,8 billion

H6 budget per region (in million EUR)



# 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\*

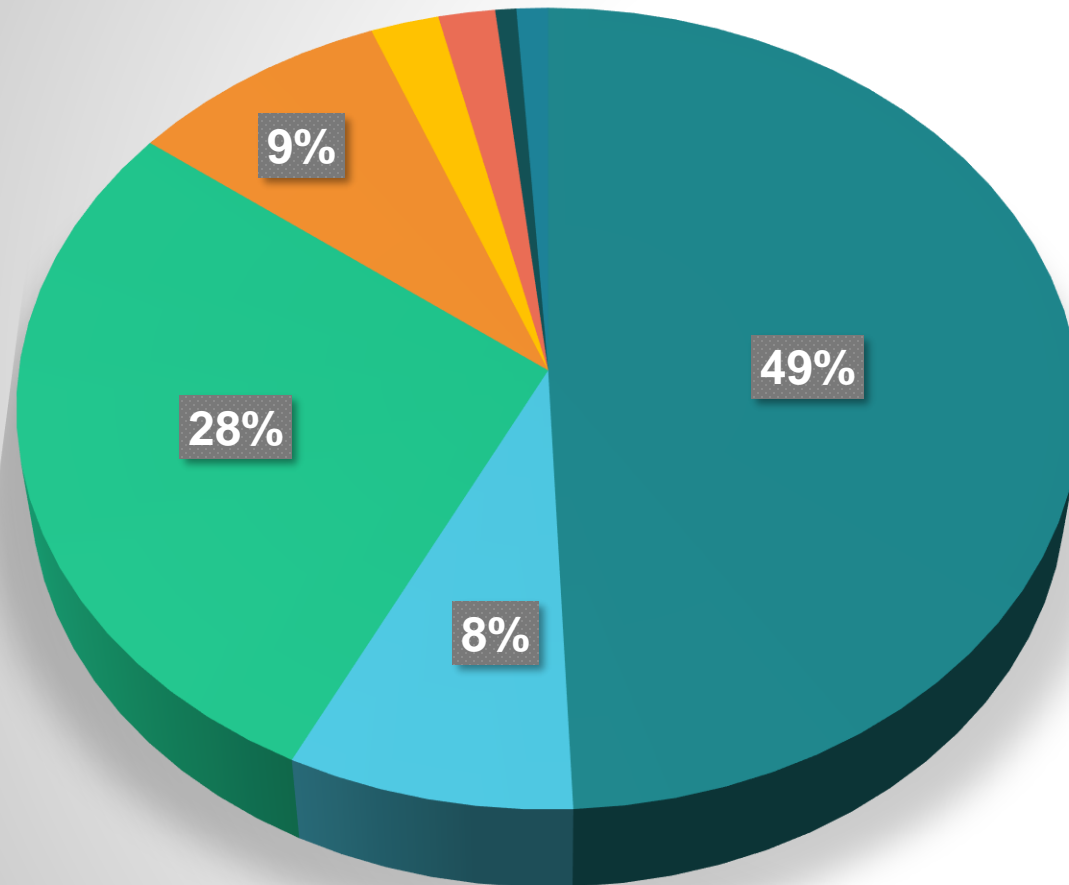
\* Conditional access - Partners from Non-Associated countries must prove added-value to the project



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# 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](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en)



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# 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



# 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

# 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)



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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	

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# 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



# 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	Single 2024  Erasmus+  Call published in November 2023	20 February 2024
Erasmus Mundus	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		15 February 2024
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner		08 February 2024
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		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

# 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>

**Recorded training sessions for each Action**

[https://erasmusconference2023.eu/Paris1/AVEX/2023-10-17\\_41/](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](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events_en)

**Erasmus+ Projects database**

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