

International credit mobility in the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027

Opportunities for European-African students and staff exchanges

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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)

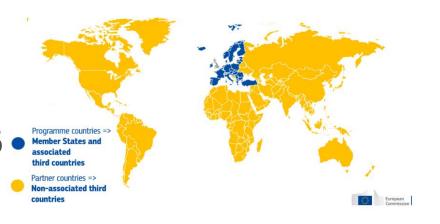
- All partners in an ICM project can send and host students and staff as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For Africa, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from Africa countries to Europe so African universities can send but not host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

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

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

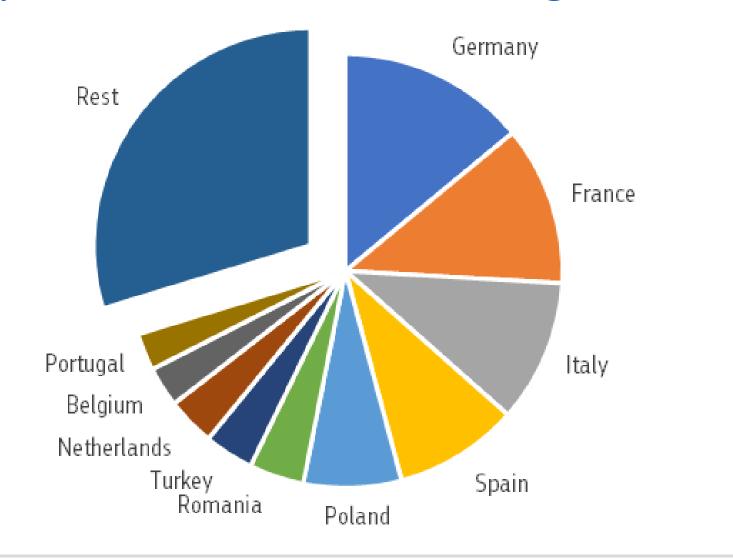
Who can apply and how?

- 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





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

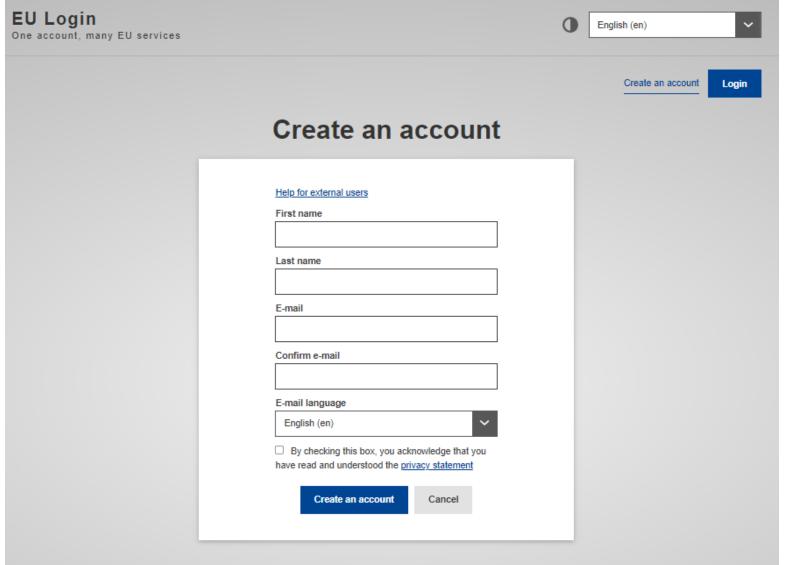


What is an OID?

- 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"



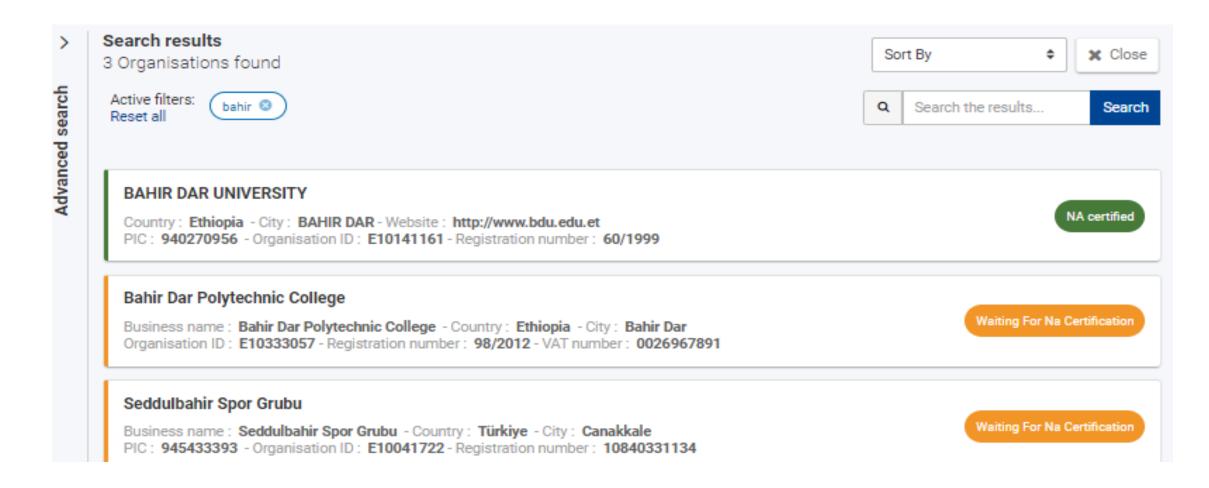
With an EU Login....





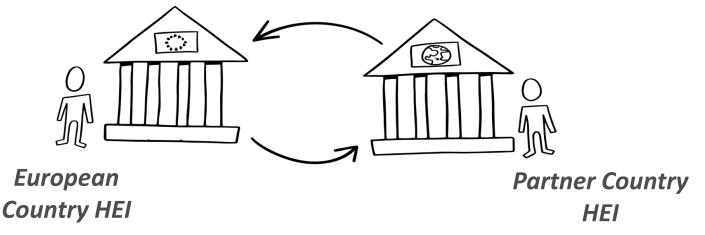
.... you can get your OID. Maybe you already have one!

webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/organisations/register-my-organisation



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.





- An Inter-Institutional agreement links the European University and its partner institution in a non-associated country
- A beneficiary grant agreement links the European university and its E+ National Agency
- A Participant Grant agreement links the individual with the European university
- A learning/mobility agreement links the participant to both universities

Inclusion concern

- Top-up for students with fewer opportunities
- Inclusion support (i.e. Health issues) based on real costs



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 and EUR 56/day from 15 to 30th day for blended mobility

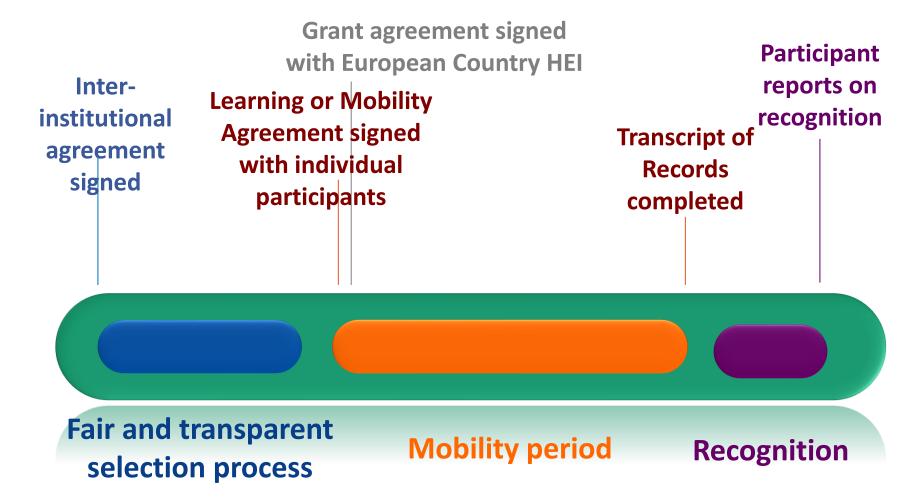


Contribution to travel costs

EUR 20-1500, depending on distance travelled

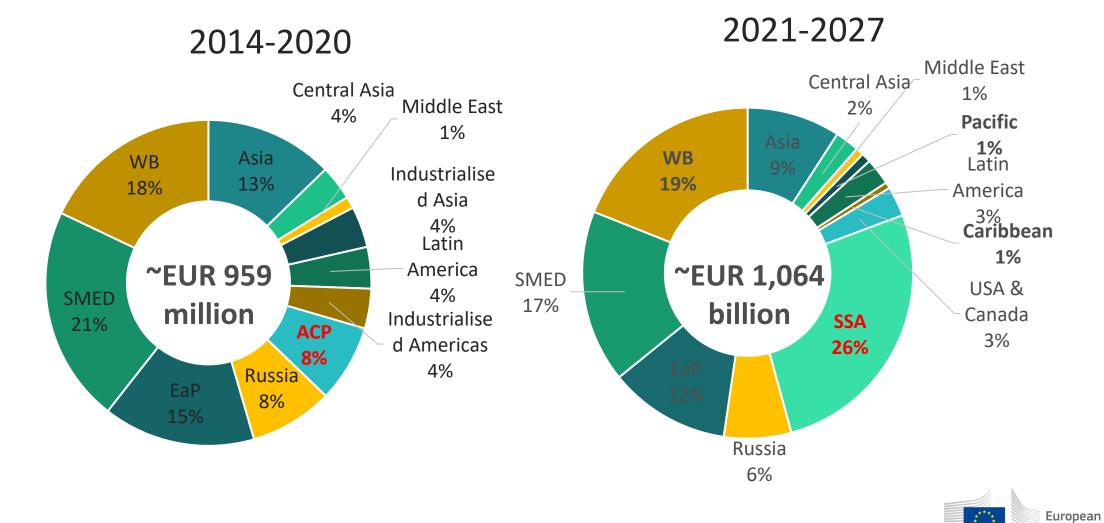


ICM project implementation



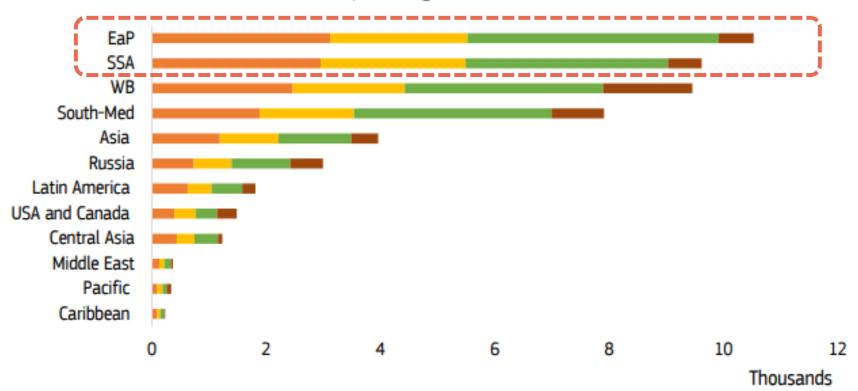


ICM budget



Commission

Awarded mobilities per region call 2022 (in thousands)



■ Staff mobility Incoming ■ Staff mobility Outgoing ■ Student mobility Incoming ■ Student mobility Outgoing

Almost **50.000 mobility flows** planned under the 2022 call

Half student, half staff

2/3 towards EU27 and associated countries (incoming)

1/3 in the opposite direction (outgoing)

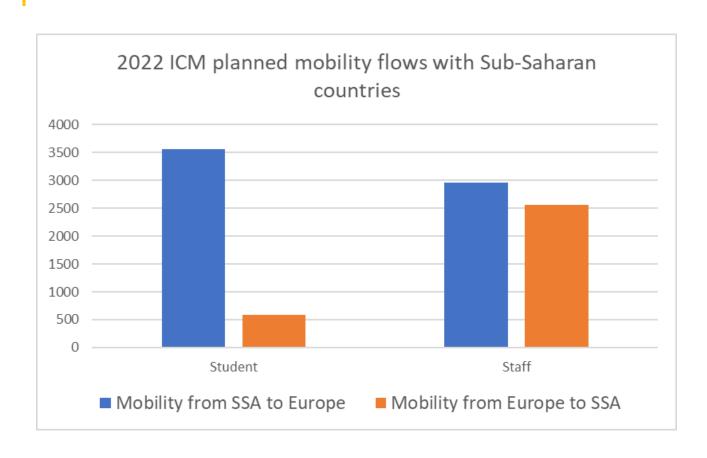
REMINDER

European universities can use **KA131** to fund outgoing mobility to non associated countries

up to 20% of the last awarded project grant



2022 call results for Sub-Saharan Africa



9660 planned mobility flows between European and Sub-

1672 agreements signed between SSA and European universities

Saharan countries

47 SSA countries involved

Geographical targets
Min 35% of budget on least developed countries
Max 8% for each country



Timeline

Publication of the call:
November
2023

Deadline: end of February 2024 Evaluation process:
March - July 2024

Information to applicants

Start of projects:
From
August 2024

