

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility for Malawi

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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)

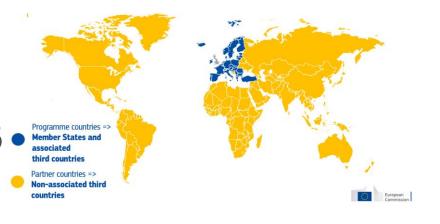
- All partners in an ICM project can send and host students and staff as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For Africa, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from Africa countries to Europe so African universities can send but not host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

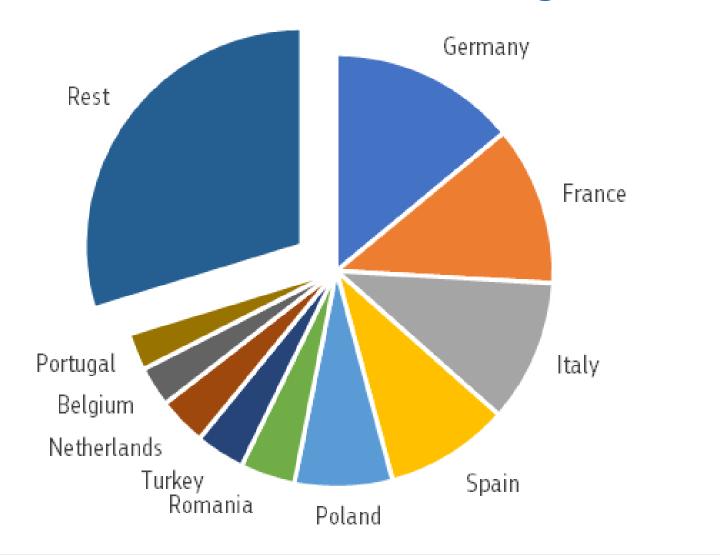
Who can apply and how?

- 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





International credit mobility - messages

Universities:

"Begin to engage with European partner universities able to apply"

Students:

"Only possible <u>if</u> 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 nonassociated country sign an interinstitutional 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.





EUR 500/participant



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



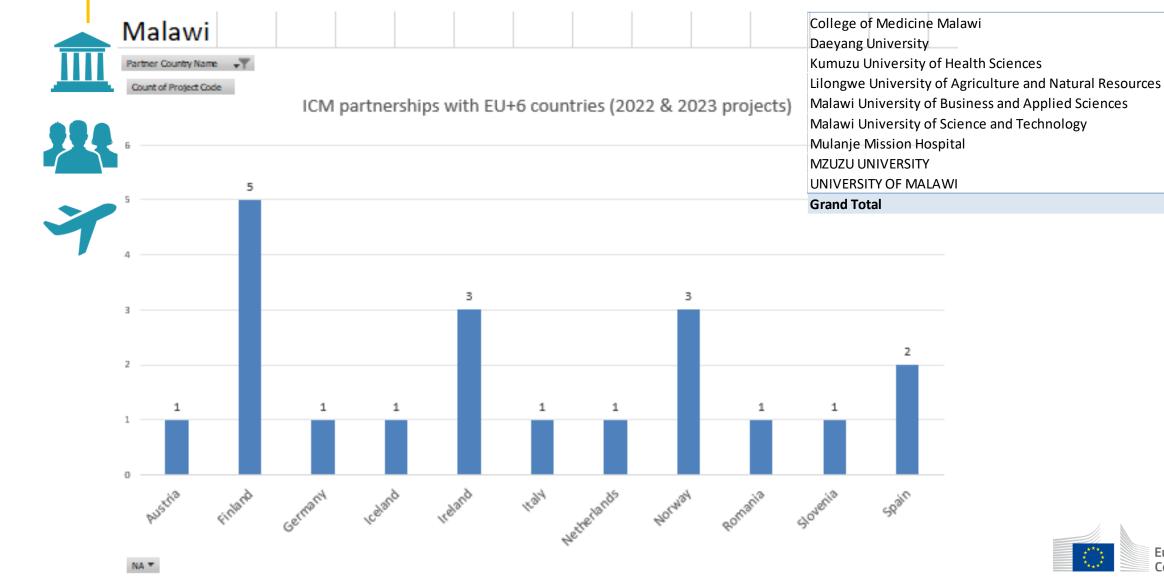
Contribution to travel costs

EUR 20-1500, depending on distance travelled





20 ICM projects with Malawi (2022+2023



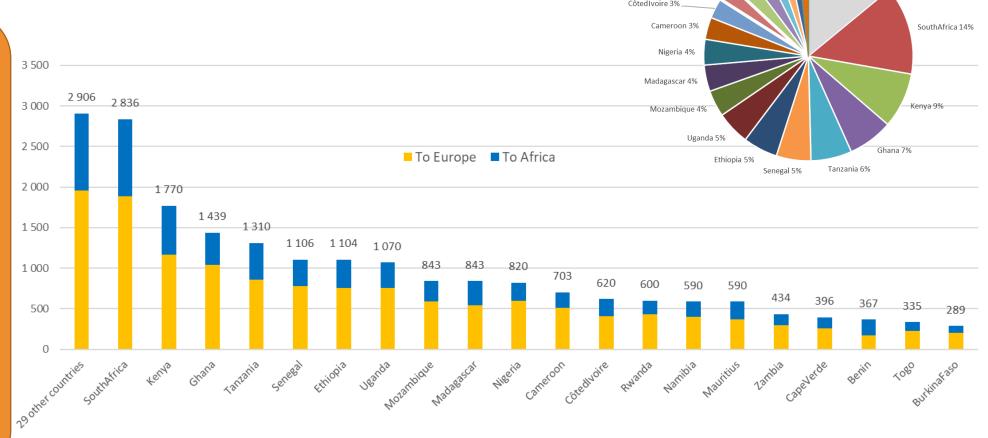


Malawi as part of African regional mobili

24028 planned mobility flows between European and Sub-Saharan countries (2022 & 2023)

171 for Malawi116 to EU55 to Malawi

52 SSA countries involved



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



29 other countries 14%

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

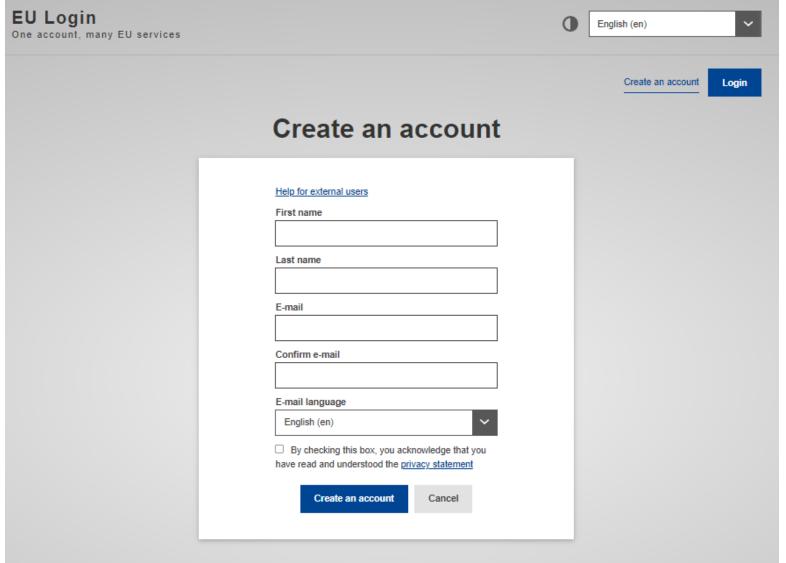


What is an OID?

- 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"



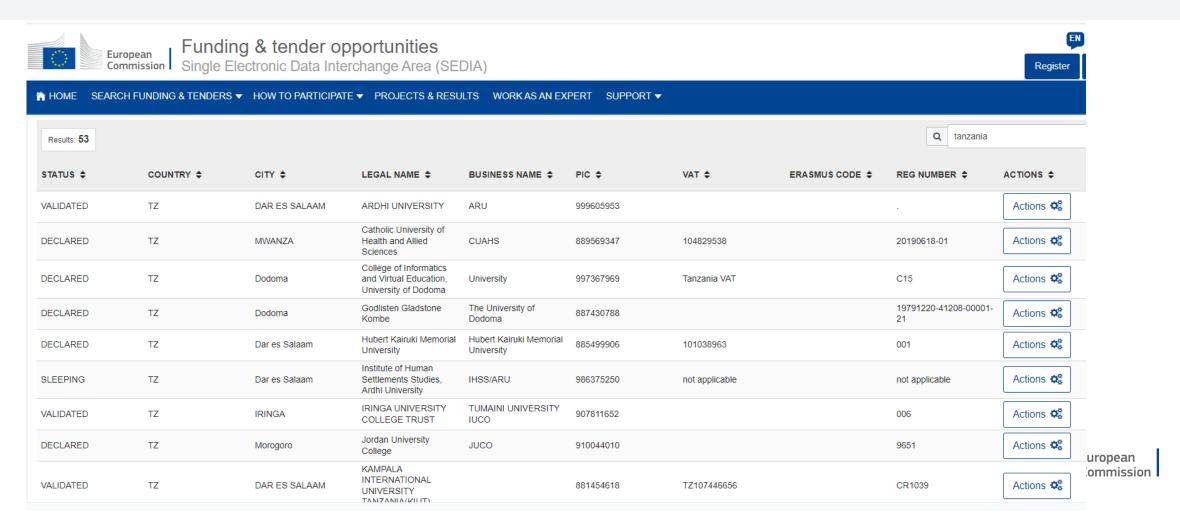
With an EU Login....





.... 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.

