



# Erasmus+

## Opportunities of Cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa

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# Some preliminary remarks



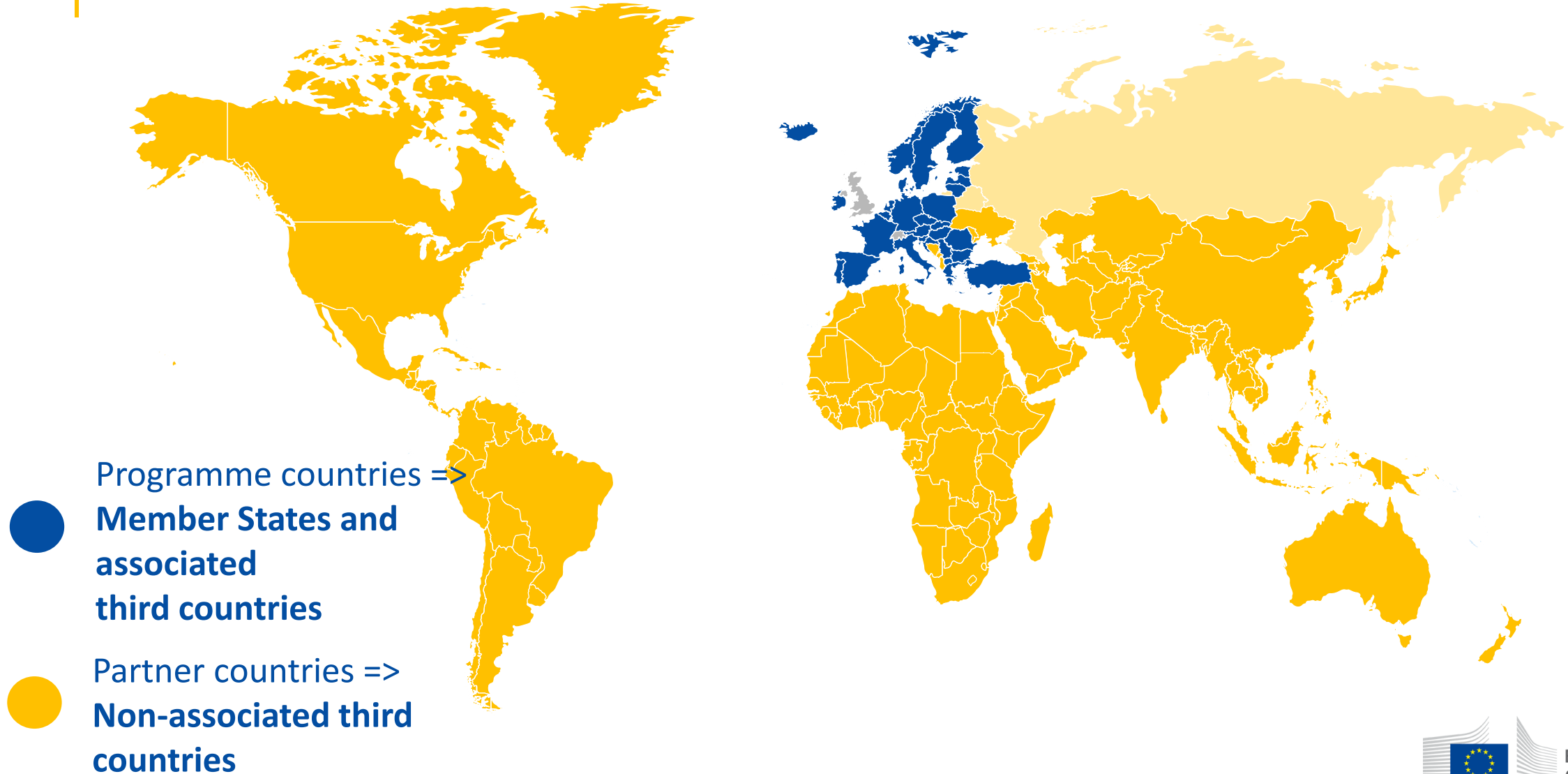
- Cooperation between universities and student mobility is a priority – Refer to EU-AU Summit Summit in February 2022
- Other national cooperation mechanisms exist at EU Member State level See [Study in Europe | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/1000000/1/7/1/Study_in_Europe_European_Education_Area.pdf)
- 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



# What is available for Sub-Saharan countries

## HIGHER EDUCATION

- International Credit Mobility
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Capacity Building for Higher Education
- Jean Monnet activities

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Capacity Building in VET

## YOUTH / HIGHER EDUCATION

- Virtual Exchanges
- Capacity building in Youth (upcoming)

Opportunities for higher  
education organisations  
4 different actions

# International credit mobility (ICM)

Coordinator has to be located in Europe

## What is it?

- A 2- or 3-years project
- linking a European with an African university
- willing to organize short-term mobility for their students, academic and administrative staff
- Based on an interinstitutional agreement

## Main features

- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates
- In both directions with some limitations for Europeans
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- 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)
- Grants to cover travel and living costs

# 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 European 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



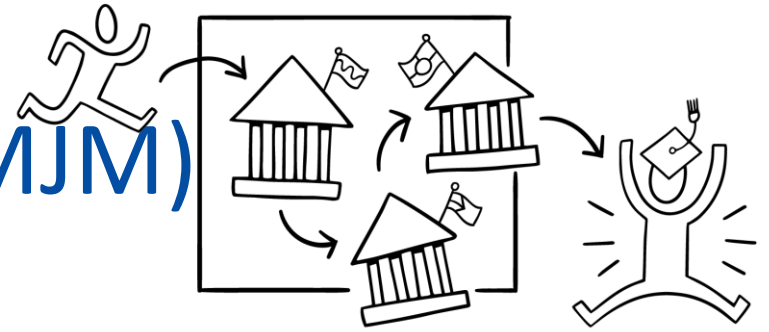
## **Contribution to travel costs**

EUR 28-1735, depending on distance travelled

Inclusion  
support possible



# Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)



- Excellent integrated Master courses offered by consortia of 3+ full partner HEIs from three different countries, of which **at least two must be EU Member States or Associated third countries**
- Attract best students worldwide through EU-funded scholarships
- Duration: 6 academic years covering at least 4 editions of the master programme
- 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits) with **study in 2+ countries, of which at least one must be an EU MS or Associated third country**
- Institutions from **all over the world** may submit a proposal on behalf of an international consortium

# 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

The Mimin project promotes good hygiene in hospitals and communities in Benin in order to prevent maternal and neonatal infections. The project provides training for healthcare students and professionals and improves institutional infrastructure to enable high-quality education as well as infection surveillance in hospitals.

# Mimin

Good Hygiene – Improving Skills and Hospital Practices of Healthcare Professionals to Prevent Maternal and Neonatal Infections in Benin

[Home - Mimin PROJECT](#)



UPPSALA  
UNIVERSITET



UNIVERSITE  
D'ABOMEY-CALAVI



# 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



# 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)

Opportunities for other education  
organisations  
3 additional actions

# Capacity building in Vocational Education and Training

- **Build capacity of VET providers**  
to strengthen cooperation between private and public stakeholders in the field of VET
- **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



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

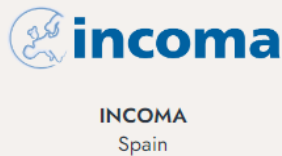
Coordinator has to be located in Europe

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

## WITH - Boosting Women Entrepreneurship Education in Tourism and Hospitality in Sub-Saharan Africa



- Empower young women on the soft skills and personal and social competences to succeed as entrepreneurs in the tourism and hospitality industry.
- Support trainers and educators in updating their knowledge and practices aligned with labour market needs and international practices.
- Introduce, promote and raise awareness on the concept of sustainable tourism and hospitality.
- Boost the definition of demand-oriented and competence-based pathways through reinforced links between public and private institutions active in VET and in the labour market.





# Erasmus+ virtual exchanges



Coordinator has to be located in Europe

- maximum of 500,000 € (with 200 € max per participant)
- minimum 2 universities 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



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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# Opening of “Capacity building in Youth” to From 2025 call

## What ?

International cooperation projects between organisations active in the field of youth in EU/Associated countries and third countries not associated to the Programme

## Why ?

Projects aim at supporting international cooperation in the field of youth and non-formal learning, as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development and well-being among youth organisations and young people

## For example

- socio-professional development of youth workers and trainers
- promoting new competences, including media literacy skills
- practical training schemes and simulation of real-life cases in society
- new forms of youth work, notably use of open educational resources and better exploitation of ICT potential
- organisation of events/seminars, awareness raising and peer-learning
- **Mobility activities** to test tools and methods developed by the partnership.

## Who ?

- minimum 1 org. from 1 EU/Assoc country
- minimum 2 org. from 2 different SSA countries
- **Project coordinator located in Europe**

\* Subject to final EC Decision – Please check programme guide when published

Opportunities for individuals

# Opportunities for individuals from sub-Saharan Africa

## Erasmus Mundus scholarships for students and guest lecturers

- 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/mjmd-catalogue\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/mjmd-catalogue_en)

## International Credit Mobility for staff and students

Mobility grants if your university is involved

## Erasmus Virtual Exchange via an EVE partnership

## Capacity Building in Youth Youth workers and young people

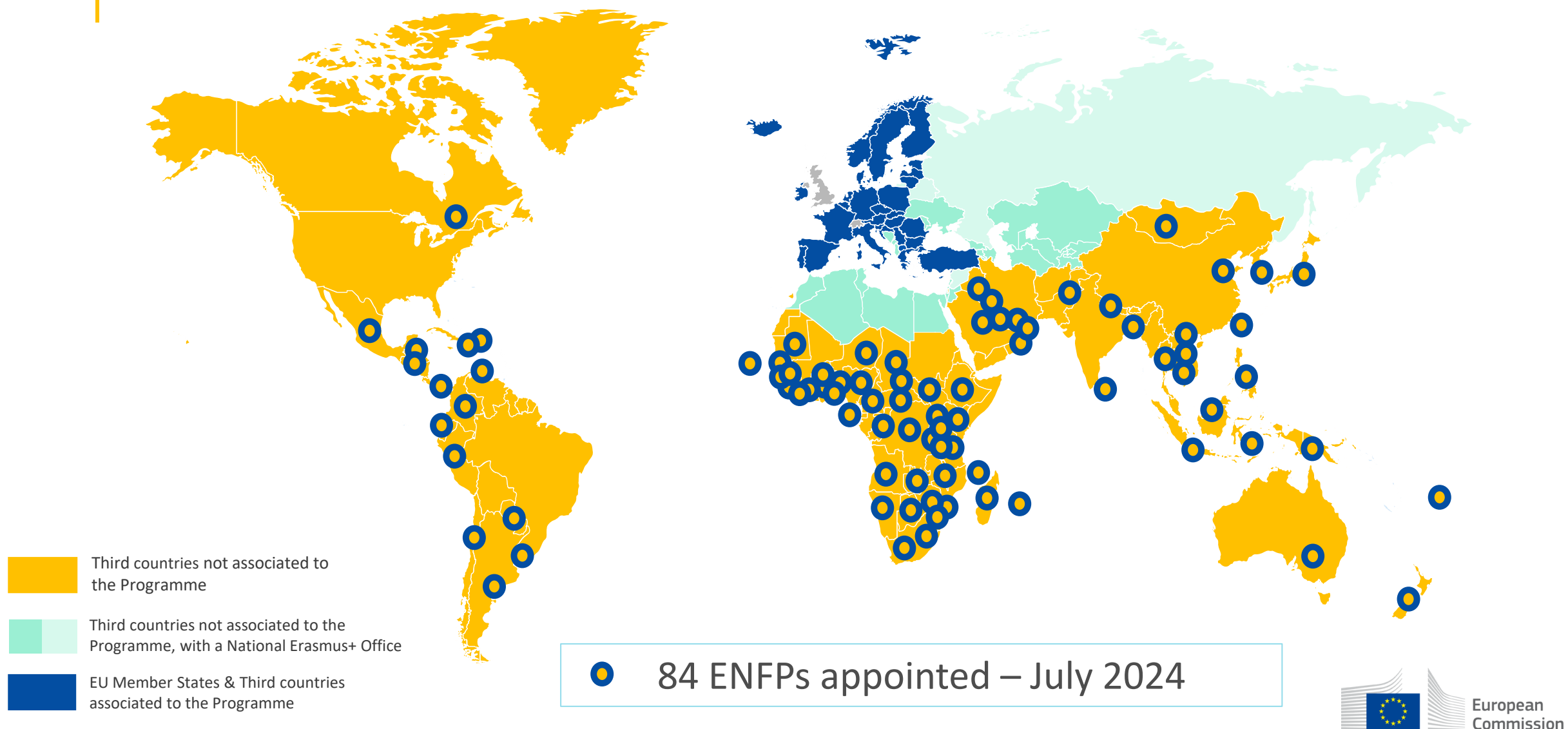
Application and support

# 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 2025  Erasmus+  Call published in November 2024	February 2025  Specific date for each E+ Action
Erasmus Mundus	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner		
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		
Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		
	EACEA Brussels	Partner		
			 	

# Working with third countries.





# 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



# More Information

**Erasmus+ Programme guide** (all EU languages)

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

**Recorded training sessions for each Action**

[Erasmus+ World Wide Webinar 2024 - Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

**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+ Factsheets (per continent and per country)**

[Factsheets and statistics on Erasmus+ - Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

**Erasmus+ Projects database to get inspiration and find results**

[Search - Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

