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Erasmus+ Opportunities of Cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa

Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds

2021-2027



ENFP National
Focal Points



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



What is available for Sub-Saharan countries

HIGHER EDUCATION

- International Credit Mobility
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters & Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- 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
5 different actions

International credit mobility (ICM)

Coordinator has to be located in Europe

What is it?

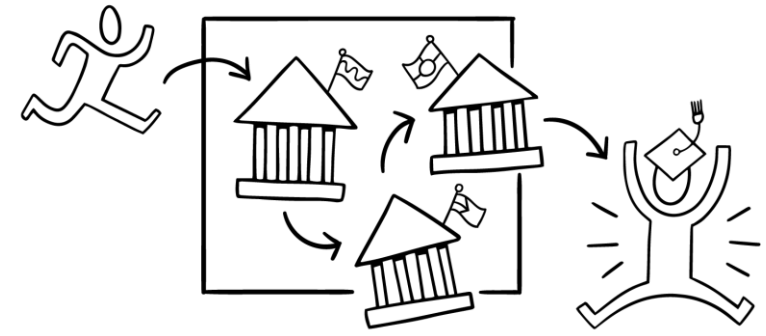
- A 2- or 3-years project
- linking a European with an African university
- willing to organize short-term mobility for their students, academic and administrative staff
- Based on an interinstitutional agreement

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



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

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

- New sub-action, supporting the design of high-level study programmes at master level
- An EM Design Measures project involves at least 3 full partner universities from three different countries, of which **at least two must be EU Member States or Associated third countries**
- Strong integration between partners necessary (curriculum, management, student services, accreditation...)
- Independent call for proposals
- Fixed duration of 15 months

Capacity building for Higher Education

- 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

160 M€ for SSA
over 6 years !

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



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: 1, 2 or 3 years
EU grant per project:
Min 100 000 € - Max 400 000 €

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

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**



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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

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?

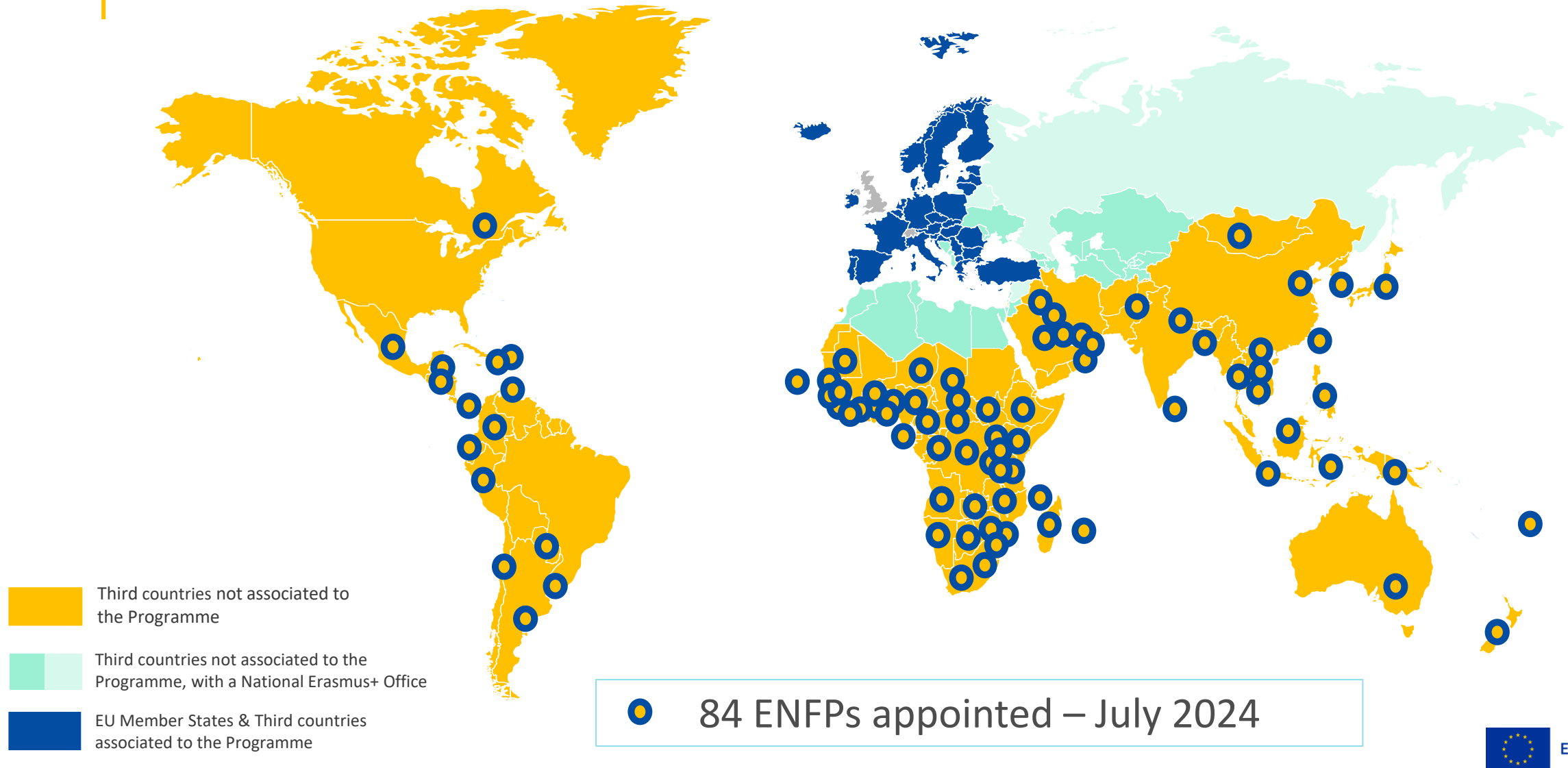


Actions	Managed by	Institutions from Africa	Deadline for submission
International credit mobility	National Agencies in 33 European countries	Partner	February 2026
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Preparatory Actions	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner Partner	February 2026
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner	February 2026
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner	February 2026
Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training	EACEA in Brussels	Partner	February 2026
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange	EACEA in Brussels	Partner	April 2026
Capacity-building in Youth	EACEA in Brussels	Partner	March 2026



Erasmus+ National Focal Points at your service

[List of Erasmus+ National Focal Points | Erasmus Networks Platform](#)



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

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+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

