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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING PROJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION AREA WITHIN ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

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Sofia, Bulgaria



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME



- This year we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of Erasmus Programme.
- During the whole 2017 year a lot of various events will mark the importance of the Programme for all countries that may benefit from the opportunities to develop and implement projects in the field of the Higher Education. These will include conferences, forums, dialogues, debates, exhibitions.
- The European Commission has developed a special web-page dedicated to the 30th Anniversary:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/anniversary_en
- This anniversary provides us with the perfect chance to discuss and to reflect the importance of Erasmus Programme in the field of the Higher education.

FROM ERASMUS TO ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME (Brief overview)



- **Erasmus Programme** was launched by the European Commission **in 1987** with the aim to support the exchanges of students.
*The programme was named after the famous Dutch philosopher Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam, who lived and worked in many places in Europe. At the same time, **ERASMUS** is a backronym meaning **European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students**.*

Erasmus through the years

- First exchanges have been done in 1987 of just over 3000 students between 11 Member States - Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom
- In 1988 Luxembourg joins Erasmus programme
- In 1992 six other European countries joined the programme (Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland)
- In 1999 six Central and Eastern European countries joined the programme (**Bulgaria**, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia)
- In 2004 **Turkey** joined Erasmus
- In January 2014 the EU launched the new Erasmus+ Programme. The name **Erasmus** became so popular that the EC decided to keep it for the next Programme that has been entitled **Erasmus+**
- The new programme combines all the EU's schemes for education, training, youth and sport (Leonardo da Vinci, Tempus)

PROJECTS IN THE AREA OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION



Since 2014
(Programming period
2014 – 2020) the EC
provides various
opportunities for
projects within
Erasmus+ Programme
on interest of the
HEI's:



Key action 1

- Mobility for study/training/teaching/traineeship
(for students and staff)
- Joint Master Degrees (Joint Programmes)

Key action 2

- Strategic partnerships
- Capacity building for HE

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



PROGRAMME COUNTRIES	PARTNER COUNTRIES
<p><u>All 28 countries-members of EU:</u></p> <p>Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom</p> <p><u>Other programme countries:</u> Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey</p>	<p><u>Countries outside the EU:</u></p> <p><i>(eligible for participation subject to specific criteria or conditions)</i></p> <p>divided into 12 regions</p>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE



	HEI's from Programme country	HEI's from Partner country
Mobility for study/traineeship/teaching/training <i>(Proposals to be submitted to the National Agencies)</i>	Applicant Partner	Partner
Joint Master Degrees <i>(Proposals to be submitted to the EACEA - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EC))</i>	Applicant Partner	Partner
Capacity building <i>Applications are submitted to the EACEA - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EC)</i>	Applicant Partner	Partner

APPLICATION PROCEDURE



- Annual call for proposals published by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (centralised projects) and the National Agencies

(detailed information about the specific procedures, eligible partners, activities, budget, deadlines..)

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php

- List of the National Agencies (*Programme countries*) and the National Erasmus+ Offices (*Partner countries*) published on the web-site of ECEA

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices_en

KEY ACTION 1 – CREDIT MOBILITY



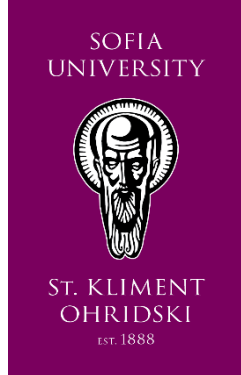
Student mobility for study

Student mobility for traineeship

Staff mobility for teaching

Staff mobility for training

**All mobilities are eligible to be implemented both by
the Programme and Partner countries, except the student mobility for traineeship**



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY (KA1)

Mobilities for study/teaching from/to Programme countries

Start of the Programme at
SU – 1999

Over 650 Inter-institutional
agreements signed with
partner Universities

Students		Year	Staff	
Outgoing	Incoming		Outgoing	Incoming
15	-	1999/2000	-	-
49	4	2000/2001	16	-
77	7	2001/2002	27	-
67	14	2002/2003	15	-
109	17	2003/2004	29	-
137	31	2004/2005	36	-
144	47	2005/2006	33	-
186	70	2006/2007	33	-
225	72	2007/2008	51	36
256	72	2008/2009	53	21
320	73	2009/2010	52	26
331	126	2010/2011	49	26
342	107	2011/2012	48	24
352	107	2012/2013	71	36
274	109	2013/2014	59	36
297	144	2014/2015	47	30
274	162	2015/2016	76	47



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY



Mobilities for traineeship to Programme countries

Start of the Programme at SU - 2014

Partners : Sofia University St.
Kliment Ohridski and the Association
for support of the Academic society

Total number of students participating in
the traineeships – over 150



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY



Mobilities for study from/to Partner countries

Start of the Programme at SU - 2015

Coordinator: Sofia University St.
Kliment Ohridski

Partners: 29 universities from 20
countries

Duration of the projects:

- 2015/2017 academic year
- 2016/2017 academic year
- 2017/2018 academic year

**Approved and implemented
mobilities:**

- BA, MA, PhD students
- Staff mobility for teaching and training





HEI's from Partner Countries

Partner countries involved:

**Albania, Brazil, China,
Japan, India, Indonesia,
Israel, Kazakhstan,
Republic of Korea,
Lebanon, Morocco,
Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal,
Senegal, Serbia, Sudan,
Ukraine, USA, Vietnam**



FROM ERASMUS TO ERASMUS+ BENEFITS

Positive impacts for the students :

Learning abroad provides the participants with a wide range of competences - including improved language skills, which are highly valued by the employers.

The experience acquired abroad contributes to enriching students' academic knowledge and professional competences, supports their personal development

In addition to the knowledge gained through study, the ability to understand different cultures helps Erasmus students to become more self-reliant, independent and culturally aware.

Erasmus students who do traineeship abroad have the chance to develop specific professional and personal skills and to become more competitive on the labour market.

Positive impacts for the staff:

Sharing experiences and knowledge with other teachers;

Development of more courses taught in foreign languages.

Establishment of new forms of cooperation – opportunity for future academic and scientific projects, joint initiatives (seminars, conferences etc.)

Establishment of professional networks

Benefits for the HEI's

- Establishment of the European Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (ECTS), which allows student to earn credits for their degree when studying abroad;
- Internationalisation of the Universities
- New and improved services, methods of learning and of teaching and working in HEI

FROM ERASMUS TO ERASMUS+ BENEFITS

One of the most recognized EU Programme among students
and staff

- SU has been awarded the **Erasmus Programme Implementation Prize** in competition with the other Bulgarian Universities for the period from 2007 till 2014
- Sofia University holds the top position in the number of students hosted and sent abroad within Erasmus+ Programme





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