



Erasmus+ External Dimension

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Budget
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Erasmus+
external
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2014-2020 ?

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- **Budget for the external dimension of Erasmus+ : EUR 1.74 billion** for 2014-2020. Support higher education in over 100 countries financed by external aid financial instruments:
- *Development Cooperation Instrument*
- *European Development Fund*
- *European Neighbourhood Instrument*
- *Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance*
- *Partnership Instrument*

Policy framework

- The **2030 Agenda** : EU committed to SDG 4 which aims at ensuring ***'inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-learning opportunities for all'***
- The **European Consensus on Development** (March 2017): outlines EU support to education, main concern and development priority **'leaving no one behind '**
- The **Global Strategy for the EU's Foreign and Security Policy** commits to deepen support to education at all levels (educational exchanges = fostered **resilience, pluralism**)
- **Eu-Africa Alliance**, Joint Communication **" Connecting Europe and Asia"**, Joint Communication **"European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean: joining forces for a common future"**, etc...

Principles and Objectives

- Erasmus + actions implemented within the **framework of external policies of the EU** and should thus contribute to their development objectives.
- **Why CHBE matter?**
 - Modernisation / accessibility, relevance and internationalisation of higher education of HEIs and Higher Education Systems.
 - Regional cooperation and integration.
 - Improve the level of competences, skills and employability potential in partner country HEIs.
 - Promote people-to-people contacts, intercultural awareness and understanding.

Development cooperation priorities

- **More inclusive:** better representation of **disadvantaged individuals** (with a particular focus on gender balance) **and smaller-size institutions**
- Increase **engagement with local authorities** and higher education sector decision makers (where possible)
- **Strengthen links with Delegations** -> better synergies and complementarities

Development cooperation priorities

- Strengthening **employability**: cooperation among academic, research and business world, vocational approach encouraged , i.e. improving skills and competences to respond to labour market needs
- **Sustainability**: *leave a legacy behind!*
- **Lessons learned and recommendations**

The Future?

- New Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021 – 2027
- New Instrument: New Financing Instrument: The Neighborhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument
- *New priorities at macro level (digitalisation, green deal, growth and jobs, migration, peace and security)*

THANK YOU !

