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# Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Is your organisation interested in multilateral international cooperation projects to increase the relevance, quality and capacities to modernise the higher education systems in third countries?

Erasmus+ has funds to support you!



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## OBJECTIVES

Capacity Building in Higher Education supports a successful green, digital and sustainable global economic recovery in third countries, linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to the Paris Agreement<sup>[1]</sup>.

Some of CBHE projects objectives are:

- Improving quality of higher education in third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme<sup>[2]</sup>;
- Promoting inclusive education, equality, equity, non-discrimination and the promotion of civic competences in higher education;
- Fostering cooperation of institutions and cooperation across different regions of the world.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnerships made up of organisations active in the field of higher education from EU Member States and third countries associated to Erasmus+ on the one hand and organisations from particular regions of the world on the other;
- CBHE activities and outcomes should benefit the third countries.

## ACTIVITIES

CBHE project activities aim to (non-exhaustive list):

- Develop and adapt curricula, new learning methods and tools;
- Improve higher education skills, governance and management;
- Ensure equity and social inclusion in education;
- Support cooperation between universities and businesses to enhance better employability of students;
- Assist policy-making and reform at national and regional levels.

1. For more information, please find below the dedicated website:  
<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement>

2. For more information, please refer to the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#), Part A, section Eligible Countries.



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## STRAND 1 - FOSTERING ACCESS TO COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Facilitate access to newcomer organisations or less experienced organisations;
- Focus on Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from least developed third countries and/or located in remote areas;
- Boost the HEIs' capacities for internationalisation;
- Focus on students and staff with fewer opportunities.

## STRAND 2 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Innovative projects that include an active engagement with the business world and with research;
- Benefit for HEIs in innovation, knowledge-sharing and governance;
- Aim to strengthen the capacities of the targeted HEIs to address the 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges;
- Introduce new approaches and initiatives affecting not only the institutions but also the society at large.

## STRAND 3 - STRUCTURAL REFORM PROJECTS

- Support structural reforms, policy initiatives and innovation in higher education in third countries;
- Address the efforts of third countries to develop coherent and sustainable systems of higher education to meet their socio-economic needs and create a knowledge-driven economy;
- Involve the competent National Authorities of the third countries responsible for education (compulsory element).



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# CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

## OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

Capacity Building projects are expected to contribute to the overarching priorities of the European Commission:



Green Deal



Digital transformation



Integration of migrants



Governance, peace, security and human development



Sustainable growth and jobs

## REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Please check the regional priorities published on the pages of the Call for Proposals 'Capacity Building in Higher Education' on the [FTOP portal](#).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For questions on CBHE, please write to EACEA International Capacity Building Unit: [EACEA-EPLUS-CBHE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-EPLUS-CBHE@ec.europa.eu)
- In EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme, you can refer to the [Erasmus+ National Agencies](#);
- If you are from Western Balkans, Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods and Central Asia, please contact the [National Erasmus+ Office](#) (NEO) in your country;
- For other third countries, please address your questions to: [EACEA-EPLUS-ENFP@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-EPLUS-ENFP@ec.europa.eu)



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COACHING



SKILLS



DEVELOPMENT



SUPPORT



COOPERATION

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<p><b>Deadline of the Call for Proposals</b></p>	<p>Deadline for submission of applications: <b>every year around February/March.</b></p>
<p><b>What countries are eligible to participate in the project?</b></p>	<p><b>EU Member States</b> and <b>third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.</b></p> <p><b>Third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme</b> in the following Regions<sup>3</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Western Balkans</b> (Region 1)</li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood East</b> (Region 2)</li> <li>• <b>South-Mediterranean countries</b> (Region 3)</li> <li>• <b>Asia</b> (Region 5)</li> <li>• <b>Central Asia</b> (Region 6)</li> <li>• <b>Middle East</b> (Region 7)</li> <li>• <b>Pacific</b> (Region 8)</li> <li>• <b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b> (Region 9)</li> <li>• <b>Latin America</b> (Region 10)</li> <li>• <b>Caribbean</b> (Region 11)</li> </ul> <p>Please check the section Eligible Countries in Part A of the <a href="#">Erasmus+ Programme Guide</a>.</p>
<p><b>Type of projects and number of organisations</b></p>	<p><b>National projects</b> address only one third country not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.</p> <p><b>Multi-country projects</b> address two or more third countries not associated to Erasmus+. They can be multi-country projects within one single region (regional projects) or involving more than one region (cross-regional projects).</p> <p>For <b>Strand 3</b> (both national and multi-country), projects must involve as full partner(s) the national higher education authority(ies) of the third country(ies).</p> <p>The <b>number of organisations</b> from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme may not be higher than the number of organisations from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.</p> <p>For the <b>specific rules</b> on institutional and geographical coverage, please consult the section Capacity Building in Higher Education of the <a href="#">Erasmus+ Programme Guide</a>.</p>
<p><b>What is the duration of the project?</b></p>	<p><b>Strand 1</b> - Projects of two or three years Between EUR 200 000 and 400 000 per project</p> <p><b>Strand 2</b> - Projects of two or three years Between EUR 400 000 and 800 000 per project</p> <p><b>Strand 3</b> - Projects of three or four years Between EUR 600 000 and 1 000 000 per project</p>
<p><b>What funding is available?</b></p>	<p>Total budget of the CBHE Call for Proposals: <b>more than 100 million euro</b> per year.</p> <p>The division of the total budget among the regions can be found in the description of the Call for Proposals on the <a href="#">FTOP portal</a>.</p>

3. Except: high income countries in Regions 5, 7 and 8, Belarus (within Region 2), Russian Federation (Region 4). For other specificities, please read carefully the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.



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## Interested in applying?

Find more details in the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#) (available in 23 official EU languages)  
Learn about the submission procedure in the [Online Manual on EU Funding and Tenders](#)  
Apply via the Funding and tender opportunities portal ([FTOP portal](#)) searching for the Call for Proposals Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education  
For specific questions please contact: [EACEA-EPLUS-CBHE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-EPLUS-CBHE@ec.europa.eu)



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