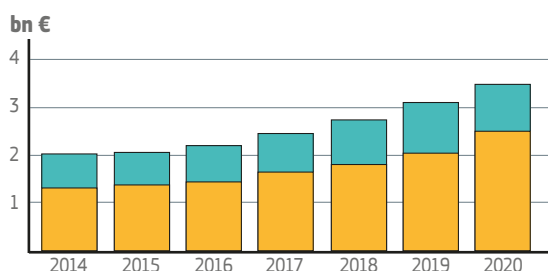




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# ERASMUS+

## The EU programme for education, training, youth and sport (2014-2020)



Source: see Erasmus+ 2014 annual report

### €14.7 BN BUDGET

**2/3 of budget:** learning opportunities abroad for individuals  
**1/3 of budget:** partnerships + reforms of the education and youth sectors

### WHAT'S NEW?

- More opportunities for millions of Europeans to study, train, volunteer or gain professional experience abroad
- New funding for actions in the field of sport
- Stronger international dimension with more opportunities for participants to study worldwide
- Language learning support for all participants

### WHAT'S BETTER?

- A 40% increase in funding compared to the Lifelong Learning programme = €14.7 billion in grants over 7 years = opportunities for over 4 million people
- A stronger focus on improving young people's job prospects to tackle youth unemployment
- A more inclusive programme supporting people with fewer opportunities



### MOBILITY EXCHANGES: WHO CAN BENEFIT?

#### Students in higher education:

Up to 2 million students, including 450 000 trainees, are expected to benefit from grants to study and train abroad. This more than doubles the opportunities offered in the past 30 years. More than 135 000 students and staff can come to Europe – or go outside Europe. Master students can apply for an Erasmus-backed loan with more affordable conditions to complete a full degree (this is already available in Spain, France, the UK, Turkey and Luxembourg). Scholarships are available for students worldwide to take part in the 'Erasmus Mundus joint master degrees': study programmes run by two+ institutions in different countries.

#### Vocational training students and apprentices:

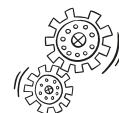
Up to 650 000 grants offered for vocational studies or apprenticeships abroad.

#### Young people taking part in youth exchanges and volunteering:

About 600 000 young people can go abroad as part of youth exchanges and the European Voluntary Service.

#### Teachers, youth trainers and other staff:

Opportunities for 800 000 teachers, lecturers, trainers, education staff and youth workers to gain new skills abroad.



### COOPERATION PROJECTS: WORKING ACROSS DISCIPLINES

#### Facilitating the transition

##### between education and work:

Funding for more than 25 000 partnerships across 125 000 education, training and youth organisations and enterprises. These organisations work with peers in other countries in their own sector and other sectors to develop, transfer and implement innovative education, training and youth practices. For example, they develop new teaching practices or curricula, or allow students to study real-life cases in business and industry.

#### Boosting employment and entrepreneurship:

Support for more than 300 large partnerships among education institutions and enterprises to tackle skills gaps and foster start-ups.



### EMBRACING SPORT: IMPROVING THE GAME, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Erasmus+ promotes a range of sports events and collaborative partnerships, with funding for up to 1 200 projects. Erasmus+ supports transnational projects involving grassroots sport organisations, and promotes – among other things – good governance, social inclusion, the fight against racism, dual careers, and physical activity for all.

## EXAMPLES OF ERASMUS+ PROJECTS:

### eTwinning: connecting European schools

Through eTwinning, classrooms across Europe can work together on projects by connecting with each other through an online platform. Supported with €13 million per year from the Erasmus+ programme, eTwinning helps pupils acquire new skills and competences, and supports teachers in their professional development. Working on projects like 'the Big Lie' which analysed media messages in different countries, school children learn to understand different perspectives. In just 11 years, eTwinning has already connected more than half of the schools in Europe and involved over 2 million pupils and more than 400 000 teachers.

### Innovation Alliance

The Innovation Alliance project is a cross-sectoral partnership bringing together the higher education sector, SMEs and non-profit, private and public enterprise development agencies. The objective is to boost the transfer and implementation of innovation between higher education institutions and SMEs. The project launched an online open-access SME innovation training course, developed an innovation toolkit with supporting information on how to initiate alliances throughout



Europe, and created regional innovation alliances in five countries: Ireland, the UK, Germany, Spain and Romania.

### European Voluntary Service

For more than 20 years, the European Voluntary Service has given young people the opportunity to volunteer abroad. People contribute with their efforts to a cause they believe in – be it solidarity with refugees and migrants, work on environmental issues, activities for children or the elderly, cultural events, or a number of other topics. Anyone between 17 and 30 years old can take part and develop valuable skills and promote social cohesion in Europe. Every volunteer receives support to cover travel and living costs, as well as pocket money and insurance. The European Voluntary Service is one of the main building blocks of the new European Solidarity Corps.

### Erasmus Mundus – EMMNano

EMMNano is a two-year Erasmus Mundus Masters course that builds a complete range of skills in nanoscience and technology, preparing graduates to enter industry or continue a research career. It is organised by a partnership of universities from Belgium, Sweden, France and Germany. Each year it offers EU-funded scholarships to students worldwide.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

... More and more young people are using Erasmus+ exchanges to gain valuable work experience abroad

... Five years after graduation, the unemployment rate of young people who studied or trained abroad is 23 % lower than that of their non-mobile peers

... 1 in 3 Erasmus+ trainees are offered a position by the company they trained in

... From the start of Erasmus+ (2014) until the end of 2016, about 2 million people have participated in the programme

... 1 in 3 youth mobility participants comes from a disadvantaged background

... Erasmus+ is helping to address match-fixing and doping in sports