



New INTRA-AFRICA Academic Mobility Scheme (MOBAF)

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How to Apply?

Where?

 Applications must be submitted through the <u>Funding and Tenders Portal of the</u> <u>European Commission (F&TP)</u> using the Portal Submission System

Who?

Proposals must be created and submitted by a contact person of the coordinating university

When?

• By the deadline announced in the Call for Proposals





How to Start?

As of today, and before the Call Publication, <u>START</u> with:

- **Partner search** (African HEIs and EU Technical Partner)
 - <u>Previous intra-Africa coordinators and partners</u>
 - Other EU projects partners in similar fields
 - Previous/Ongoing (bi/multi-lateral) partnerships of your university
- Put **your ideas** in writing:
 - Plan your project based on **Programme objectives** and **the award criteria**
 - Define **your work plan** through:

NEW Work packages, milestones, deliverables





How to Start? (Cont.)

• Get familiarised with the Funding and Tenders Portal:

Presentation - How to get a grant?

Online Manual - Funding Tenders Opportunities

How to participate - 5 Steps

Support overview

• Once identified, get support from your EU technical partner on the application system and requirements





How to Start? (Cont.)

- <u>EU Login account</u> provides a single sign-on to a large number of services and tools available on the F&T Portal
 - To access to the functions available, you must have an EU Login account.
 - To create an EU Login account, you click on the Register button on the Portal homepage; all you need is your name and work e-mail address.
 - If you already have an EU Login account, you must use that one.

Participant Identification code (PIC)

Any university who would like to participate in your project, needs to be registered in the Portal <u>Participant Register</u> and have a <u>valid</u> 9-digit PIC



Before starting to register, please check if there is already a valid PIC for your university





Funding and Tenders Portal (F&TP) and Submission Process



 The Call for Proposals will be published on the page dedicated to the actions under the "Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument" → NDICI



- This specific page is under preparation
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme \rightarrow MOBAF
- Go to the main page of the <u>Funding and Tenders Portal of the</u> <u>European Commission (F&TP)</u>





Submission Process

Once the Intra-AFRICA Call for Proposals is published

Start submission

• Log in to the Funding & Tenders Portal, find the Call page and select your topic.



Call DATA

Call Title: Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme Call ID: NDICI-2023-MOBAF Topic: NDICI-2023-MOBAF - Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme Type of Action: NDICI-MOBAF-UN

- Make sure you are in the correct Call for proposals and Type of action.
- Scroll down on the Call for Proposals page to get access to the Electronic Submission Service Please select the type of your submission:



Familiarise yourself with the Portal navigation system. You can edit information and move between parts of the form save save and go to NEXT STEP





Submission Process

To access the system and start your submission:

- 1. As applicant: a valid EU Login
- 2. Your Unievrsity has a <u>9-digit PIC (Participant Identification Code)</u>

After selecting the submission button in the Portal you will be asked to enter your EU Login

Enter your email address in the field provided, then click the **Next** button.

You will be prompted for your password.





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Submission Process

- No EU Login => create an account
- No PIC => register your organisation









Part **Adminis** trative Forms:

General information about the project, data on the applicant and partner universities and contact persons



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Narrative part of the project, the work packages, milestones & deliverables NEW





• Narrative Part (i.e. Description of the action)





- Workplan, work packages, activities, resources and timing
- Annexes: Budget form/Calculator, List of Academic Programmes, List of previous projects, Other annexes





RELEVANCE

- Relevance of the proposal with the Programme objectives and priorities
- Relevance of the proposal to the chosen themes/sectors/areas
- Needs analysis of the targeted countries and regions, and the relevant sectors
- Strategy behind the choice of partners and final beneficiaries and the way the proposal addresses their needs and constraints
- Added value of the proposal (innovative aspects)





DESIGN

- Expected results and the methodology to achieve them (e.g. intervention logic)
- Appropriateness of the activities proposed with the envisaged outputs and outcome(s)
- Proposed activities for the academic mobility including academic programmes offered
- Features of the Traineeship scheme and the staff mobility
- Links of the proposed mobility activities with project objectives
- Cross cutting elements





IMPLEMENTATIO N

- Clear work plan with a realistic timeline
- Inclusion of countries and applicants with different levels of experience in the Programme
- Strategy to involve less experienced partners and the plans to develop their capacity
- Cooperation arrangements, governing bodies and management tools for project and financial management, and for efficient implementation of the mobility scheme
- Monitoring and evaluation systems, i.e. internal, external; tools/indicators to measure the impact; measures to assess the academic and the traineeship offer)
- Integration of organisations offering a traineeship
- Communication and dissemination strategy







- Long lasting benefits to the target groups
- Multiplier effects, including scope for replication, capitalisation on experience and knowledge sharing
- Sustainability of the expected results of the proposed action:
 - → financially; institutionally; at policy level; environmentally









Management and implementation of the project **WP 2**

Selection and supervision of scholarship holders WP 3

Sustainability, dissemination and exploitation of results







- Each *Work package* contains:
 - Objectives
 - Activities and division of work
 - **Milestones** are control points in the project to follow its progress (e.g. completion of a key deliverable allowing the next phase of the work to begin)
 - \rightarrow The number of **milestones** is free,
 - \rightarrow But better to limit it to the **most important** moments in your project
 - **Deliverables** are project outputs which are submitted to show project progress:
 - \rightarrow max 15 for the entire project to group activities, to facilitate contracting and management if your proposal is selected.
 - ightarrow List of expected deliverables in the Call for Proposals



Recommendations



When writing your proposal make sure it is:

- **Clear**: follow the questions and respond to the sub-points of the Award Criteria paying attention to the specific context
- **Complete**: ensure (twice!) you have followed all the instructions and that the proposal fulfils all the mandatory requirements
- Coherent: avoid contradictions, avoid 'patchwork'
- Simple & concrete: use examples, justify your statements, bring proofs
- **Explicit**: do not take anything for granted; do not assume experts will always immediately understand; avoid abbreviations or explain them
- **Rigorous**: the application is the basis on which your project will be implemented; it is also the cornerstone of your partnership commitment
- Focused: stick to what is asked





Reference Documents Funding and Tenders Platform

- Consult the presentations below:
 - How to find and apply for funding opportunities
 - Webinar session: The Funding & tenders Portal for beginners
- Get more guidance on how the Funding and Tender Opportunities portal works in the <u>F&TP online manual</u> and the <u>User Guide of the</u> <u>Submission System</u>.
- Read carefully the information on the <u>Roles and access rights</u> and decide the persons who will manage the application





Reference Links and Documents Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

- Global Gateway Investment Package
- <u>Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the</u> <u>Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe</u>
- Website New Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme
- Website Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (2016-2020)
- List of selected Intra-Africa projects (2016-2020)
- Intra-Africa Project and Mobility Management Cluster Meeting: Conclusions from Workshops
- Statistics on the previous Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme:

List of HEIs involved in the selected projects

Number of Selected projects per African country

Number of proposals submitted by African country

Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme - Scholarship holders' impact survey results - 2020





Any questions?

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Thank you and good luck !

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