



Erasmus+

Future perspectives (2021-2027)

Focus on international cooperation

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European Strategy for Universities: 4 objectives

1 Strengthen the European dimension in higher education and research

Bringing transnational cooperation to a higher level contributes to a culture of excellence and inclusion, a true European identity, and global competitiveness and attractiveness

2 Consolidate universities as lighthouses of our European way of life

Strengthen quality and relevance for future-proof skills

In a fast changing environment, universities need to strengthen their capacities to equip young people, lifelong learners and researchers with the right competences and skills

Foster diversity, inclusiveness and gender equality

More institutional changes are needed for universities to become places of truly equal opportunities

Promote and protect European democratic values

Universities need to be places of freedom: for speech, thought, learning, research

3 Empower universities as key actors of change in the twin green and digital transitions

Develop skills, competences and technological innovation for the green and digital transition

Universities are key actors for the green transition and for a more sustainable world. We need to make 'connected universities' a reality

4 Reinforce universities as drivers of Europe's global role and leadership

Universities are instrumental in building Europe's connections with the world



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What is Erasmus+?



- *The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport*
- *Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships*
- *Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation*
- *Erasmus+ 2021-2027:*
 - **builds on previous programme 2014-2020**
 - **more international**
- *Call 2023 currently open*



Erasmus+ funding 2021-2027



- **EUR 23.4 billion** for Erasmus+ (2014-2020: EUR 14.7 billion)
- *Mix of funding from internal and external funding instruments (budget headings).*
- *Additional funding for international actions (including Erasmus Mundus): + EUR 2.2 billion*



Overarching priorities Erasmus+ 2021-2027



1



Quality in education and training

- Boost basic and transversal skills
- More mobility and cooperation opportunities
- Support lifelong acquisition of language competences
- Develop a European perspective in education



2



Inclusion and gender equality

- Pathways to School Success
- 50 centres of excellence for VET
- European Approach to micro-credentials
- Gender-sensitive teaching



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Green and digital transitions

- Education for Climate Coalition
- Greening of education infrastructure
- Council Recommendation on education for environmental sustainability
- Digital Education Action Plan



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Teachers and trainers

- 25 Erasmus Teacher Academies
- European guidance for national career frameworks
- European Innovative Teaching Award



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Higher education

- European Universities full roll-out
- Development of a European Degree
- Legal statute for alliances of universities
- Erasmus+ Mobile App



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Geopolitical dimension

- Team Europe approach
- Strengthen cooperation with strategic global partners
- Expand international dimension of Erasmus+

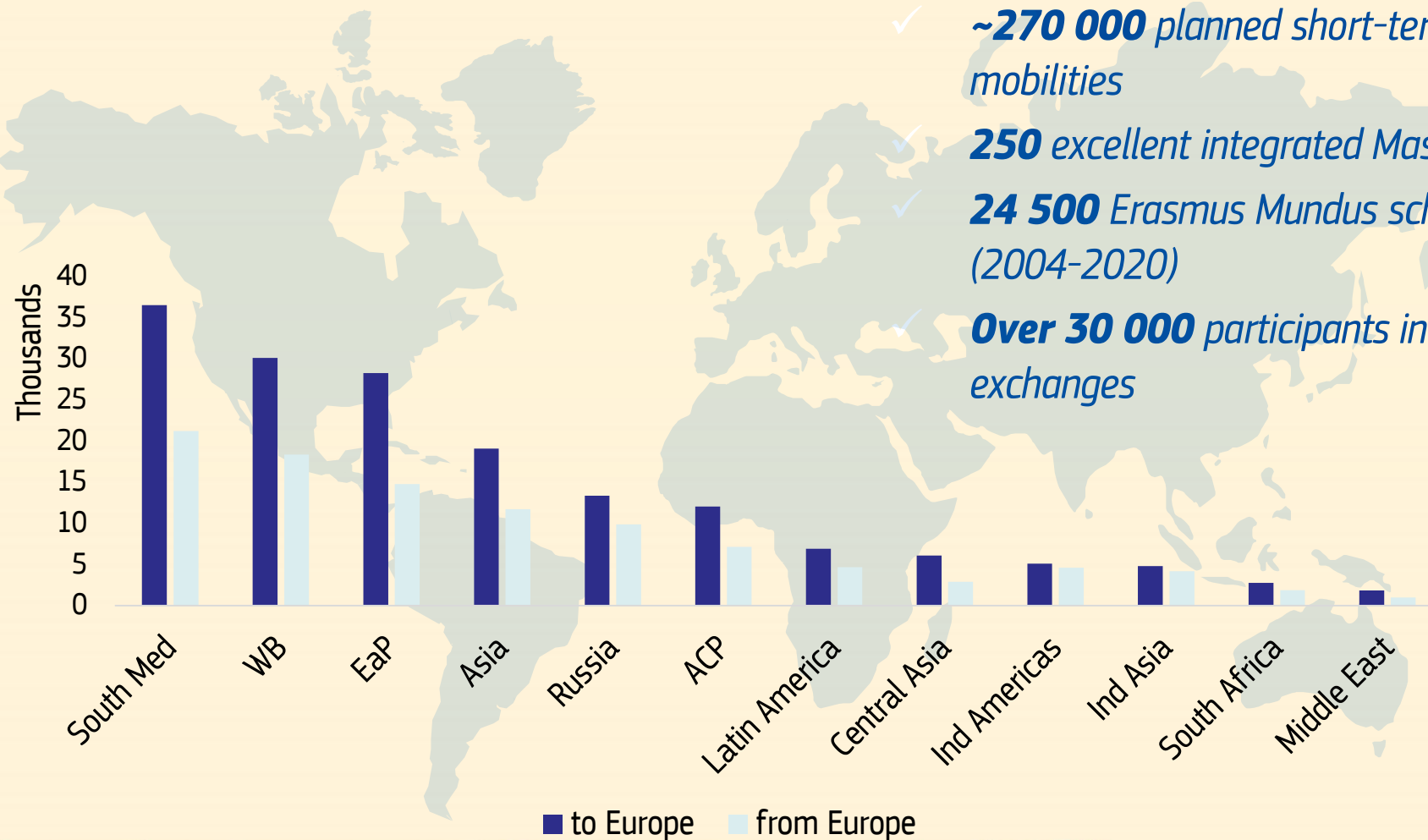


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- **Strong international dimension,** linked to the European Education Area and the Digital Education Action Plan, allow:
 - cooperation between education and training institutions,
 - strengthen Europe's reputation,
 - support the green and digital transitions,
 - tackle current and future crisis.
- Closer alignment of European international cooperation actions with the EU priorities
- Foster greater coordination among the EU and MS, strengthen Europe's positioning as a key partner in education at global level and cement the links between the EEA and the rest of the world
- New regions – Pacific and Caribbean with a dedicated budget



International dimension of Erasmus+ 2014-2020 in key figures



✓ **~270 000** planned short-term staff and student mobilities

✓ **250** excellent integrated Master courses funded

✓ **24 500** Erasmus Mundus scholarships awarded (2004-2020)

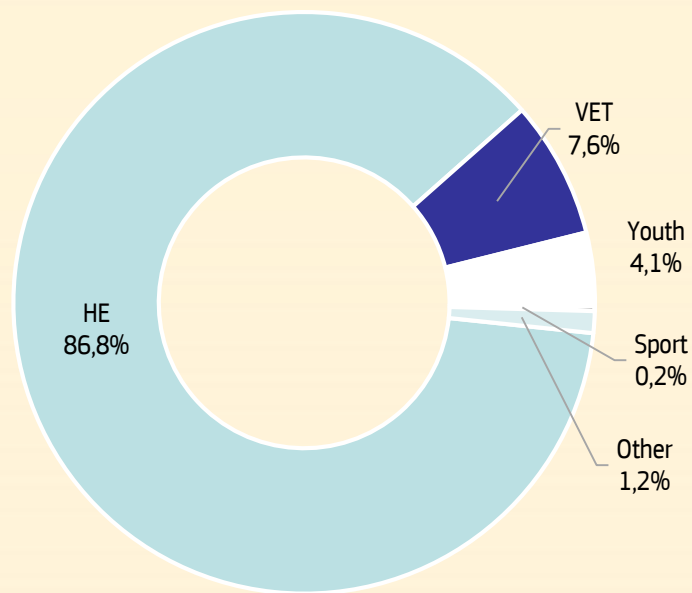
✓ **Over 30 000** participants in E+ virtual exchanges



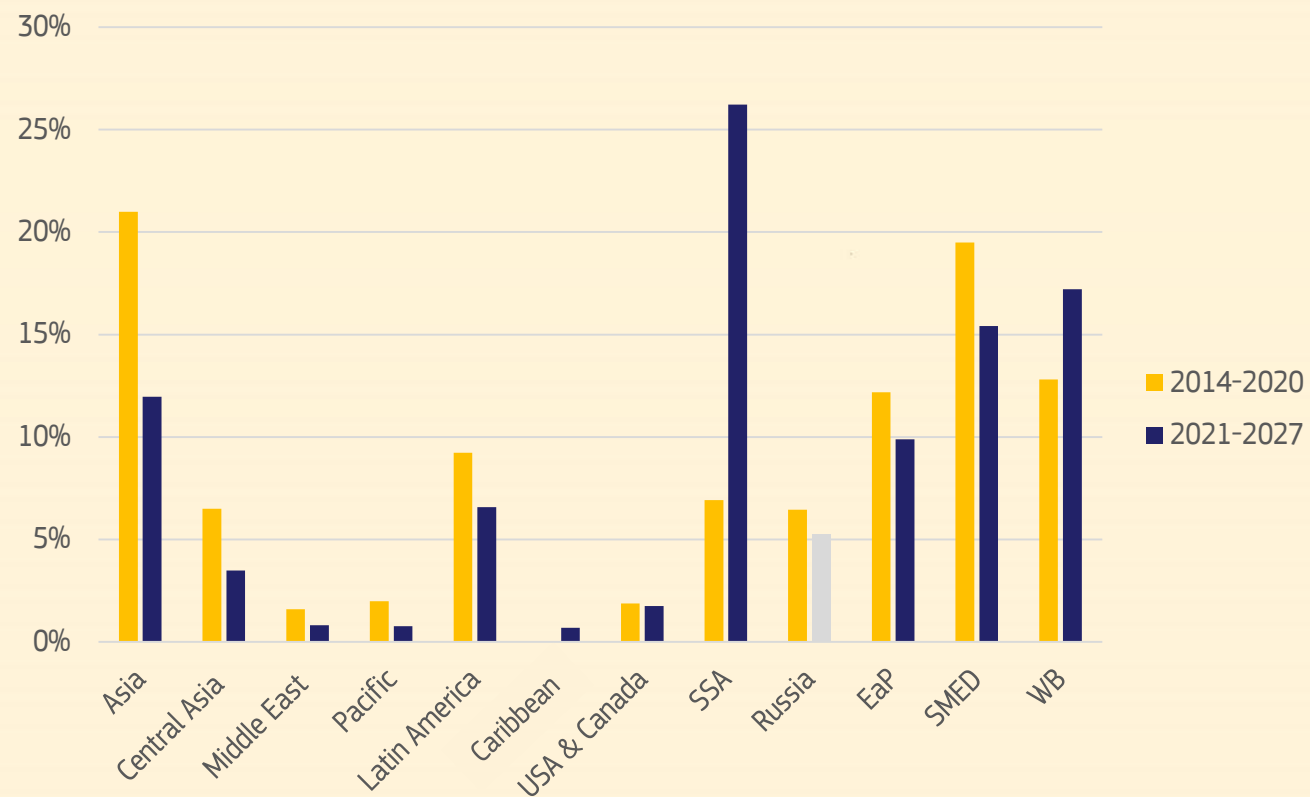
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- 2021-2027 programme: mixed funding **E+ budget line** and **External financial instruments**
- External funding: **2.174 billion EUR** (1.932 billion EUR 2014-2020):

International actions budget per sector
2021-2027



Budget per region



Opportunities for HE institutions from non-associated third countries

- ✓ Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters & Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- ✓ International credit mobility
- ✓ Capacity Building for Higher Education
- ✓ Jean Monnet activities



National focal points

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Objective: establish a **world-wide network** of E+ focal points based on the model of the Horizon 2020 National Contact Points (NCPs) of the MSCA

Policy scope covering all sectors of the programme which have an international dimension



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“European Universities”

- Independent call, but part of Erasmus+
- Deadline 31 January
- Topics included in the call:

Topic 1 – Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

Support for **already existing deep institutional transnational cooperation alliances** including – but not limited to – the European Universities alliances selected under the 2019 Erasmus+ call for proposals – Tentative budget **345.6 MEUR**

Topic 2 – Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

Support for applicants **wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation** in a new ‘European Universities’ alliance – Tentative budget **38.4 MEUR**



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Activities that can be funded

- **Step-by-step approach towards deeper institutionalised transnational cooperation**
- **Different models** for implementing and achieving the **long-term vision**
- Partners agree on a **Joint mission statement** including a **full joint strategy**
- Flexibility to shape the **Joint work plan of activities**
- Relevant to reach their strategic objectives and the long-term vision of European Universities
- Supported by efficient **common management and governance structures**

Optional/voluntary and only for Topic 1:

- **A strategy to expand by adding new HEIs as full partners** as part of the joint work plan of activities
 - Total number of full partners (including new HEIs joining) **to be determined at proposal stage**
 - Expansion can take place **at the latest by the start of the 4th year**



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