



EU / Sub-Saharan Africa cooperation in Education

Goals and funding opportunities available for
Sub-Saharan Africa

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1. General policy context

The European Education Area (September 2020)



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



Inclusion and gender equality

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



Green and digital transitions

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



Teachers and trainers

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



Higher education

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



Geopolitical dimension

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

The African perspective

Continental Education Strategy for Africa 2016-2025 - 12 objectives

Revitalize the **teaching profession** to ensure quality and relevance

Build, rehabilitate, preserve **education infrastructure**

Harness of **ICT** to improve access, quality and management of education and training systems

Ensure acquisition of **knowledge and skills**, improved completion rates at all levels

Accelerate processes leading to **gender parity and equity**

Launch comprehensive and effective **literacy programmes** across the continent

Strengthen the **science and math curricula** and disseminate scientific knowledge and culture in society

Expand **TVET opportunities** at secondary and tertiary levels and strengthen linkages with world of work

Revitalize and expand **tertiary education**, research and innovation to address continental challenges and promote global competitiveness

Promote **peace education and conflict prevention** and resolution

Improve **management of education system** as well build capacity for data collection, management, analysis, communication

Set up a **coalition of stakeholders** to facilitate and support activities resulting from the implementation of CESA

EU-AU Summit – February 2022

Outcomes on education and skills



Africa and Europe:
a joint vision for 2030

Progressing to a **knowledge-based economy** and putting **skilled human capital** at the heart of **Africa's agenda** is essential for building the continent's strategic autonomy, strength and resilience to address major challenges

- *Importance of education in building democratic, sustainable and resilient societies and economies.*
- *Need for well-targeted investments in African human capital, aligned to opportunities offered by the labour market.*

Joint Declaration https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/54412/final_declaration-en.pdf

- *Encourage exchanges and develop **partnerships between universities***
- *Boost human development, notably through scaling up **mobility and employability***
- *Invest in inclusive and **equitable quality education***
- *Promote opportunity oriented technical and professional **Vocational Education and Training**, including at regional level*

Thematic areas of the Africa-EU Global Gateway Investment Package for Africa

A. Accelerating the Green Transition



Sustainable energy



Biodiversity, land, water, oceans & forests



Agri-food systems



Climate resilience & disaster risk reduction

B. Accelerating the Digital Transition



Digital transition

C. Accelerating growth and jobs



Transport



Private sector, entrepreneurship & MSMEs



African economic integration & diversification



Sustainable finance for sustainable transitions



Science, technology & innovation

D. Accelerating Human Development



Health: access to vaccines, medicines & health technology products



Education: skills development



Increased overall funding for education to over EUR 6 billion for 2021-27 – the bulk of the EU's investment will be in Africa

1. Initiatives and programmes at **country** level: **43 countries** from the five regions

2. Flagship initiatives at **regional** level are in the process of development:

- The Regional **Teacher Programme** for Africa (EU: EUR 100 million);
- Opportunity driven skills and **VET in Africa** (EU: at least EUR 500 million);
- **Youth Mobility for Africa** (EU: EUR 970 million) will promote youth exchanges and mobility between Africa and Europe;
- Global Partnership for Education (Team Europe: EUR 1.7 billion)

Programmes under the Education Flagship (2022-2026)

Erasmus +

(Capacity Building for Higher Education Institutions, International Credit Mobility, Capacity Building for VET, Alumni, Jean Monnet, Erasmus Focal Points, Virtual Exchanges)

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme *(including a new action of traineeships mobility)*

Harmonization of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation - HAQAA III

African Continental Qualifications Framework - ACQF II

Young African Leaders Programme - YALP II

Under preparation: youth leadership and learning mobility programmes

2. Erasmus+

Funding opportunities for Sub-Saharan Africa

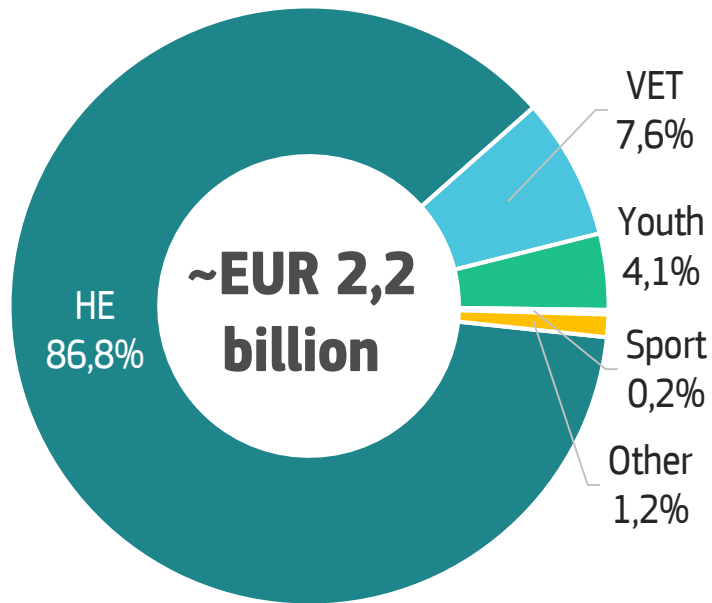
What is Erasmus+?

- 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+ programme 2021-2027:
 - builds on previous programme
 - more international



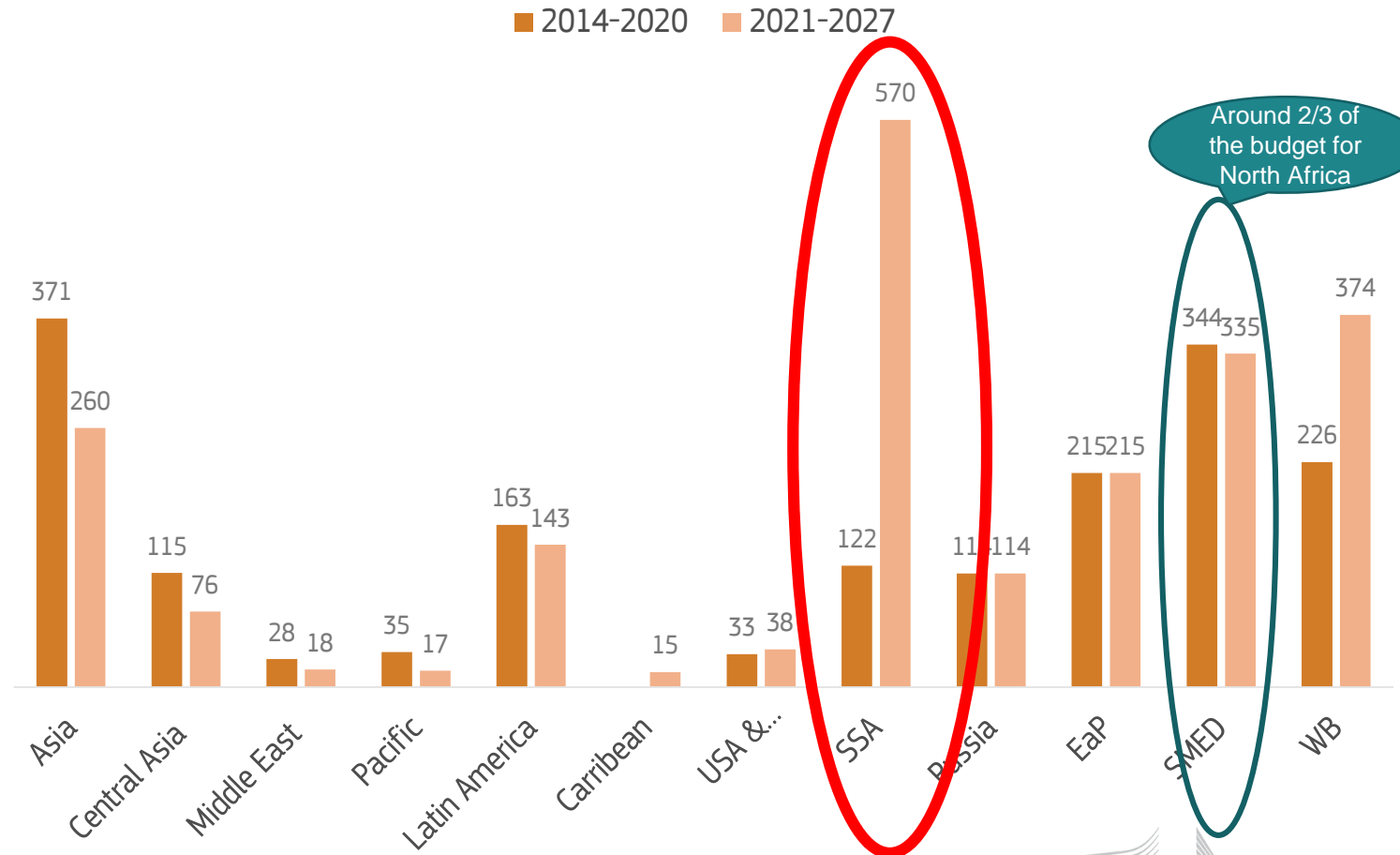
International dimension of Erasmus+: funding

International actions budget (H6) per sector 2021-2027



2014 – 2020
~EUR 1,8 billion

H6 budget per region (in million EUR)



ERASMUS+

What is available for Africa - Overview

HIGHER EDUCATION

- International Credit Mobility
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters & Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- **Capacity Building for Higher Education**
- **Jean Monnet activities**
- Alumni Association
- European Outgoing mobility
- Cooperation Partnerships*
- Alliances for Innovation*

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Capacity Building in VET**
- European outgoing VET mobility
- Centers of Vocational Excellence*
- Alliances for Innovation*
- Cooperation Partnerships*

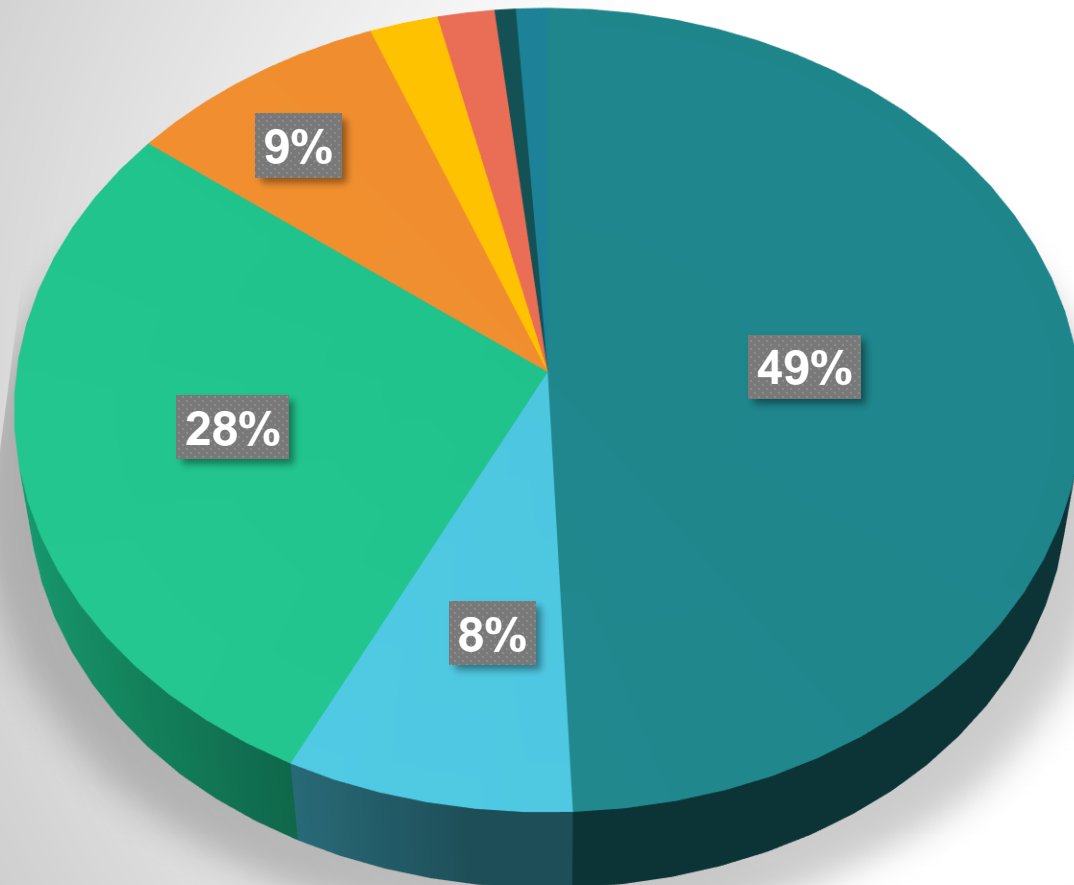
YOUTH / HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Virtual Exchanges**
- Capacity Building for youth and mobility projects (Maghreb only)
- Cooperation Partnerships*

* Conditional access - Partners from Non-Associated countries must prove added-value to the project

Erasmus+ budget allocation for Sub-Saharan Africa

570,2 M€ for Sub-Saharan Africa 2021-2027



- International credit Mobility
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Capacity Building in Higher Education
- Capacity Building in VET
- Virtual Exchanges
- Jean Monnet Actions
- Alumni
- Erasmus+ Focal Points

International credit mobility

MAIN FEATURES

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates for African students (only staff and PhD candidates from Europe to Africa)
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- Also supports traineeships for students and training for staff
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months (5 days to 2 months for staff)
- Blended mobility (physical mobility of 5 – 30 days + virtual component)

NEW

Message to Universities:

“Begin to engage with European partner universities able to apply”

Message to students:

“only possible if your university has an agreement with a European one”

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

Coordinator
can be in Africa

University perspective

- Integrated Masters of excellence offered by a consortia of universities. At least 3 partners from 3 countries (including 2 European ones)
- Jointly delivered programmes with study in 2+ countries, of which at least one must be an EU Member State or third country associated to the programme
- Aim to attract the best students in the world through EU-funded scholarships
- 6-year project – 4 cohorts of students

African students
can apply

Student perspective

- Annual selection cycles by each master program
- Joint degree or multiple degrees
- Generous scholarships
- Mobility between countries integrated in Master programme
- Students apply online without the intermediary of their home university
- https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

NEW

New sub-action, supporting the design of high-level study programmes at master level

Autonomous action (no automatic transition to Erasmus Mundus Joint Master)

Strong integration between partners necessary (curriculum, management, student services, accreditation...)

15 months project

Lump sum contribution amounting to 55 000 €

African Students & Alumni Forum (ASAF)

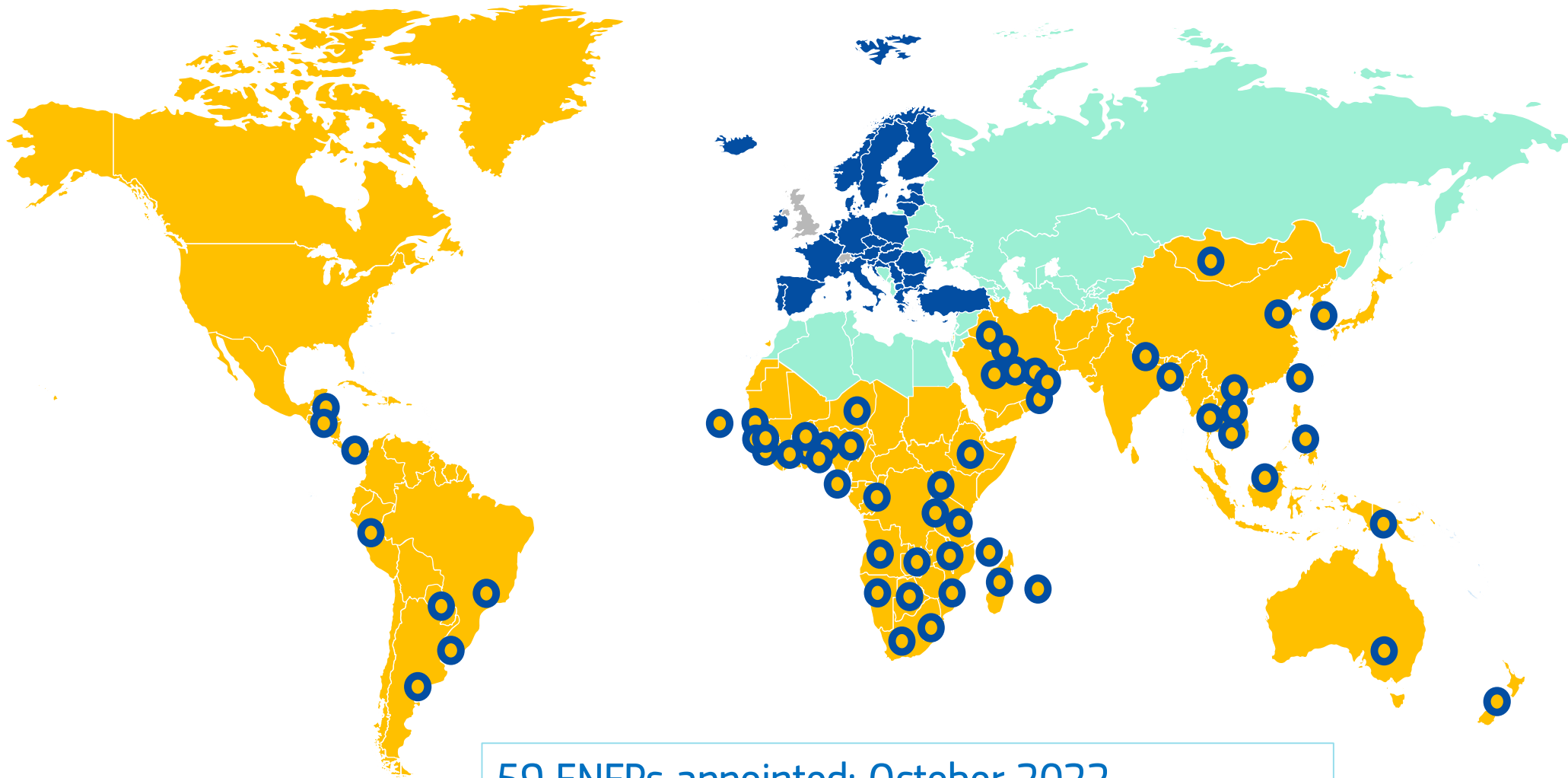
Platform offering opportunities for exchange, collaboration for African students, alumni & professionals having benefited from mobility scholarships funded by EU. “Ambassadors” in African countries.

Created in 2019
Over 1700 registered members

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees
Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme
Intra Africa Academic Mobility Scheme
African Union’s Nyerere Scholarship
Academic Mobility Programme



Erasmus+ National Focal Points – the story so far....



59 ENFPs appointed: October 2022

Who can apply and when?



Actions	Managed by	Institutions from Africa	Call publication	Deadline for submission
International credit mobility	E+ National Agencies in 33 European countries	Partner		23 February 2023
Erasmus Mundus	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		16 February 2023
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner	Single 2023 Erasmus+	16 February 2023
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner	Call published	14 February 2023
Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training	EACEA in Brussels	Partner	on 23 November 2022	28 February 2023
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		26 April 2023

More Information

Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5gD3m_i4BQ



Erasmus+ Programme guide (all EU languages)

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>

Online information sessions (for Actions managed centrally in Brussels)

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events_en