



New INTRA-AFRICA Academic Mobility Scheme (MOBAF)

Online Information Session

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Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Objectives &
design



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Global Gateway

OBJECTIVES of the PROGRAMME

Overall objective

To increase skills and qualifications across the African continent

Specific objectives

- To promote inclusive learning mobility opportunities
- To increase the employability of higher education students and trainees and their entrepreneurial skills
- To improve the quality, relevance, internationalisation of higher education in Africa
- To reinforce focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation in higher education

2 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS in 2023-2024

Indicative overall budget: EUR 55 mln

- **1st CALL for proposals** (end of March/beg April 2023): 27 mln
- **2nd CALL for proposals** (end 2024/beg 2025): 28 mln

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2023

Indicative timetable

Call publication:	End of March/ beg April 2023
<u>Deadline for submission:</u>	<u>Mid-June 2023</u>
Evaluation:	June-July 2023
Information on evaluation results:	August-September- 2023
Grant Agreement signature:	November-December 2023
Start of the projects:	January 2024 <i>(48 months duration)</i>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2023 – main features

- ✓ Open to **all themes/subject areas**
- ✓ Expected $\approx 40\%$ of selected projects in the field of climate change, including climate change mitigation and adaptation
- ✓ Involvement of countries and HEIs which are new or have limited experience in the action

CONSORTIUM REQUIREMENTS

✓ Applicants (beneficiaries):

Higher Education Institutions (Master/PhD level) established in Africa or in the 27 EU Member State

Lead applicants (coordinators): HEIs established in Africa

✓ Consortium composition:

4 to 6 HEIs from Africa + one HEI from a EU Member State

✓ Geographical coverage:

- Sub-regional projects: African HEIs from same African region and 4 different countries
- Cross-regional projects: African HEIs from at least 3 African regions and 4 different countries

AFRICAN REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

✓ West Africa

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

✓ East and Central Africa

Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

✓ Southern Africa

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Northern Africa region not eligible under the 1st Call for proposals

WHAT DOES THE SCHEME FUND?



INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Project management, cooperation, capacity building
Mobility promotion, selection, implementation
Dissemination, etc.

SCHOLARSHIPS

To internationally mobile

- STUDENTS (Master/PhD)
- TRAINEES
- STAFF

Funding mechanism:
unit contributions per mobility/month

Institutional contributions

Contributions for scholarships

Contributions for Special Needs

NEW FUNDING MECHANISM



		2016-2020			2022-2027		
Activities	Costs	Master students	Doctoral candidates	Staff members	Master students	Doctoral candidates/ Trainees (new)	Staff members
SCHOLARSHIPS	Additional allowance	600 €	900 €	-	Unit contribution (1)	Unit contribution (2)	Unit contribution (3)
	Subsistence allowance (per month)	600 €	900 €	1.200			
INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	Travel	according to travel bands (from 275 to 2.200 €)			Unit contribution (4)		
	Participation (per year)	3.500 €	4.000 €	-			
	Research (per year)	600 €	2.000 €	-			
	Insurance (per month)	75 €	75 €	75 €			
	Lump-sum organisation	20.000 € per HEI					
SPECIAL NEEDS		NA			Unit contribution (5)		

Unit contribution amounts to be published with the Call for proposals

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Setting- up internal consortium arrangements for coordination and operation
- ✓ Capacity building activities (incl. knowledge transfer and experience sharing from the EU HEI partner)
- ✓ Setting-up Quality Assurance mechanisms and tools
- ✓ Establishing a dissemination strategy
- ✓ Putting in place a sustainability plan

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Setting-up recognition mechanisms
- ✓ Developing a promotion and visibility strategy
- ✓ Establishing an open and centralised mechanism for the selection of scholarship holders
- ✓ Providing services to outgoing and incoming students
- ✓ Establishing mechanisms and tools to monitor scholarship holders' activities (including in post-mobility)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ **STUDENTS** (at Master and PhD level):
 - **national of and resident** in one of the eligible countries in Africa
 - graduated/registered/admitted at one of the African HEIs member of the consortium (TG1) or any other African HEIs (TG2) **including from Northern Africa region**
- ❖ **TRAINEES**
 - **national of and resident** in one of the eligible countries in Africa
 - enrolled in a Bachelor/Master/PhD programme at African HEIs members of the consortium
- ❖ **STAFF** employed in one of the HEIs members of the consortium, **including the HEI from EU**

Mobility of Students
and Staff

Can only be hosted by the *African HEIs* members of the consortium

Mobility of Trainees

Can only be hosted by private/public organisations established in the *African countries of the consortium*

SCHOLARSHIPS

Indicative targets will be set in the Call for proposals:

- Percentage of mobility per mobility type
- Min-max duration per mobility type
- Participation of women, scholarship holders with vulnerable status or special needs
- Balanced distribution of mobility per host institutions and per nationality
- Percentage *credit seeking* mobility (for students)

AWARD CRITERIA AND EVALUATION

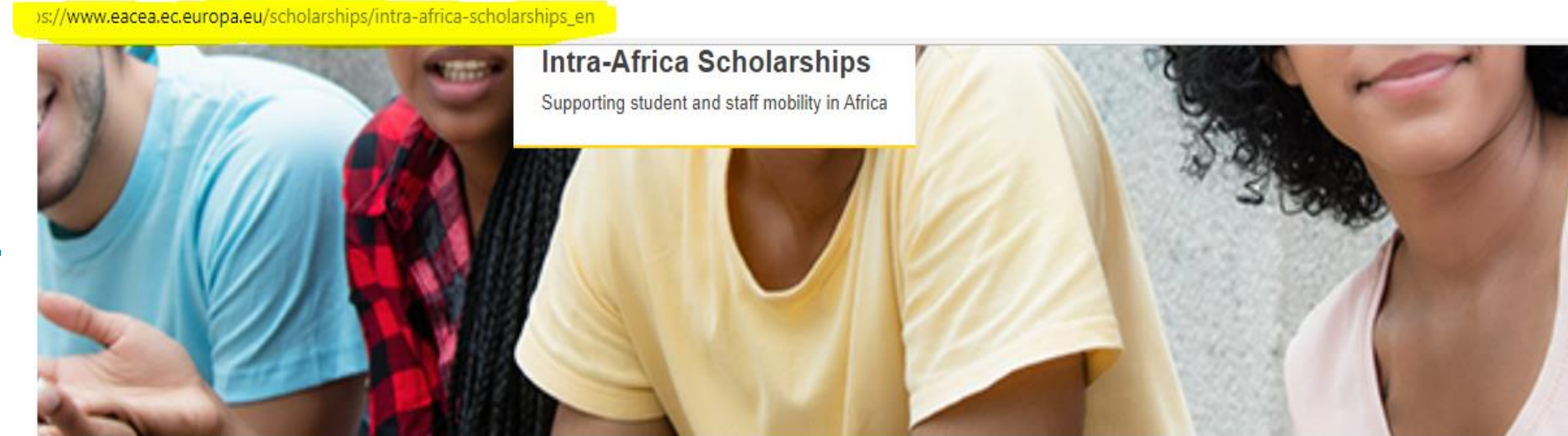
- ✓ ***RELEVANCE***
- ✓ ***DESIGN***
- ✓ ***IMPLEMENTATION***
- ✓ ***SUSTAINABILITY***

The assessment of the project proposals against the award criteria is carried out by and internal Evaluation Committee assisted by independent outside experts

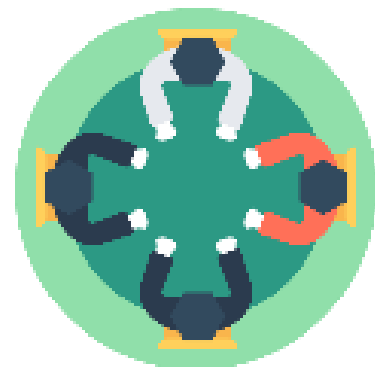
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Selection results (2016-2020)

[Intra-Africa Scholarships \(europa.eu\)](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/intra-africa-scholarships_en)



333 project proposals



28 projects selected



79 African universities from
28 African countries
26 EU universities from
13 EU member states

Who can apply?

Students (at Master's and Doctoral level) and staff (administrative and academic) who are nationals and resident in an African country.

How do you apply?

To apply for a scholarship under the [Intra-Africa academic mobility scheme](#) you should address your application directly to one of the selected partnerships.

1. Consult the list.
2. Visit the website of the partnership you are interested in to:
 - see which courses are available in which disciplines;
 - check scholarship application dates and conditions.
3. Apply directly to the partnership via its website.
If you are registered at one of the partner institutions, you may also contact your International Office.

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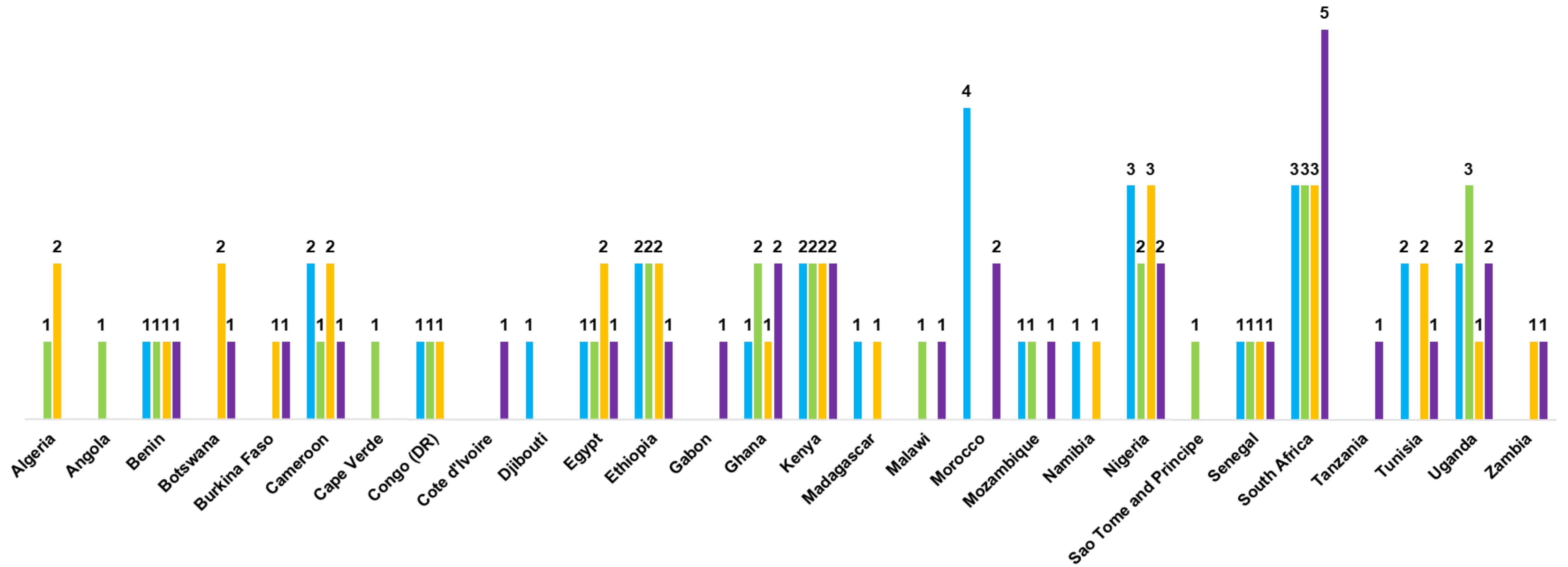
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Projects selected under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Project acronym	Project coordinator	Thematic field(s) of study	Project website	Year of project selection
ABEM	Kenyatta University (Kenya)	Engineering including Infrastructure and Energy; Health Sciences	Website	2016
ACADEMY	Université de Tlemcen (Algeria)	Business, administration and law; Information and Communication Technologies; Natural sciences; Engineering, manufacturing and construction;	Website	2017

African countries participating in selected projects (n. HEIs) 2016-2020

■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2019 ■ 2020



African countries not involved in any *project proposals* 2016-2020

Equatoria
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Eritrea

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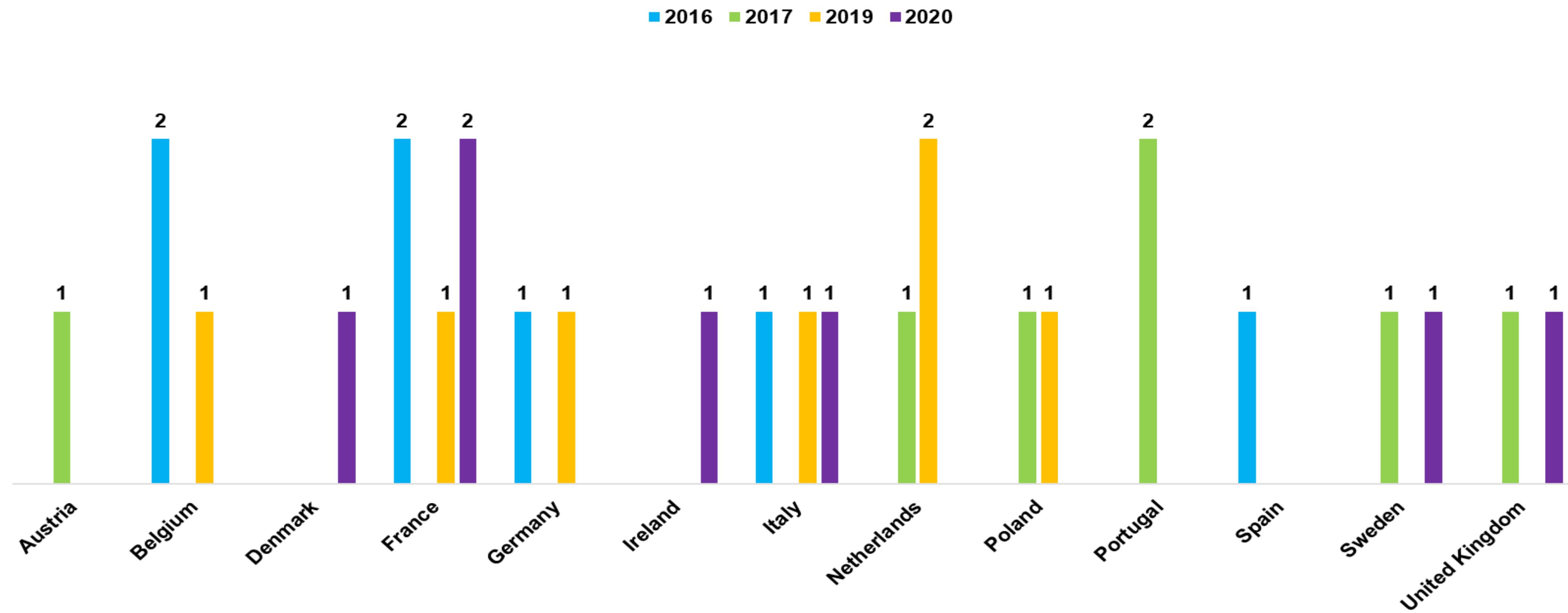
Somalia

Eswatini

Guinea-
Bissau

Liberia

EU countries participating in selected projects (n. HEIs) 2016-2020





Any questions?

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