



# 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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Expand to **60 European Universities with more than 500 universities by mid-2024**, with an Erasmus+ indicative budget totalling EUR 1.1 billion for 2021-2027.



Work towards a **legal statute for alliances** of higher education institutions: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the implementation of existing European instruments



Examine options and necessary steps towards a **joint European degree**: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the first steps towards a joint European degree, in particular the development of European criteria for the award of a European Degree label



Scale up the **European Student Card initiative by starting deploying a unique European Student Identifier** to all mobile students in 2022 and to all students in universities in Europe by mid-2024



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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**
- *First partial call in 2021. Call 2022 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



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## 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



3



## Green and digital transitions

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



4



## 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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## KEY ACTION 1: LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

- Mobility projects for learners and staff in higher education, vocational education and training (VET), school education, adult education and youth.
- Youth participation activities.
- DiscoverEU – Inclusion Action.
- Virtual exchanges in higher education and youth

## KEY ACTION 2: COOPERATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

- Partnerships for Cooperation, including Cooperation Partnerships and Small-scale Partnerships.
- Partnerships for Excellence, including Centres for Vocational Excellence, Teachers Academy and **Erasmus Mundus Action.**
- Partnerships for Innovation, including Alliances and Forward-looking projects
- Capacity Building projects in the field of youth.
- Not-for-profit European sport events.

## KEY ACTION 3: SUPPORT TO POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

- European Youth Together

## JEAN MONNET ACTION

- Jean Monnet in the field of higher education.
- Jean Monnet in other fields of education and training.

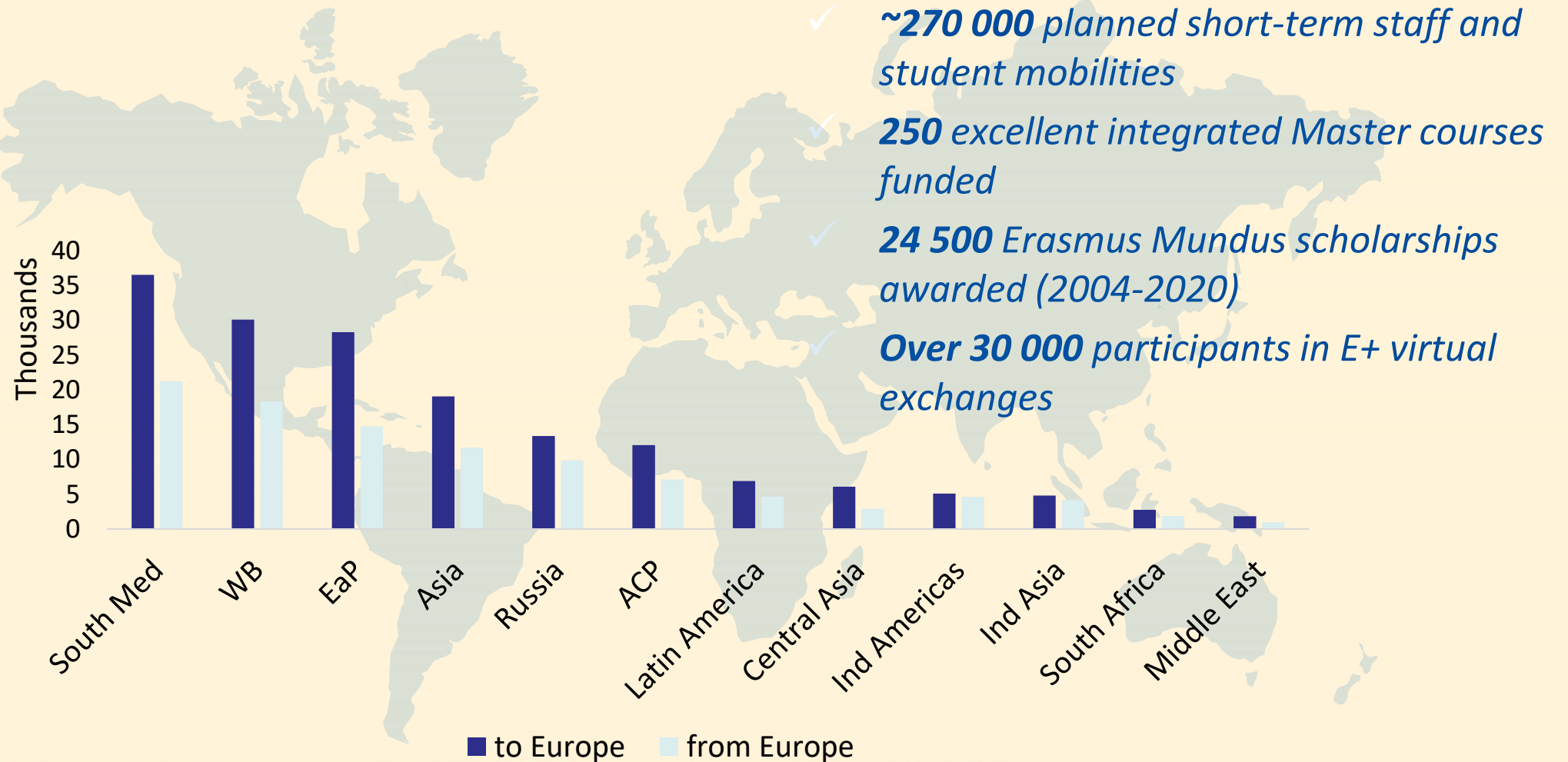


- **Strong international dimension,** linked to the European Education Area and the Digital Education Action Plan, allow:
  - cooperation between education and training institutions,
  - strengthen Europe's reputation,
  - support the green and digital transitions,
  - tackle current and future crisis.
- 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



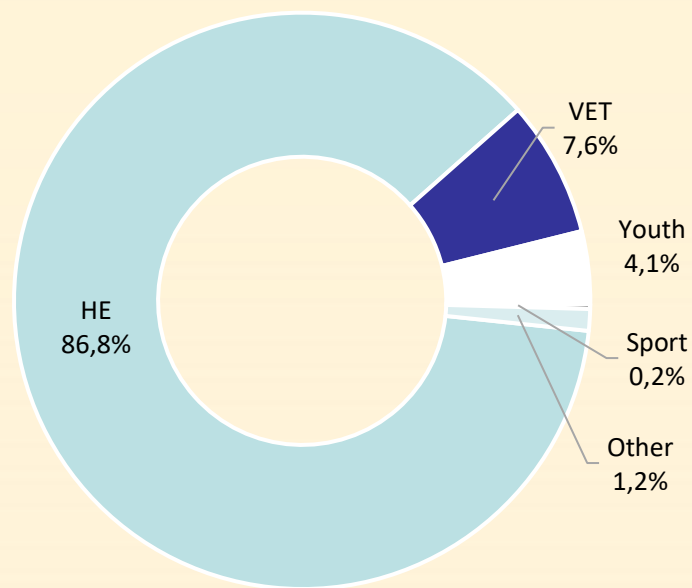


# International dimension of Erasmus+ 2014-2020 in key figures

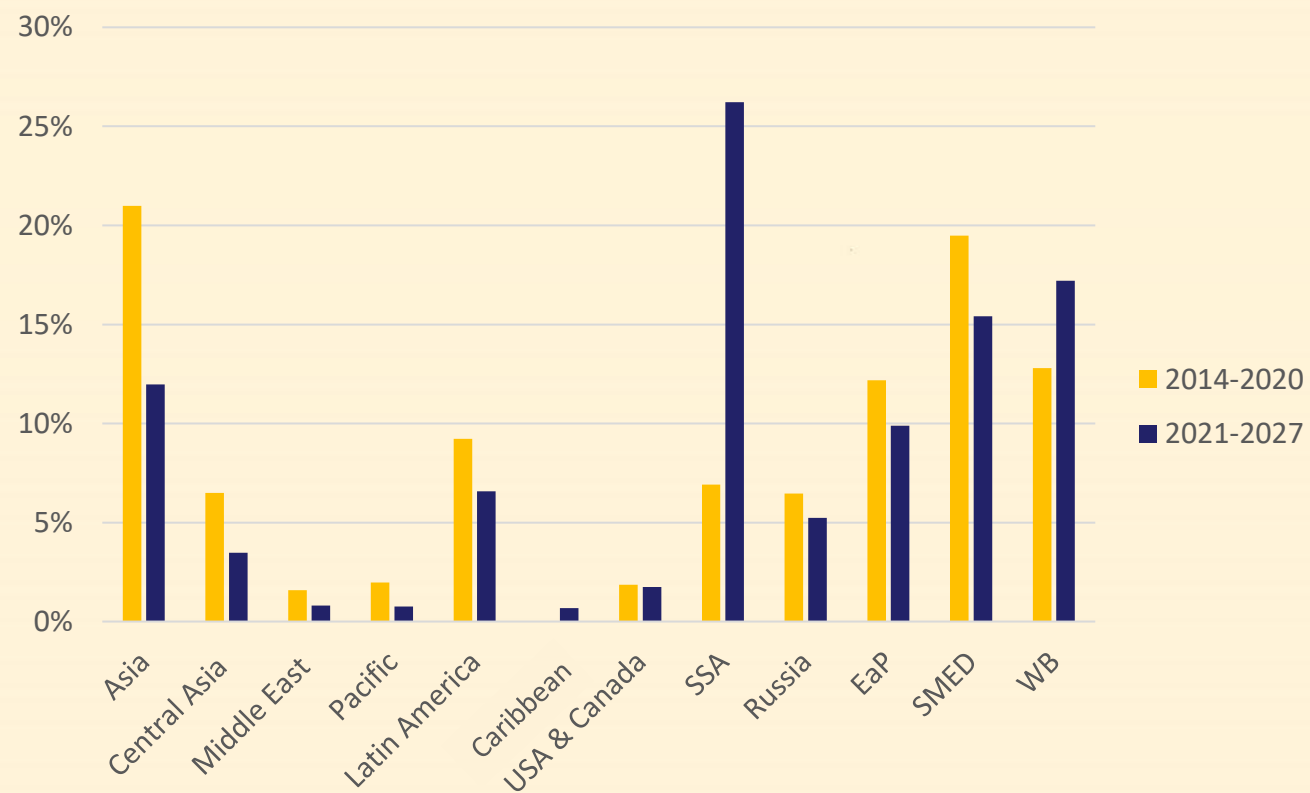


- 2021-2027 programme: mixed funding **E+ budget line** and **External financial instruments**
- External funding: **2.174 billion EUR** (1.932 billion EUR 2014-2020):

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





# Opportunities for other organisations

- ✓ Capacity Building for Youth – Western Balkans, South Med
- ✓ Capacity Building for VET – Neighbourhood, LAC, South Saharan Africa 
- ✓ Capacity Building for Sport – Western Balkans
- ✓ Erasmus+ youth mobility – Neighbourhood
- ✓ Erasmus Virtual Exchange – Neighbourhood, South Saharan Africa



# Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

- Changes already present in the 2021 Call
- Simplification, flexibility, inclusion.
- Institutions from **all over the world** may submit a proposal on behalf of an international consortium
- New terminology
- KA1 ➡ KA2
- New funding mechanism – incentives to sustainability
- **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**: New sub-action, supporting the design of high-level study programmes at master level; € 55k lump-sum



# Closer alignment of European international cooperation actions with the EU priorities

## Overarching priorities

- **Smart:** digital technology in the poorest countries by building foundations for digital skills, digital transformation and data technologies
- **Green deal:** including climate change, environment and energy; enabling a profound change in institutions and peoples' behaviour and skills.
- **Growth & Jobs:** foundational skills, 'soft' skills (e.g. problem solving, communication), and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM). Education and employability
- **Inclusion and diversity:** making education systems themselves more equitable.
- **Values:** laying the foundations for strengthening active citizenship and building specific expertise of future policy-makers in areas such as democracy, human rights and multilateralism
- **External policy priorities:** governance, peace and security, migration partnerships, SDGs





# National focal points

NEW

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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# Alumni associations

## WBAA

*Around 750 members  
5 selected projects in  
2020*

## ESAA

*ESN, EMA, gE and  
OCEANS  
More than 50 projects  
per year*

## ASAF

*Co-ambassadors in 24  
countries  
1<sup>st</sup> general forum in  
2021*



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