The Erasmus+ Agenda 2020: the German perspective

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The new EU programme generation 2014 -2020

**Current education programmes**

- Lifelong Learning Programme:
  - Grundtvig
  - Erasmus
  - Leonardo
  - Comenius
- International higher education Programmes (currently Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink)
- Youth in Action Programme

**The new integrated programme**

**Budget**: 14.5 billion euros

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**Combining sector-specificity with an action-oriented approach.**

**New action: sport**
Erasmus+: Budget 2014 - 2020

13.01 bn euros

E&T: 77.5% = 10.08 bn p.a. 1.44 bn

H.e.: 43% = 4.33 bn p.a. 619 mio.

Budget 2014 ??

1.5 bn euros

International dimension of higher education

p.a. 214 mio.

Budget 2014 ??
Key Action 1

KA1
Learning mobility of individuals
- Higher Education-

Decentralised

1. **Credit mobility:**
   International opening of Erasmus, more mobility of students and staff between EU – non EU in both directions

2. **Degree mobility:**
   Joint Master courses of excellent quality offered by consortium of EU/non EU universities to attract the very best students worldwide

3. **Student loan guarantee:**
   to boost degree mobility within Europe

**Credit learning mobility of students**
( short cycles/Bachelor/Master/Doctorate )
+ HE staff mobility

NEW: Erasmus open to the whole world in both directions for studies, traineeships, staff teaching and training

- For non-EU mobility: external policy priorities will apply

**Grants for Joint Master Courses**
Continuity: Erasmus Mundus Action 1

**Master Student Loan Guarantee**
NEW – 330 000 students

Budget share: 63%

Source: European Commission
**Key Action 2**

**KA2**

**Cooperation for innovation - Higher Education**

1. **Erasmus Strategic Partnerships:** more intense cooperation between institutions.

2. **Knowledge Alliances:** structured partnerships between HEI and businesses

3. **Specific support with neighbourhood countries (ENP):** Capacity building through partnerships between EU and ENP universities with a mobility component.

4. **Rest of the world:** Capacity building between universities in the EU and Asia, Latin America & Africa.

**HE Strategic Partnerships**

Support HEIs in their Modernisation strategy

**Knowledge Alliances**

University-business cooperation for more innovation

**Support to Neighbourhood countries (ENP)**

Partnerships between HEIs from EU and ENP

Curriculum development, modernisation, modern teaching and learning, improve HEIs governance, stronger links with the world of work, ...

+ **INTEGRATED MOBILITY** of students and staff

**Cooperation with Asia, Latin America and Africa**

Mobility limited to HEI staff to achieve projects’ objectives

Budget share: 28%

Source: European Commission
Higher Education in Erasmus+: Centralised measures

(1) Joint Master degrees (ex-Erasmus Mundus A1a; joint doctorates move to Horizon 2020)
(2) Knowledge Alliances
(3) International Partnerships (ex-Tempus, Alfa etc.)
(4) Master loan guarantee facility (administered by banks)
(5) Measures in key action 3 (policy reform)
Higher education in Erasmus+: Decentralised measures

(1) **Erasmus standard**: Intra-European mobility (3-12 months) of students (studies, traineeships and staff (teaching, training), enterprise staff from abroad (teaching assignments)

New elements highly appreciated by Germany:

- Multiple grants for students (in each study cycle) ✓
- Traineeships 2 -12 months ✓
- Teaching assistantships for students (ex-Comenius) ✓
- Recent graduate mobility (gap mobility for traineeships, ex-Leonardo) ✓
- Staff mobility 2 days to 2 months (for TA min. 8 hours) ✓
- Mobility consortia ✓
Higher education in Erasmus+: Decentralised measures

(2) Erasmus Mundus: International mobility (beyond Europe) of students (studies, traineeships) and staff (teaching, training)

New: This measure is a new decentralised measure (ex-Erasmus Mundus A2). According to the different financial instruments there will be specific regional limitations for mobility.

This measure will be administered similar to measure (1). Exceptions: Minimum duration of 5 days (excluding travel) for staff; no traineeships in the first programme years.

International mobility will be low due to limited budget.
(3) **Strategic partnerships**: Intra-European networks including institutions from minimum 3 countries (where justified, participation of international partners).

**New**: This measure is new and will be administered by National Agencies. The current Intensive Programmes will be part of SP.

Strategic partnerships will have separate application forms and deadlines, contracts for 2-3 years, and a modular structure.

Possible activities: Development of joint study programmes and modules, Intensive programmes, university-business cooperation, transnational collaboration of *student support services*, long-term mobility of staff.
**Key Action 3**

**KA3**

**Policy support - Higher Education**


2. Support development and implementation of EU transparency tools and EU wide networks.


**Budget share: 4.2%**

- TWG (thematic working group) on modernisation of higher education
  - Peer review
  - Policy experimentation

- ECTS guide review
  - ECTS labels

- NARIC network cooperation
  - Sustaining projects, EAR manual

- Bologna process

- Ranking initiative, QA, Studies
  - Large scale projects with partners
    - governance, tracking, autonomy (ex-ECA)

- Policy dialogue with selected world partners

*Source: European Commission*
Erasmus+ in Germany: many hopes and some fears

**Hopes:**
1. Attractive programme for more institutions: 356 German institutions applied for Erasmus Charter 2014;
2. New measures for mobility & cooperation and additional opportunities to support the internationalisation strategies of institutions;
3. Better visibility and user-friendliness of the programme;
4. Intensified cross-sectoral cooperation;
5. Simplified programme administration;

**Fears:**
1. Budget too small;
2. Additional administrative burden (grant corridors, new learning agreements, new inter-institutional agreements, mobility tool);
3. Intra-institutional change of responsibilities.
Thank you for listening!