

Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education

ERI SEE seminar on
removing obstacles to
recognition of qualifications

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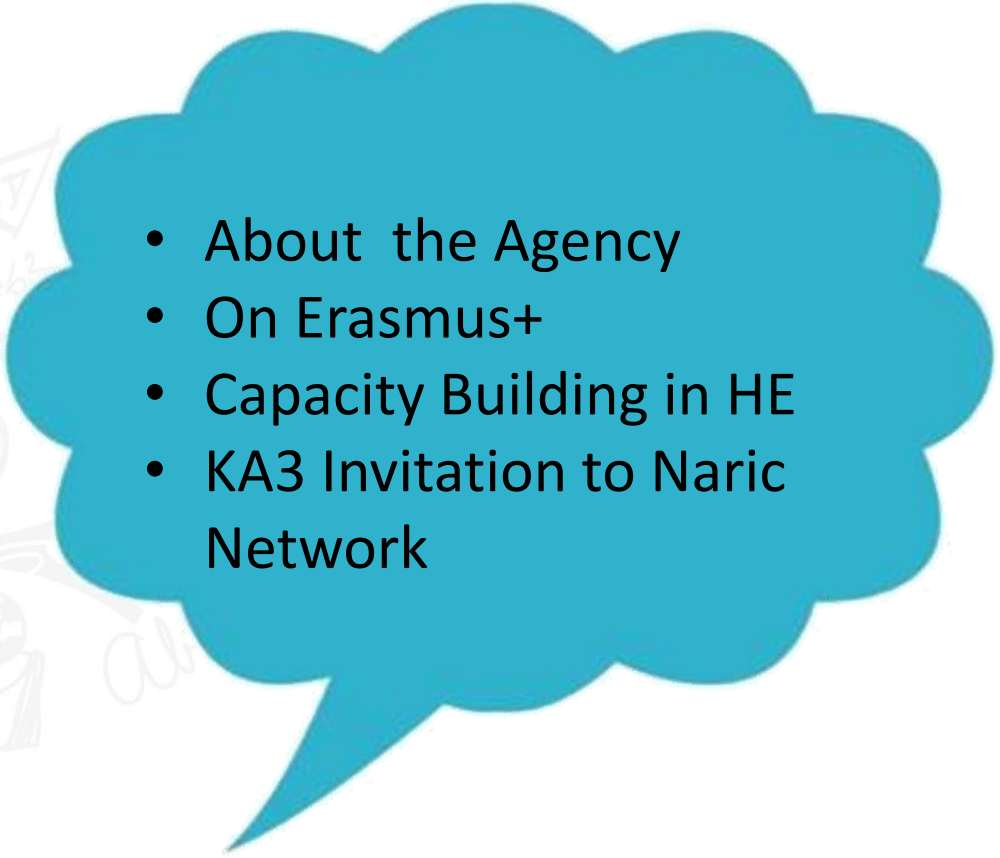
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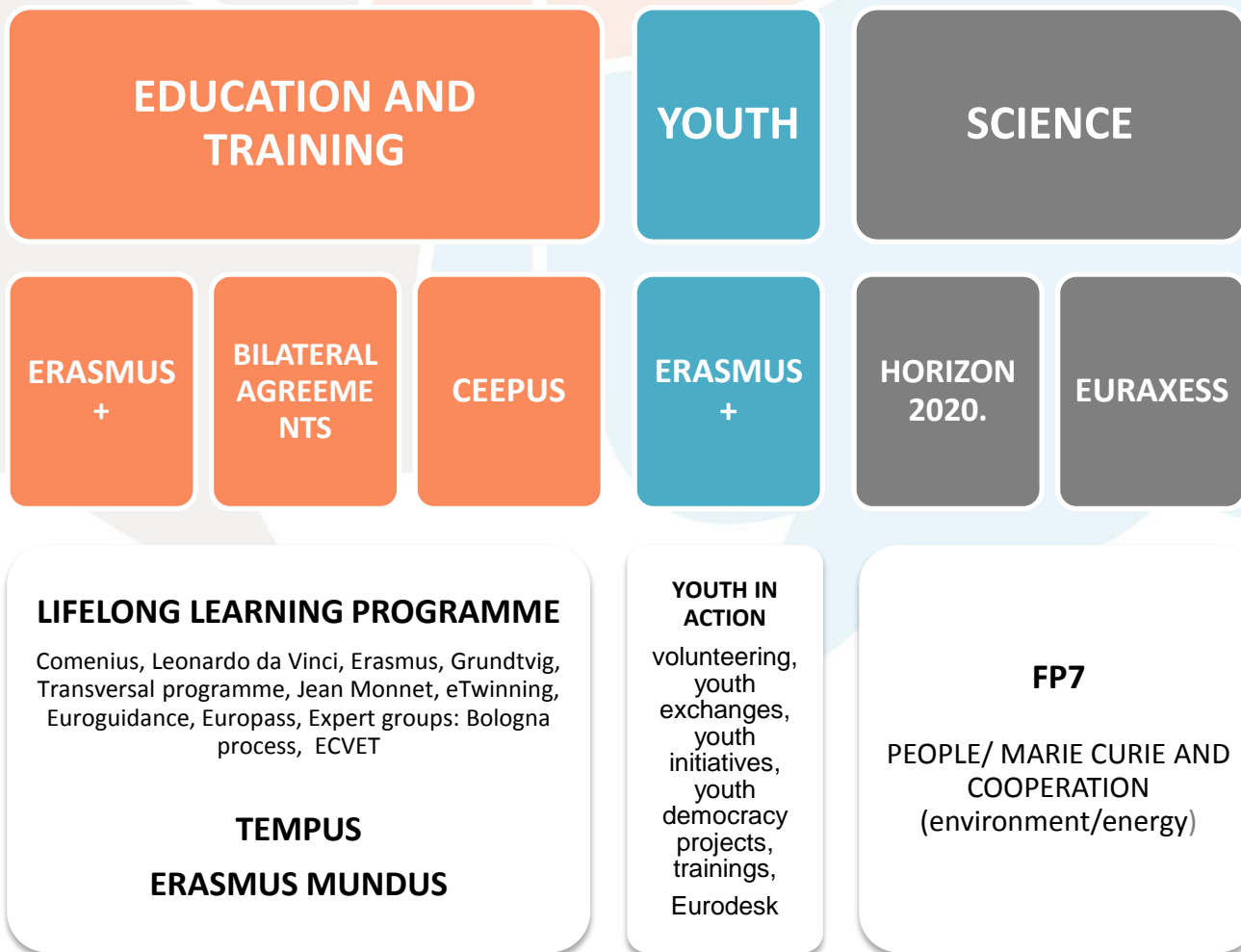


Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

2007.	Government of the Republic of Croatia established AMEUP
Scope of activities	Education, youth and science
PURPOSE	Improving the system by internalization
INSTRUMENTS	International mobility and cooperation
NAU	MSES AND MSPY
2010.	European Commission accreditation for LLP & YiA
2011.	Croatia gains full participation in the programmes
1. January 2014.	National agency implementing Erasmus+



AMEUP activites

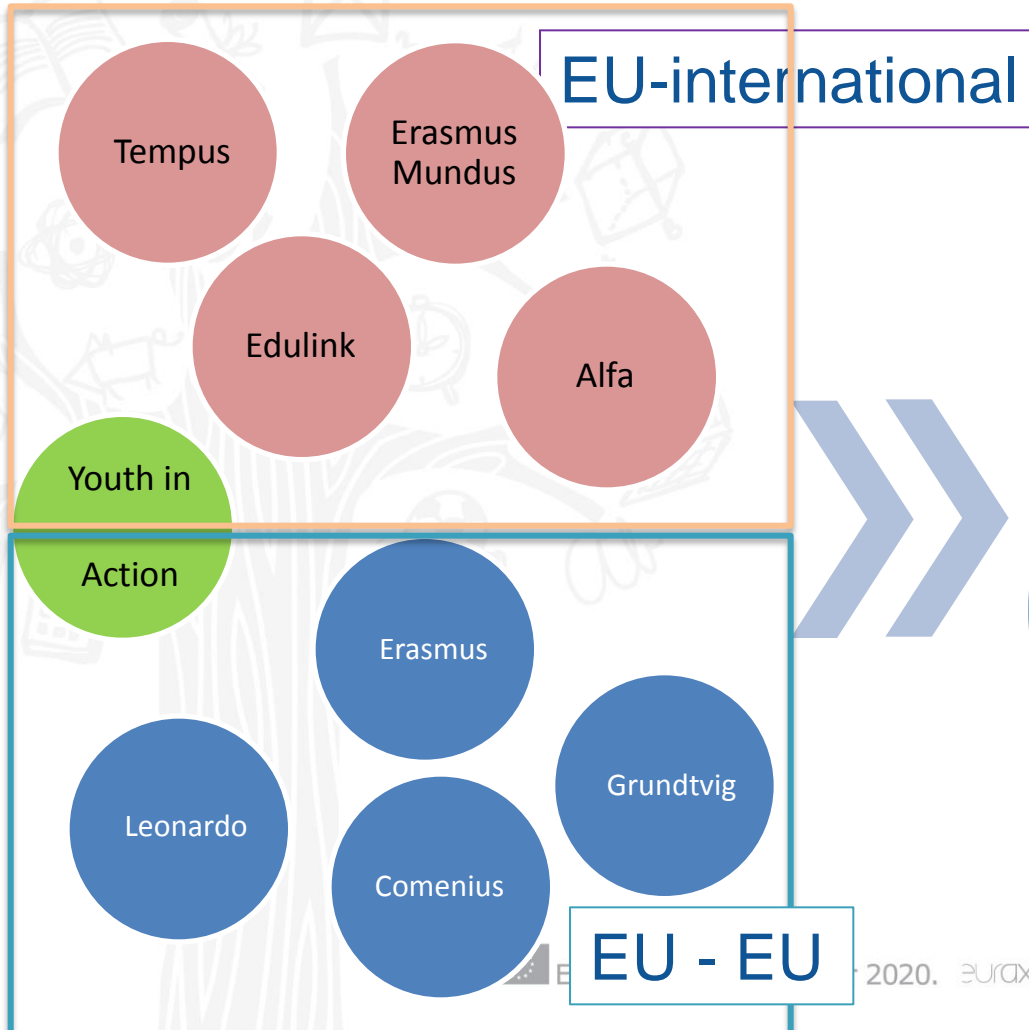


What is Erasmus+ ?

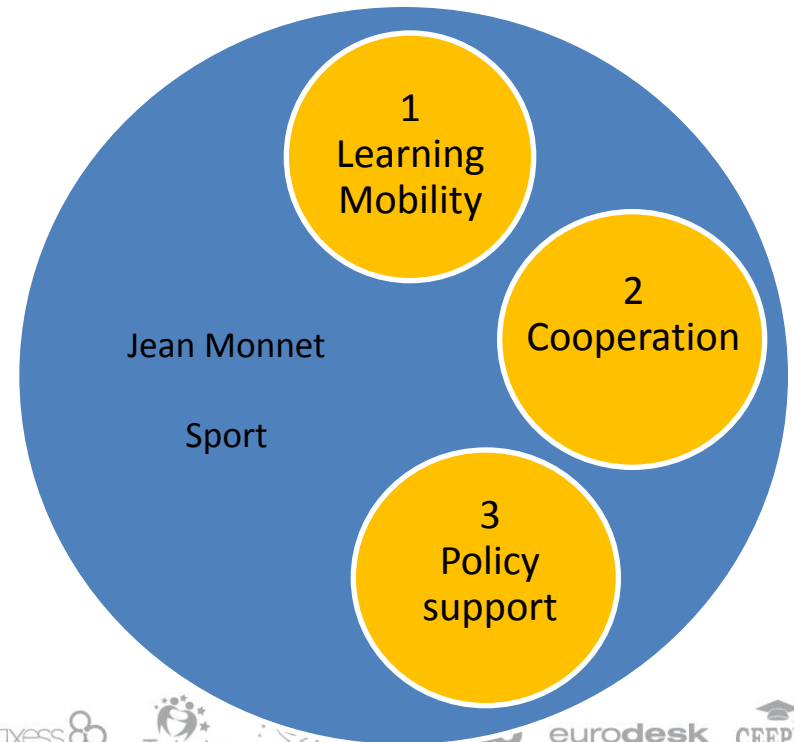
- The EU's programme to support education, training youth & sport
- Funding for programmes, projects & scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU & EU-international cooperation
- Contributes to objectives of ET 2020

2007-2013

2014-2020



ERASMUS+





ERASMUS+ IMPORTANT FEATURES:

- Recognition and validation of skills and qualifications
- International dimension
- Equity and inclusion
- Multilingualism
- Dissemination and exploitation of project results

Part of Erasmus+

- Successor of Tempus, Alfa and Edulink

EU External Policies

- Internationalisation and Modernisation of Universities

What is it all about?

- Improve the **modernisation** and **quality** of HE and relevance for the **labour market** and society
- Improve the **competences** and **skills** in HEIs via **innovative** education programmes
- Increased capacities of **national authorities** to modernise their **higher education systems**
- Enhance the **management, governance** and innovation **capacities**, as well as the **internationalisation** of HEIs
- Foster **regional** integration+ **cooperation** between different regions of the world

Programme Countries

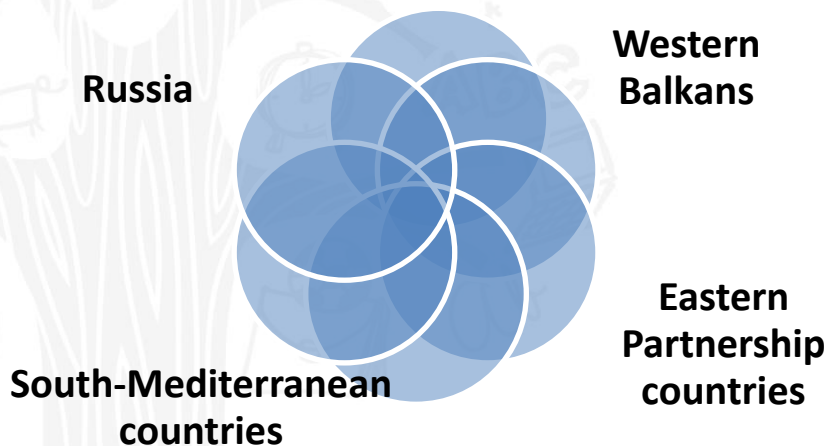
EU Member States:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Other programme countries:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU



- Other Partner Countries



Joint Projects:

=> Impact
Institutions

curriculum development

university governance &
management

Links between HE **institutions**
and the wider economic and
social environment

Structural Projects:

=> Impact Systems

modernisation of policies, governance and
management of higher education systems

Links between HE **systems** and the wider
economic and social environment

Structural projects- examples of activities

Internationalisation and Bologna Process

- ECTS
- 3 cycles
- recognition of degrees etc.

Quality

- Qualification Frameworks
- assurance systems/guidelines

Innovation

- policy making + monitoring
(including the establishment of representative bodies, organisations or associations)

**Western Balkans, South-Mediterranean
and Eastern Partnership countries ONLY**

Complementary for Joint and Structural projects

Additional to the core budget

For whom?

Students registered in HEIs involved in project consortia
Staff employed in a HEI or enterprise in project consortia

Ineligible:

Programme Country to Programme Country flows
Programme Country to Partner Country flows for Staff training purposes



National Projects

**(1 Partner Country only + min.
3 Programme Countries)**

Min.1 HEI from each
Programme Country

Min.3 HEI from the Partner
Country

At least as many
Partner Country HEIs as
Programme Country HEIs

STRUCTURAL
PROJECTS: Partner
Country
Ministries for HE
must participate

Multi-Country Projects

**(≥ 2 Partner Countries+ min.
3 Programme Countries)**

Min.1 HEI from each
Programme Country

Min.2 HEI from **each** Partner
Country

At least as many
Partner Country HEIs as Programme
Country HEIs



Eligible Applicants

**State-recognised public or private
Higher Education Institutions**

**Associations/ Organizations of Higher
Education Institutions**

**Only for Structural Projects: recognized
national or international rector, teacher
or student organisations.**

**Applications can be submitted by organisations located either in
Programme or Partner countries**

Each participating organisation can be located either in a Programme or in an eligible Partner country

As Full Partners:

State-recognised public or private HEIs

Any public or private organisation active in the labour market or in the fields of education, training and youth (e.g. enterprise, NGO) etc.)

Associations or organisations of HEIs with main focus on HE

As Associated Partners:

International governmental organisation (self-financing basis)

Other institutions

**not considered as part of the consortium
and cannot benefit from any financial support from
the project**

Consortium example

multi-country project within one region

Min. 2 Partner Countries
Min. 2 HEIs each

- Min. 3 Programme Countries:
- Min. 1 HEI each



Belgrade University

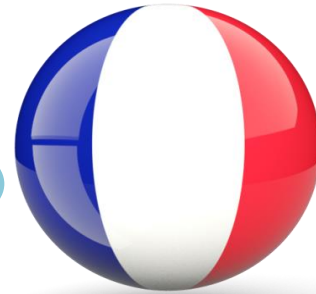
Novi Sad University



Durazzo University

Tirana University

Paris University



London University



Ankara University



National Projects

Defined by the **Ministries of Education** in close consultation with the EU Delegations

Must address
National priorities set for Partner Country in Regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 10
Regional priorities for the regions where no national priorities are established: Regions 6, 8, 9, 11

Multi-Country Projects

Defined by the **Commission** and based on EU's external policy priorities

Must address
the **regional priorities** for countries in the same region (regional projects)
or
regional / national priority common to different regions (cross-regional projects)

Regional priorities for Western Balkans:

- Learning and teaching tools, methodologies and pedagogical approaches (e.g. Learning outcomes, ICT based learning)
- Governance, strategic planning and management of HEIs
- Internationalisation of HEIs
- Acces to and democratisation of HE
- Non-University sector at tertiary education level
- University enterprise cooperation , entrepreneurship, employability of graduates
- **Qualification Frameworks and recognition of qualifications**
- Defition, implementation and monitoring of the reform process

Instrument financier		Indicative total amount to be published for the 2 nd Call €	<i>Indicative no. of projects to be funded</i>
IPA		13,17	16
ENI	South	28,57	36
	East	13,86	17
	Russia	6,89	8
DCI	Asia	35,38	45
	Central Asia	9,20	11
	Middle East	1,90	2
	<i>Special window Iran</i>	0,69	1
	Latin America	13,10	16
	South Africa	3,42	4
EDF	ACP Countries	5,29	8
TOTAL		131,47	

Budget and duration

Duration 24
or 36 Months

Min. 500,000
Euros - Max.
1,000,000
Euros

Excluding
mobility
strand

Real Costs
and Unit
Costs

5 Budget
Headings

- A unit cost is a fixed contribution which is multiplied by the specific number of units to cover the costs linked to the implementation of a specific activity or task.
- EU Grants : 2 important principles: Non profit & Co-funding
- How to respect these principles under a "unit cost" approach?
- E+ Unit Cost amounts are the result of a statistical analysis carried out on real project costs from previous generation of programmes (LLP, Erasmus Mundus, Jean Monnet, Tempus, etc.)
- For CBHE, the simulation carried out on former Tempus projects showed that "statistically" the combination of real and unit costs corresponded +/- to 90% of their total eligible costs.

Budget categories

Staff costs (max 40%)

4 Staff Categories (Manager, Researcher/Teacher/Trainer, Technician, Administrator)

Travel costs

Students/staff from partners in countries involved in the project from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return.

Costs of stay

Subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport, personal or optional health insurance.

Equipment (max 30%)

Purchased exclusively for the benefit of HEIs in the Partner Countries

Sub-contracting (max 10%)

Exceptional for services related to competences that can't be found in the consortia

Summary of Results 1st Call

Proposals recommended for funding: 140 (27% from 515 submitted)

Proposals with Partner Country coordinator: 28 (20%)

Joint Projects: 122 (87%)

Structural Projects: 18 (13%)

National: 53 (38%)

Multi-country: 87 (62%)

Average consortium size: 12 partners (*min. 6 –max. 34*)

Average budget: 880.000 €

Results from the 1st call

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Regions	Received applications	Selected Applications	Success Rate
Region 1 - Western Balkans	65	15	23%
Region 2 - Eastern Partnership Countries	169	23	14%
Region 3 - South Mediterranean Countries	143	40	28%
Region 4 - Russian Federation	57	13	23%
Region 6 - Asia	36	27	75%
Region 7 - Central Asia	80	23	29%
Region 8 - Latin America	64	19	30%
Region 9 - Iran, Iraq, Yemen	2	2	100%
Region 10 - South Africa	5	4	80%

Regional Data cannot be added since the same project can involve several regions

Key messages for the 2016 call

- ✓ **Intensify efforts to encourage the cooperation with Asian countries;**
- ✓ **Disseminate widely the new opportunity to cooperate with ACP countries;**
- ✓ **Pay particular attention to the eligibility criteria, mainly minimum number of nationally recognised HEIs in consortia;**
- ✓ **Respect strictly the national / regional priorities addressed to each Partner Country affecting the score on Relevance (threshold of 50% must be reached to pass to the next selection stages);**
- ✓ **Insist on the need to empower the Partner Country partners from the early stages of the proposal preparation.**



- **More information on CBHE and application forms:**

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices/capacity-0_en

- **Applications to be submitted using an *eForm* with attachments**
- **Eform available from 4 December 2015**

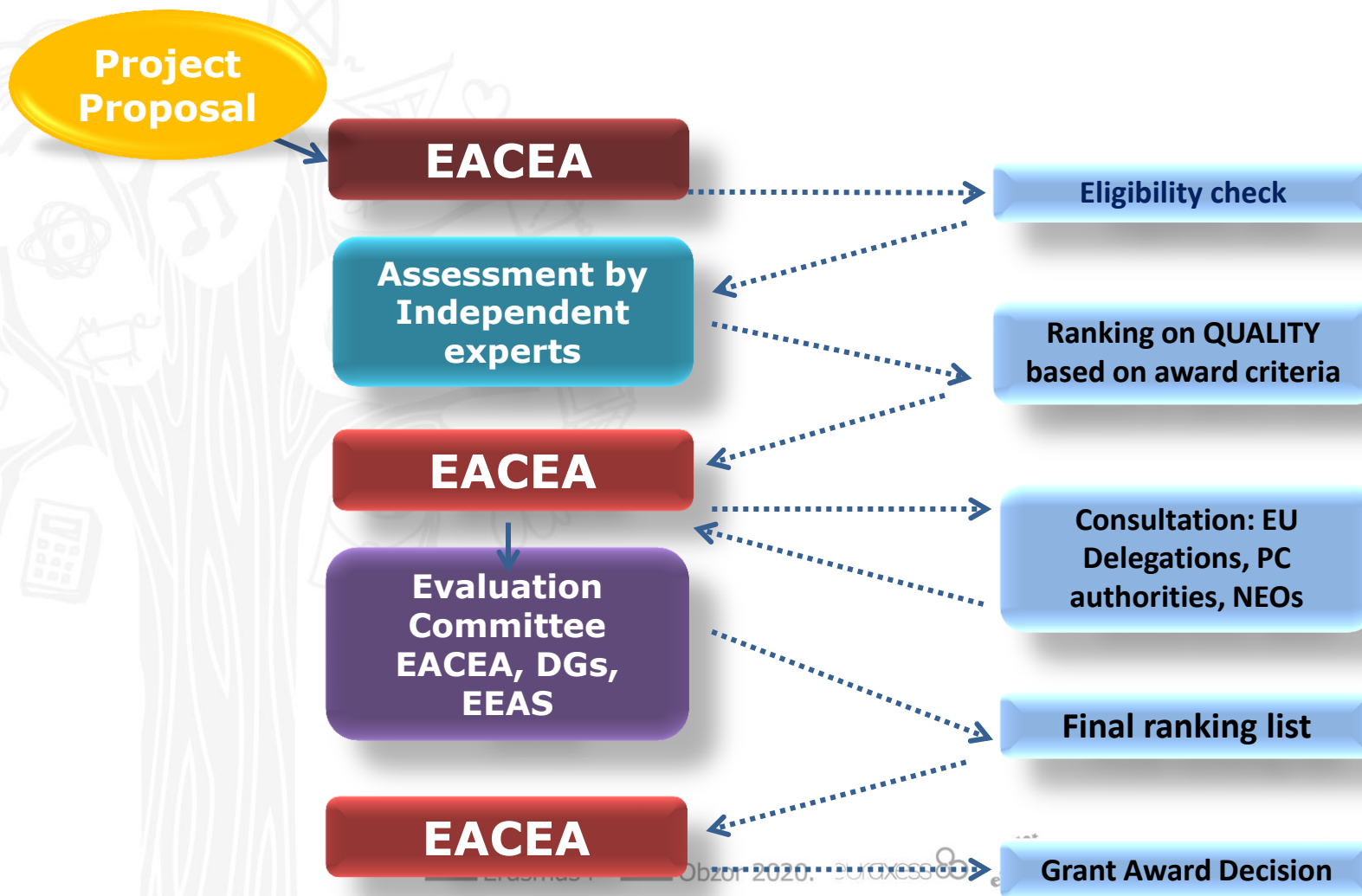
eForm (PDF Adobe doc)

- A. Identification of the applicant and other partners
- B. Description of the project (summary information)
- C. Specific information related to CBHE

Detailed project description (Word doc. Attached to eForm)

- D. Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements
- E. Project characteristics and relevance
- F. Quality of the project design and implementation
- G. Impact, dissemination and exploitation, sustainability; LFM; Workplan
- H. Work packages
- I. Special Mobility Strand (where applicable)
- J. Other EU Grants

Selection process



Selection roadmap

Steps	Date
Publication Erasmus+ CBHE Call for Proposals	October 2015
Deadline for submission of applications	10 February 2016, 12:00 CET
Verification of eligibility of project proposals	<u>February – March 2016</u>
Assessment of projects by experts (remotely)	mid-March – mid May 2016
Consultation procedure	<u>mid-May – mid-June 2016</u>
Evaluation Committee for selection of projects	early July 2016
Sending for signature of Award decision by Agency AO	mid-July 2016
Notification of applicants & publication of results	end-July 2016
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August-September 2016
Start of eligibility period	15 October 2016

Relevance
(30 points)

**Quality of
Design +
Implementation**
(30 points)

**Quality of
Team +
Cooperation
arrangements**
(20 points)

**Impact and
Sustainability**
(20 points)

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least 60 points in total and - out of these points at least 15 points for "Relevance"

Centrally managed (EACEA) but local support :

International E+ Contact Points (**ICPs**) in Programme Countries

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/international-erasmus-plus-contact-points_en

National Erasmus+ Offices (**NEOs**) in certain Partner Countries (PCs)

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices_en

More Information:

Erasmus+ website - EACEA

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

Programme Guide Version 3 (2015)

Erasmus+ website – EU Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm



KA3- Support for policy reform

Co funding of NARIC project proposals

- Supporting National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC)
- New invitation to submit projects in 2016?

1. Projects for the benefit of the NARIC network

- Promoting recognition in the European setting in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Bologna Process, through
- Contributing to other higher education reforms in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Bologna Process:

2. Project for the benefit of the ENIC-NARIC networks via a consortium of NARIC centres

- Hosting the annual joint ENIC / NARIC networks meeting
- Hosting, developing and maintaining the ENIC / NARIC website



KA3- Support for policy reform

Co funding of NARIC project proposals

- Applicants: only NARIC centres (min. consortium 3 NARICS)
- ENICs (or any other organisation active in the field) can participate in projects and may benefit from the grant but their financial support through an EU grant is limited to up to 25 % of the total eligible cost of the project
- EC grant= up to 75% of total costs
- Budget for the project type 1. 650.000 Euro



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