



Overview from Brussels – Erasmus+ team – what is Erasmus+ for, how can it be used, what are the opportunities in the region?

Strengthening CSOs' skills by exploring the EU Programmes
funding opportunities

27 March 2025

Agenda

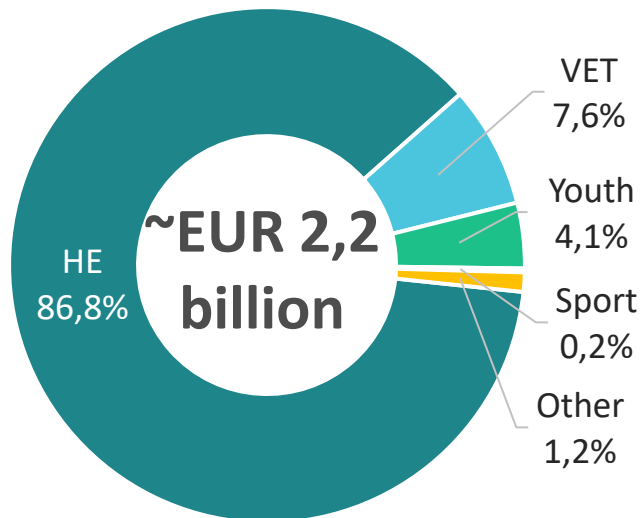
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2. E+ opportunities
3. Examples of projects

What is Erasmus+?

- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters intra-European (among the 33 E+ countries) and **international cooperation**
- **North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye are fully associated to E+ (as well as Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway)**

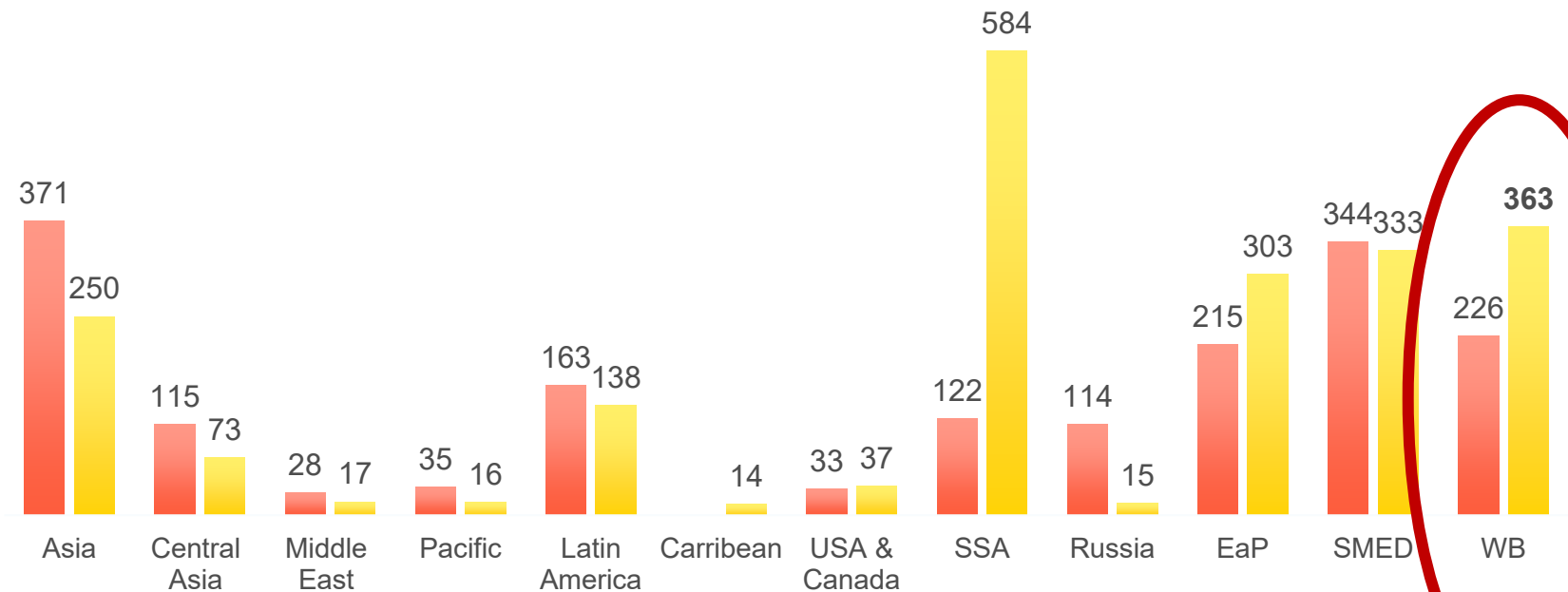
Erasmus+ International dimension: Heading 6 funding

International actions
budget per sector
2021-2027



External instruments budget per region

2014-2020 2021-2027



WB here means Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo* and Montenegro

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

What is available for Western Balkans - Overview

HIGHER EDUCATION

- International Credit Mobility
- European Outgoing mobility (KA131)
- European Universities (as of call 2023)
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters & Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- Capacity Building for Higher Education
- Jean Monnet activities
- Cooperation Partnerships*
- Alliances for Innovation*

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

YOUTH

- Youth exchanges and youth workers mobility
- Capacity building in Youth
- Erasmus Virtual Exchanges (Youth/ HE)
- Cooperation Partnerships*

SPORT

- Capacity building in Sport

* Conditional access - partners from non-associated countries must prove added value to the project



Capacity Building for Higher Education

- Develop and adapt curricula, in terms of content and teaching/learning methods
- Support university-enterprise cooperation
- Work on upskilling of academic and administrative staff
- Reform of governance and management systems at national, regional or HEI level
- Foster internationalisation of universities in research, scientific and technological innovation
- Introduce Bologna-type reforms at institutional, national or regional level
- Develop new approaches and tools for policy making and monitoring

CB HE – Some key features

Application via EACEA

Applicant is based in EU Member States and associated countries or in eligible third countries not associated to the Programme

Duration: 2 or 3 years

EU grant per project:
Min 200 000 € - Max 1 000 000 €

- Three types of project with different budget ranges:
1. **FOSTERING ACCESS TO COOPERATION IN HE** (24-36 months): smaller scope projects focused on universities & LDCs – priority to newcomers
 2. **PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSFORMATION IN HE** (24-36 months): larger-scale projects focused on innovation, university/business and governance
 3. **STRUCTURAL REFORM PROJECTS** (36-48 months): focus on policy reforms - require involvement of ministries

Capacity Building on Vocational Education and Training

They aim to support the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in third countries **not associated to the Programme** as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development.

Build capacity of VET providers to strengthen cooperation between private and public stakeholders in the field of VET for demand-oriented and opportunity-driven VET interventions;

Improve the quality and responsiveness of VET to economic and social developments to enhance the labour market relevance of skills provision;

Align VET provision to local, regional and national development strategies

CBVET – Main features

Applicant is based in EU Member States
and associated countries

Duration: 1, 2 or 3 years

EU grant per project:
Min 100 000 € - Max 400 000 €

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EACEA



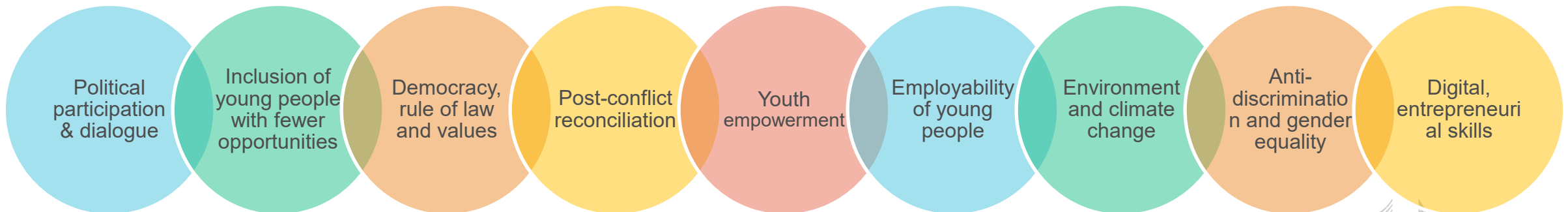
Capacity Building in the field of Youth

Objectives

- Support social engagement, solidarity and cross-border mobility
- Develop youth work in **non-associated third countries**
- Promote non-formal learning
- Ensure that young people have tools to take part in society.



Examples of cooperation themes



CB Youth – Main features

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Application via
EACEA



Duration: 1, 2 or 3 years

EU grant per project:
Min 100 000 € - Max 300 000 €

Capacity Building in Sport

Objectives:

- Raise grassroots sport organisations capacity
- Support practice of sport and physical activity
- Promote social inclusion through sport
- Promote positive values through sport (fair play, tolerance, team spirit...)
- Foster cooperation across different regions of the world through joint initiatives.

Duration: 1, 2 or 3 years
EU grant per project:
Min 100 000 € - Max 200 000 €



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Application via
EACEA

Some examples of actual CB projects from WB region

- [Search | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

Addressing Discrimination and Radicalization at Youth Work through Art Based Approach

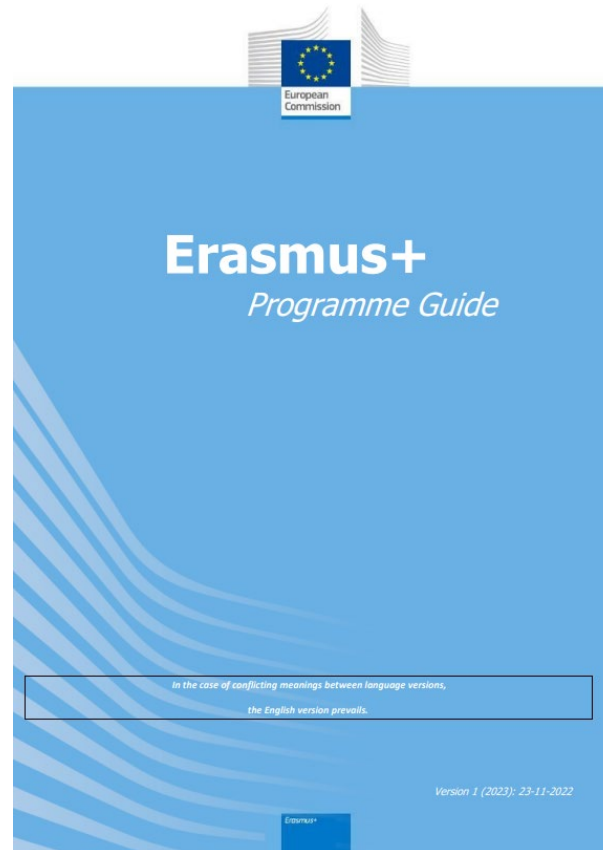
(coordinating NGO from AL, with participants from: AL,IT,EL,ES,MK,XK,RO)

ORA: capacity building to generate innovative approaches in youth work

(coordinating NGO from BiH, with participants from: BiH,BE,BG,RO,AL,DE,RS,IT)

Key reference tool: the E+ programme guide

Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2025 (Version 1) - Erasmus+



More info on how to make use of E+ opportunities

- <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>
- <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/funding-calls>
- https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/how-to-apply?pk_source=website&pk_medium=banner&pk_campaign=funding-list
- https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en
- [F&TP Online Manual](#)
- [Video tutorials: How to get a grant](#)
- [Webinar: F&TOP for beginners](#)

Thank you



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