



# Erasmus+

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## Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility between programme and partner countries (KA 107)

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## Overview

- **Background and mobility opportunities**
- **Budget structure and uptake**
- **Application process**

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## Mobility for higher education students and staff

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- Introduced in 2015 = academic year 2015/16
- Credit mobility for higher education students and staff from partner to programme countries and vice versa
- On a bilateral basis between institutions and not within a defined partnership
- Mobility settings similar to the „regular“ Erasmus programme within European programme countries
- Available budget foresees fixed amounts for certain regions and country groups
- Decentralised action administrated by national agencies

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## Mobility opportunities for students

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- Study stays
  - 3 months minimum and 12 months maximum duration
- Currently **no funding** opportunities for **traineeships**
  - Planned to be introduced in the near future
- Individual support and travel grant
  - **Outgoing** students from Austria: 650 Euro per month
  - **Incoming** students to Austria : 850 Euro per month
  - Travel grant calculation based on distance between sending and receiving institution („**distance band**“)
    - > Distance band between Austria and Israel provides **360 Euro** per participant

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### Mobility opportunities for higher education staff

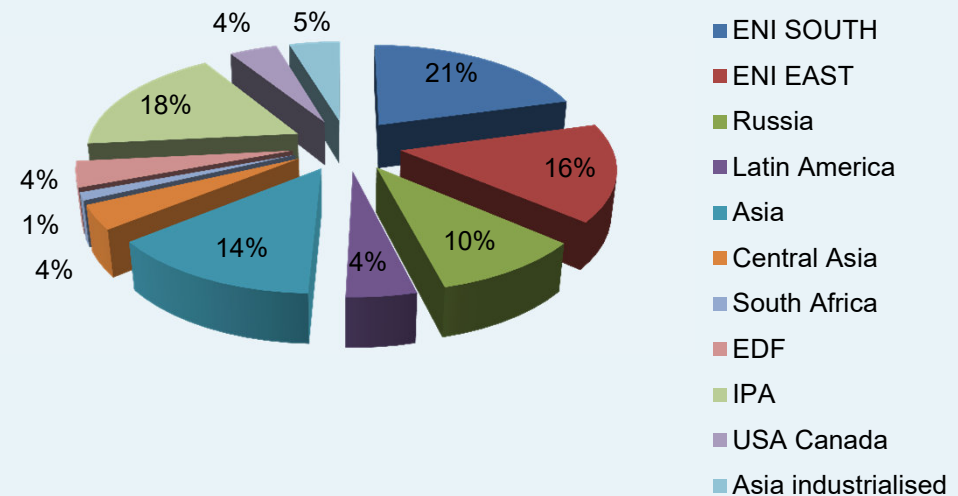
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- Staff mobility for teaching/training
  - 5 days minimum and 2 months maximum duration
  - Mobilities that do not contain teaching or training character (e. g. preparatory visits) not eligible for funding
- Individual support and travel grant
  - Outgoing staff from Austria: 160 Euro per day
  - Incoming staff to Austria: 140 Euro per day
  - Travel grant calculation based on distance between sending and receiving institution („distance band“)
    - > Distance band between Austria and Israel provides 360 Euro per participant

# Erasmus+ international Budget structure

## Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Total Budget Call 2016: **135,7 Mio. Euro**

- Austria's share: 2,8 Mio. Euro (= 2,01 %)
- Budget split into five financial instruments and 11 budget envelopes
- Budget distribution focusses the European Union's foreign policy priority regions



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## Financial instruments and budget envelopes

### ■ ENI Southern Partnership

Financial instrument	Budget share in Euro	Countries
ENI Southern Partnership	<b>568.170</b>	Algeria, Egypt, <b>Israel</b> , Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

- Budget envelope without specifications:
  - All type of mobility flows (staff, students – all cycles) are allowed in both directions can be organized
  - No presettings regarding the budget distribution among the countries contained in the envelope

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## Budget consumption Call 2016 (1st round)

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Africa, Caribbean and Pacific	107.819,00	105.175,00	97,5%
Asia	363.459,00	696.306,80	191,6%
Central Asia	113.234,00	0,00	0,0%
Eastern Partnership	429.351,00	463.484,12	107,9%
Industrialised Americas	114.287,00	354.300,00	310,0%
Industrialised Asia	121.146,00	348.194,00	287,4%
Latin America	119.708,00	304.540,00	254,4%
Russian Federation	257.660,00	297.060,00	115,3%
South Africa	35.458,00	33.530,00	94,6%
<b>ENI Southern Partnership</b>	<b>568.170,00</b>	<b>265.545,75</b>	<b>46,7%</b>
Western Balkans	523.986,00	669.351,33	127,7%

Source: European Commission



## Erasmus+ International Application process

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- **Applications** for funding to be submitted exclusively by higher education **institutions** from **programme countries**
- Possibility to cooperate with **several institutions** from the same partner country within **one project**
- **Annual call** for applications: next deadline **February 2017**
  - **No 2nd round** of applications from 2017 on!
- **Before** submission: completion of **letter of intent**
- **After** project **approval**: signing of **bilateral agreement**

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### Quality assessment

- **Quality assessment** of applications decides about **eligibility** for funding
- Assessment and budget distribution done by **national agencies**
- Argumentative text split up into **4 categories** in which the applicant **explains** the **planned mobility cooperation**
- **Partner** country's institution's **perspective** is **important** as well!
  - Need for **intense exchange** of ideas between institutions beforehand
- Total score of **60** out of **100 points** per partner country necessary to be considered for **funding**

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### Application process: what to keep in mind

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- Focus the facts that make your project **unique** and **special**, avoid being too generic
- **Elaborate** why the planned mobilities are **important** for both institutions involved
- Make **use** of **existing** cooperations and **networks**
- Think about **complementarity**: Ongoing CBHE project – why not add KA 107 mobility exchange?
- Consider **staff exchange** as a **trailblazer** for further and more intense cooperation
  - Staff exchange takes up less budget than student mobility > therefore better chances to receive funding

### KA 107 projects between Austrian and Israeli HEIs

- **Call 2015 (both rounds):** 6 projects (total grant amount EUR 226.000)
- **Call 2016 (1st round):** 3 projects (total grant amount EUR 215.000)
- **Call 2016 (2nd round):** 4 applications (total requested grant EUR 110.000)
  - Deadline for 2nd round Call 2016 was September 15th > quality assessment and selection process to be completed

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