

Erasmus+ international centralised actions - What to expect in 2019

The information below is only a snapshot of the main changes planned to the international dimension of Erasmus+ in call 2019. Applicants should consult the 2019 Programme Guide and supporting documents when preparing their proposal.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

The deadline for applications is **14 February 2019** at 12:00 (Brussels time, CET) for projects starting between 1 August and 31 October 2019.

New Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters with Japan

The European Commission has teamed up with the Japanese government to support EU-Japan joint Master programmes in the framework of the EU's EMJMDs. The first joint call will seek to attract prestigious consortia of European and Japanese universities to develop highly integrated joint Master programmes. Each consortium must consist of at least 3 higher education institutions (HEI) from Erasmus+ Programme Countries¹ and at least one HEI from Japan. The call budget is expected to fund between 3 and 4 joint projects, each supporting 4 consecutive student intakes of 1 to 2 academic years. Projects will receive up to a maximum of 64 scholarships, co-funded by the EU and the Japanese government, to attract excellent students. The call will be launched in October together with the EMJMD call, albeit with a later deadline of 1 April 2019 (instead of 14 February for EMJMDs).

More Erasmus Mundus scholarships for the Western Balkans

For the first time since the launch of the programme, the Western Balkans will benefit from a ring-fenced budget window of €5 million, which we estimate will fund an additional 100 scholarships for students from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro. Applicants from the Western Balkans will continue to be eligible for the general Erasmus Mundus scholarship budget as well.

Capacity Building in Higher Education

The deadline for applications is **7 February 2019** at 12:00 (Brussels time, CET). CBHE projects can start on **15 November 2019 or 15 January 2020**, and run for 24 or 36 months.

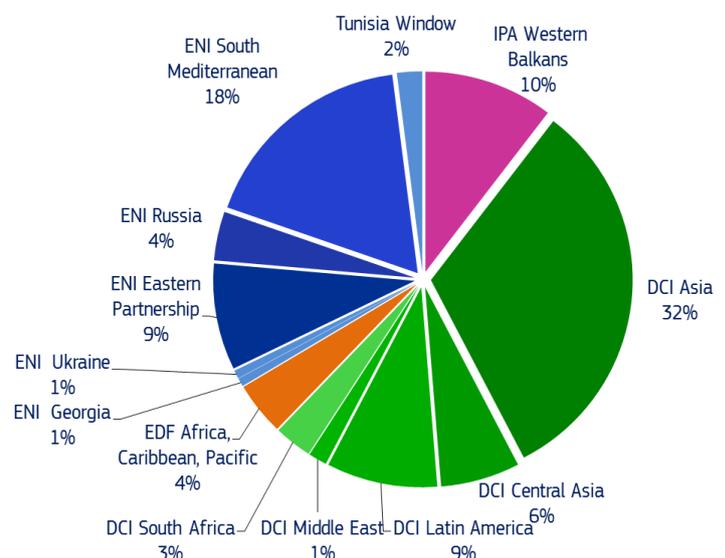
Budget envelopes and Partner Countries

The 2019 budget will be broadly similar to the previous call's budget, both in terms of overall size and in terms of the number of envelopes. In addition to **10 discrete budget envelopes** covering each region of the world, the European Commission is providing additional funding for a number of priority countries:

- **€3 million Tunisia**
- **€1 million Georgia**
- **€1 million Ukraine**

Now a fully-fledged Programme Country from call 2019, **the Republic of Serbia will no longer qualify as an eligible Partner Country** under CBHE. With no compensating decrease foreseen to the IPA budget for the Western Balkans, the rest of the region will benefit from even greater opportunities for cooperation projects. The new unit costs for Serbian staff are detailed in the Programme Guide. Applicants are invited to pay particular attention to the consequences of Serbia's change of status when putting together their proposal.

Estimated 2019 CBHE Budget



¹ https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about/who-can-take-part_en

Having graduated from the OECD's DAC List of recipients eligible to receive official development assistance (ODA), from 2019 **Chile and Uruguay will not be considered as eligible Partner Countries for CBHE projects**. Although they will not be grant beneficiaries, universities and other organisations from these countries will be able to participate as "associated partners" in CBHE projects and benefit from the project results.

Jean Monnet activities

The deadline for applications is **22 February 2019** at 12:00 (Brussels time, CET) for projects starting on 1 September 2019.

Priority countries eligible to apply for an additional **€3.5 million Partnership Instrument (PI) budget** include: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Hong-Kong, Iran, Japan, Korea, Macao, Mexico, Russia, Singapore and the United States. This year, an additional €0.25 million will be available for projects from **Ukraine**, and another €0.25 million for **Georgia**.

Capacity Building for Youth

The deadline for applications is **24 January 2019** at 12:00 (Brussels time, CET) for projects starting between 1 August and 31 December 2019.

New features

Projects that fall under the **Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowships for Youth** action must include mobility activities from Eastern Partnership countries towards Programme Countries.

From 2019, **staff costs** are considered 'eligible costs' (for permanent staff and limited to 20% of the eligible direct costs of the capacity building projects). Likewise, costs for consultations, workshops and polls are eligible in so far as they are necessary for the achievement of the project's objectives.

Budget envelopes and Partner Countries

The 2019 budget is expected to be €3 million for the **Western Balkans**, €2 million for the **Eastern Partnership** and €0.5 million for **Tunisia**.

Now a fully-fledged Programme Country from call 2019, **the Republic of Serbia** will no longer qualify as an eligible Partner Country in Capacity Building for Youth projects. With no compensating decrease foreseen to the IPA budget for the Western Balkans, the rest of the region will benefit from even greater opportunities for cooperation projects. The new unit costs for Serbian staff are detailed in the Programme Guide. Applicants are invited to pay particular attention to the consequences of Serbia's change of status when putting together their proposal.

Youth Mobility (decentralised)

There will be **three call deadlines** for mobility activities in the field of youth:

- 5 February 2019 for projects starting between 1 May and 30 September 2019
- 30 April 2019 for projects starting between 1 August and 31 December 2019
- 1 October 2019 for projects starting 1 January and 31 May 2020

Volunteering moves to the European Solidarity Corps

From October 2018, all youth volunteering activities previously funded through Erasmus+ Key Action 1 are funded through the European Solidarity Corps. No changes are foreseen for Erasmus+ youth exchanges and mobility of youth workers, which will continue to be funded through Key Action 1.

Same activity, different name

'Meetings between young people and decision-makers', which are supported under Key Action 3 of the Erasmus+ programme, will be renamed 'Youth Dialogue projects' to align with the new EU Youth Strategy. Other than the name, everything else remains the same.

Contact

For more information on international centralised actions, please visit the website of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

For information about Erasmus+ Youth Mobility and the European Solidarity Corps, please contact your National Agency: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact_en