Erasmus+ for higher education in Serbia

What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from “Programme Countries” and “Partner Countries” throughout the world. In 2019, 34 Programme Countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus six other European countries. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU’s priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. These factsheets look at the extent of an individual country’s involvement in this international dimension of Erasmus+ since the programme started in 2014.

Serbia became a Programme Country in 2019. This changed its status for ICM and Capacity-building in 2019. For these two actions, this factsheet therefore only refers to its involvement as a Partner Country from 2015 to 2018.

International credit mobility (ICM)

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for 3-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. Starting in 2018, traineeships are also possible. There are also grants for staff mobility of 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Programme-Country institutions make up bilateral partnerships with universities from the Western Balkans countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

ICM regional budget Western Balkans 2015-2018

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Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. Additional scholarships are also available for students from regions comprising emerging or developing economies. Students apply directly to the programme coordinator and can find the programmes on the EMJMD catalogue (see links).

### Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which last from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 9% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for Western Balkans countries.

#### Serbia in CBHE projects

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Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.

### Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet (JM) activities aim to develop EU studies worldwide. For over 25 years they have been supporting Modules, Chairs, and Centres of Excellence to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process at higher education level. The programme also supports policy debate with the academic world through networks and a number of associations in the domain of EU studies.

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More information:


* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

** In 2019 these six countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.