Erasmus+ to grant Ukrainians educational opportunities in 150 countries

Good EU scholarships help students get high-quality education abroad.

“Why Erasmus+? Because it opens the Erasmus and other EU programmes for more countries providing additional opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation.”

Svitlana Shytikova, director of EU project ‘National Tempus Office in Ukraine’

Context

Started in 2014, Erasmus Mundus integrated the new Erasmus+ programme. In addition to decent funding, it offers Ukrainian students and university staff studying and training opportunities in a wider range of countries. The new programme runs between 2014 and 2020 and combines among others, three current EU programmes in higher education already operating in Ukraine: Tempus, Erasmus Mundus and Jean Monnet.

Objectives

- to promote the European Union as a centre of excellence in learning around the world.
- to promote intercultural understanding through cooperation with Third Countries.
- to develop Third Countries in the field of higher education.
- to implement the Higher Education Modernisation strategy in programme countries and raise the capacity of partner countries.
- to streamline the international dimension in Erasmus+.
- to support the Bologna process and policy dialogues with strategic partner countries.

Impact

- Ukrainian prominent students get an opportunity to study at European universities.
- Ukrainian students with degrees of European universities are more competitive in the global and European labour market.
- Ukraine becomes more integrated into the global educational system.
- Bologna process is strengthened in Ukraine.
- Alumni alliances are formed.
- Universities’ professional staff becomes more qualified via participating in international programmes.
- European values and “ways of doing things” are promoted effectively.
Testimony

"After 2 years of MA studies I’m getting diplomas from three universities" - Olena Yanytska says of her experience studying within the Erasmus Mundus programme. "This is the only EU programme that offers education in two or even three counties at the same time. And according to the conditions of consortium, you get diplomas from the countries where you’ve been studying." Olena is about to receive MA certificates in “European literature and culture” from the universities of Strasbourg, Thessaloniki and Bologna. This outstanding experience increases her competitiveness on the labour market significantly. Erasmus Mundus broadens the opportunities of Ukrainian students to study abroad by providing them with sufficient financial support. "If I understand correctly, Erasmus Mundus coordinates the application procedure from the start," says student Oleksandr Komarov, explaining what attracted him to the "Study in Europe" stand at the educational exhibition in Kyiv. "This guarantees that in the case where the person is accepted by the university, he or she will surely get the scholarship." But Olena Yanetska clarifies that students must apply on their own in accordance with the requirements of each university. "The main difference is that Erasmus Mundus covers all the costs. None of the EU member states individually offer such profound financial support for MA studies. The student is provided with full tuition and a monthly scholarship of €1,000." In the framework of the learning mobility, universities can provide their students with credits that can be transferred abroad, while teachers can take part in lecturing and research programmes in other countries. The degree mobility offers an opportunity to create unique masters programs and obtain a masters degree from a foreign university. Finally, the cooperation component allows the possibility of establishing strategic partnerships and knowledge alliances. Thus, Erasmus+ will support and modernize higher education and the professional development of university staff in participating countries.