ERASMUS+ STANDARDS 2015

Erasmus+ strengthens education and youth systems and improves employability through funding for education, training, youth and sport. Between 2014 and 2020, Erasmus+ will give 4 million Europeans a chance to study, train, volunteer or gain professional experience abroad. The budget for Erasmus+ was €2.1 billion in 2015. National agencies are responsible for managing most parts of the programme in each country.

GRANTS FOR STUDYING, TRAINING OR VOLUNTEERING ABROAD

Erasmus+ has opportunities for people of all ages and background, helping them develop and share knowledge and experience at institutions and organisations in different countries. Erasmus+ experiences help people enhance their skills and intercultural awareness and it enables them to become engaged citizens.

COOPERATION PROJECTS

Cooperation between schools, universities, youth organisations, public authorities and enterprises will create more relevant and modern education and youth systems, with stronger links between the world of work and the world of education.

ERASMUS+ ALSO SUPPORTED

- 5 capacity building projects to strengthen education in non-EU countries
- 1 large-scale volunteering event
- 1 cooperation project between higher education institutions and businesses (knowledge alliances) and vocational education and training institutions and businesses (sector skills alliances)
- 2 grassroots sport projects
1987–2017: 30 YEARS OF ERASMUS

When the programme started, Erasmus targeted only higher education students, but it has since grown to offer opportunities in the vocational education and training, school education, adult education, youth and sport sectors. Today, all these programmes have one name: Erasmus+.

Bulgaria joined in 1999.

BULGARIANS WHO BENEFITED 1999–2017 (ESTIMATED)

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<th>Category</th>
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Higher education exchanges were the start of European cooperation in education. Higher education students can study or train in a company, and staff can teach or train abroad.

TOP 3 SENDING COUNTRIES (2014)
1. POLAND
2. SPAIN
3. FRANCE

TOP 3 RECEIVING INSTITUTIONS (2014)
1. SOFIISKI UNIVERSITET SVEKI KLIMENT OHRIDSKI
2. ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS UNIVERSITY OF VELIKO TURNOVO
3. UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY

OUTGOING STUDENTS
Studies + Traineeships

INCOMING STUDENTS
Studies + Traineeships