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 SUPPORTS**

- Joint master degrees, which enabled the student to study in at least two countries
- Large-scale volunteering event
- Capacity building projects to strengthen education in non-EU countries
  - Cooperation projects between higher education institutions and businesses (knowledge alliances) and vocational education and training institutions and businesses (sector skills alliances)
- 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+.

Cyprus joined in 1998.

CYPRIOTS WHO BENEFITED BETWEEN 1998 AND 2017 (ESTIMATED)

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<th>Category</th>
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ERASMUS+ HIGHER EDUCATION

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. France
3. Germany

TOP 3 RECEIVING INSTITUTIONS (2014)

1. University of Cyprus
2. University of Nicosia
3. Cyprus College

OUTGOING STUDENTS
Studies + Traineeships

INCOMING STUDENTS
Studies + Traineeships