ERASMUS+ STATISTICS 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

2 capacity building projects to strengthen education in non-EU countries
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+.

Ireland joined in 1987.

IRISH WHO BENEFITED BETWEEN 1987 AND 2017 (ESTIMATED)

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Higher education students</td>
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<td>Youth exchange participants</td>
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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. FRANCE
2. GERMANY
3. SPAIN

TOP 3 RECEIVING INSTITUTIONS (2014)
1. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND
2. UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK
3. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

EDUCATION AND YOUTH FIELDS

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