



# Erasmus+ for higher education in Kosovo\*

## What is Erasmus+ ?

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2021-27. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from 27 EU Member States and six associated countries<sup>1</sup> on the one hand (Erasmus+33), and from non-associated countries throughout the world on the other. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the common priorities for cooperation policy with third 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 2021, and compare its involvement in the 2014-2020 phase.

\*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.

<sup>1</sup>These six countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye.

## International credit mobility (ICM)

Since 1987, HE students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Erasmus+33 countries from other parts of the world for students and for academic and administrative staff. This allows **students** to study in a foreign university for 2 -1 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. The mobility can be from 5-30 days, if part of blended mobility (a combination of physical mobility with a virtual component). Traineeships are also possible. **Staff** mobility can be for 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world - some 19% is dedicated to mobility with the Western Balkans. The global budget is divided between the Erasmus+33 countries. Institutions from these countries make up bilateral partnerships with universities from the Western Balkans and apply on behalf of their partners. The first selection of projects in the 2021-27 phase was made in 2022. The figures below represent the mobility planned by projects selected each year.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
Instances of university participation from Kosovo			283	299					
Students and staff moving to Erasmus+33	<b>2 398</b>		1 132	1 266					<b>3 880</b>
Students and staff moving to Kosovo	<b>1 304</b>		599	705					<b>2 074</b>
Percentage of mobility in region			18	18					<b>12.1</b>

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJMs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students worldwide. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different Erasmus+33 countries, and obtain a joint, double, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory). They can take part as full degree-awarding partners - or as associated partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of other capacity. Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDMs), introduced in 2021, are preparatory projects to bring a joint programme to the point where it is ready to operate as an accredited joint degree programme, and apply to EMJM.

Kosovo in Erasmus Mundus projects	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
Total EMJMs selected in call	<b>91</b>	27	30	34					<b>250</b>
Total EMJM proposals received in call	<b>219</b>	68	58	93					<b>713</b>
Proposals received involving Kosovo	<b>1</b>	0	0	1					<b>5</b>
Selected EMJMs involving Kosovo	<b>0</b>	0	0	0					<b>2</b>
Coordinators/partners from Kosovo in EMJMs	<b>0</b>	0	0	0					<b>1</b>
Associated partners from Kosovo in EMJMs	<b>0</b>	0	0	0					<b>2</b>
Total EM Design Measures selected	<b>160</b>	40	62	58					<b>na</b>
EMDMs selected involving Kosovo	<b>1</b>	1	0	0					<b>na</b>
Beneficiaries from Kosovo in EMDMs	<b>1</b>	1	0	0					<b>na</b>

Each EMJM receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide, covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. Additional scholarships are also available for students from specific regions. Students can find the programmes on the Erasmus Mundus joint masters catalogue (see links), and apply directly to the programme coordinator. It is also possible to pursue EM Masters without a scholarship.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
<b>EM scholarship winners from Kosovo</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>					<b>26</b>
<i>From global budget</i>	<b>6</b>	4	2	0					<b>22</b>
<i>From additional regional budget</i>	<b>30</b>	5	11	14					<b>4</b>
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	<b>8 493</b>	2 598	3 012	2883					<b>11 851</b>
EM programmes offering scholarships		141	157	146					<b>348</b>

### 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 and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 12% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is for the Western Balkans. The first selection of projects in the 2021-27 phase was made in 2022.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-2020
<b>Kosovo in CBHE projects</b>									
CBHE proposals received in call	<b>1 410</b>		620	790					<b>4 830</b>
CBHE projects selected in call	<b>307</b>		145	162					<b>908</b>
CBHE proposals received involving Kosovo	<b>103</b>		44	59					<b>182</b>
CBHE projects selected involving Kosovo	<b>24</b>		11	13					<b>38</b>
CBHE projects coordinated by Kosovo	<b>8</b>		3	5					<b>11</b>
Instances of participation from Kosovo in selected projects	<b>57</b>		24	33					<b>141</b>

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 activities (JMA) aim to develop EU studies worldwide. Since 1989 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.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-2020
<b>Kosovo in Jean Monnet</b>									
JMA higher education proposals received in call	<b>2 582</b>	782	780	1020					<b>7 600</b>
JMA higher education projects selected in call	<b>952</b>	251	356	345					<b>1 862</b>
Proposals received from Kosovo	<b>7</b>	1	2	4					<b>15</b>
Projects selected involving Kosovo	<b>2</b>	1	1	0					<b>2</b>
Networks involving partners from Kosovo	<b>0</b>	0	0	0					<b>0</b>

## Other Erasmus+ cooperation with Kosovo

### Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training (new in 2021-27 programme)

This action supports multilateral partnerships of organisations active in the field of VET in EU Member States or countries associated to the programme, and those from the Western Balkans. They aim to support the relevance, accessibility and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in these regions and countries of the world as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development. The first selection of projects was in 2022.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Kosovo in CBVET projects</b>								
CBVET proposals received in call	<b>283</b>		121	162				
CBVET projects selected in call	<b>126</b>		58	68				
Proposals received involving Kosovo	<b>35</b>		16	19				
Projects selected involving Kosovo	<b>14</b>		9	5				
Instances of participation from Kosovo in selected projects	<b>20</b>		11	9				

### Capacity-building for Youth

These are transnational cooperation projects that bring youth organisations together to work on issues of concern such as climate change, equality, democratic participation and employability. Projects may integrate mobility activities for young people or youth workers.

<b>Kosovo in CB Youth projects</b>	<b>2021-27</b>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
CBY proposals received in call	<b>732</b>	213	227	292				
CBY projects selected in call	<b>112</b>	45	28	39				
Proposals received involving Kosovo	<b>184</b>	44	57	83				
Projects selected involving Kosovo	<b>22</b>	6	7	9				
Instances of participation from Kosovo in selected projects	<b>23</b>	6	8	9				

### Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange (new to Western Balkans in 2021-27 programme)

Virtual exchange fosters online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and develop soft skills. Young people gain access to high-quality crosscultural education (formal and non-formal) without physical mobility. Moderated discussions, training courses and interactive open courses are among the activities supported.

<b>Kosovo in EVE projects</b>	<b>2021-27</b>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
EVE proposals received in call	<b>219</b>	58	69	92				
EVE projects selected in call	<b>45</b>	13	16	16				
Proposals received involving Kosovo	<b>45</b>	15	11	19				
Projects selected involving Kosovo	<b>6</b>	2	2	2				
Instances of participation from Kosovo in selected projects	<b>7</b>	2	3	2				

### Capacity-building for Sport (new in 2021-27 programme)

This action supports multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of sport and aims to support sport activities and policies in the Western Balkans as a vehicle to promote values and an educational tool to promote the personal and social development of individuals and build more cohesive communities. The first selection of projects was in 2022.

<b>Kosovo in CB Sport projects</b>	<b>2021-27</b>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
CBS proposals received in call	<b>138</b>		75	63				
CBS projects selected in call	<b>9</b>		4	5				
Proposals received involving Kosovo	<b>31</b>		11	20				
Projects selected involving Kosovo	<b>6</b>		3	3				
Instances of participation from Kosovo in selected projects	<b>8</b>		4	4				

More information:

**Erasmus+ website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en)

**Erasmus+ projects & results:** <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

**Erasmus+ funding opportunities:** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

**Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue:** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en)

**Reflects situation following 2023 selections**