



Erasmus+ for higher education in Montenegro

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* 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 compares its involvement in the 2014-2020 phase.

*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 -12 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 Montenegro			148	184					
Students and staff moving to Erasmus+33	1 672		787	885					2 944
Students and staff moving to Montenegro	1 079		512	567					1 801
Percentage of mobility in region			14	14					9.4

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.

Montenegro in Erasmus Mundus project: 2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
Total EMJMs selected in call	91	27	30	34				250
Total EMJM proposals received in call	219	68	58	93				713
Proposals received involving Montenegro	1	0	0	1				6
Selected EMJMs involving Montenegro	0	0	0	0				4
Coordinators/partners from Montenegro in EMJMs	0	0	0	0				0
Associated partners from Montenegro in EMJMs	0	0	0	0				4
Total EM Design Measures selected	160	40	62	58				na
EMDMs selected involving Montenegro	0	0	0	0				na
Beneficiaries from Montenegro in EMDMs	0	0	0	0				na

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
EM scholarship winners from Montenegro	22	6	8	8					30
<i>From global budget</i>	8	4	2	2					21
<i>From additional regional budget</i>	14	2	6	6					9
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	8 493	2 598	3 012	2883					11 851
EM programmes offering scholarships		141	157	146					348

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
Montenegro in CBHE projects									
CBHE proposals received in call	1 410		620	790					4 830
CBHE projects selected in call	307		145	162					908
CBHE proposals received involving Montenegro	94		49	45					207
CBHE projects selected involving Montenegro	24		17	7					35
CBHE projects coordinated by Montenegro	5		2	3					8
Instances of participation from Montenegro in selected projects	55		37	18					97

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
Montenegro in Jean Monnet									
JMA higher education proposals received in call	2 582	782	780	1020					7 600
JMA higher education projects selected in call	952	251	356	345					1 862
Proposals received from Montenegro	4	2	0	2					18
Projects selected involving Montenegro	2	1	0	1					4
Networks involving partners from Montenegro	0	0	0	0					0

Other Erasmus+ cooperation with Montenegro

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
Montenegro in CBVET projects								
CBVET proposals received in call	283		121	162				
CBVET projects selected in call	126		58	68				
Proposals received involving Montenegro	32		16	16				
Projects selected involving Montenegro	21		12	9				
Instances of participation from Montenegro in selected projects	28		16	12				

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.

Montenegro in CB Youth projects	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
CBY proposals received in call	732	213	227	292				
CBY projects selected in call	112	45	28	39				
Proposals received involving Montenegro	186	63	54	69				
Projects selected involving Montenegro	40	20	8	12				
Instances of participation from Montenegro in selected projects	44	23	9	12				

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.

Montenegro in EVE projects	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
EVE proposals received in call	219	58	69	92				
EVE projects selected in call	45	13	16	16				
Proposals received involving Montenegro	46	14	13	19				
Projects selected involving Montenegro	5	2	1	2				
Instances of participation from Montenegro in selected projects	6	2	1	3				

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.

Montenegro in CB Sport projects	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
CBS proposals received in call	138		75	63				
CBS projects selected in call	9		4	5				
Proposals received involving Montenegro	51		22	29				
Projects selected involving Montenegro	5		3	2				
Instances of participation from Montenegro in selected projects	7		4	3				

More information:

Erasmus+ website: 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

Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

Reflects situation following 2023 selections