



# Erasmus+: How will the programme serve ULLL?

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## The policy framework Europe 2020 Strategy



- **The challenge: a Europe with increasing and unmet skills needs**
  - *By 2020, 35% of all jobs will require high-level qualifications (today: 29%)*
  - *Only 32% of EU population have a higher education degree*
- **Europe 2020 and other EU education headline targets:**
  - Tertiary level attainment
  - Early school leaving
  - Employability of graduates + graduate mobility benchmarks

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## Higher education modernisation



### The EU's Higher Education Modernisation Agenda (2011)

The five key messages:

1. Increasing tertiary **attainment levels**
2. Improving the **quality and relevance** of higher education
3. Strengthening quality through **mobility and cross-border cooperation**
4. Linking higher **education, research and business** for excellence and regional development
5. Improving **governance and funding**

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## Erasmus+: starting points

- ❑ Show **EU added value** – show it is better to spend a € on the European level than at home!
- ❑ **Relevance**: link policy and programme – show systemic impact by putting our money at the service of our policies
- ❑ **Sustained impact** at different levels: individual, institutional, systemic/policy
- ❑ **Simplification**, rationalisation
- ❑ Solid basis but adaptation and **innovation**

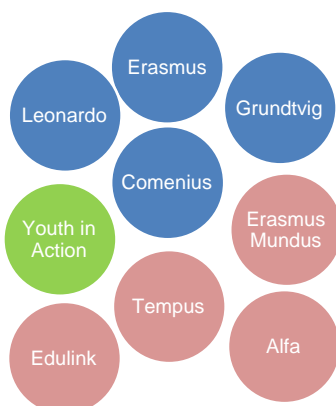


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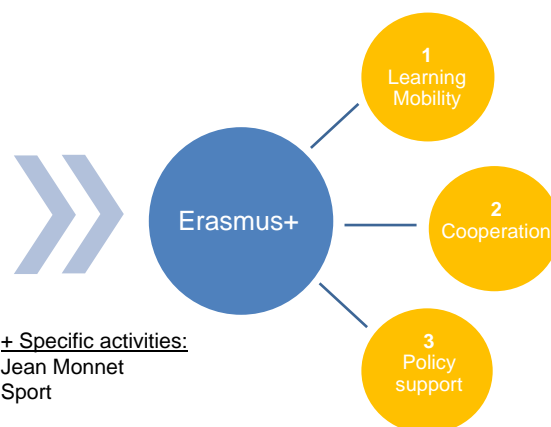
## Towards a single integrated system



2007-2013



2014-2020



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63% total budget



### Key Action 1: Learning mobility of individuals

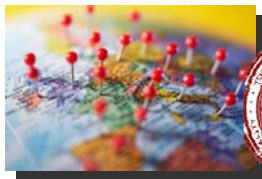
- Staff mobility, in particular for teachers, trainers, school leaders and youth workers
- Mobility for higher education student, vocational education and training students
- Master degree loan scheme
- Mobility for higher education between programme and partner countries
- Volunteering and youth exchanges

### MORE mobility

- **2 million** higher education students
- **850,000** staff covering all sectors of education and youth
- **135,000** higher edu. student & staff exchanges with partner countries
- **200,000** Master student loans
- **34,000** scholarships for Joint Master degrees

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### Better mobility



### Improving the Erasmus quality framework

- New **Erasmus Charter** for Higher Education
- **Inter-institutional agreements** setting out expectations
- Reinforced **learning agreements** to ensure recognition
- More flexible and cost efficient support for **linguistic support**
- **Reduced paper work**: IT tools (application, reporting), scanned signatures / exchanges by emails

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## Student mobility



### HE student credit mobility

- All levels of higher education (Short cycle, Bachelor, Master, Doctoral levels)  
+ recent graduates + all disciplines
- From 3 to 12 months for studies
- From 2 to 12 months for traineeships  
*(not open to partner countries in first 2 years)*
- Each student can benefit up to 12 months per study cycle



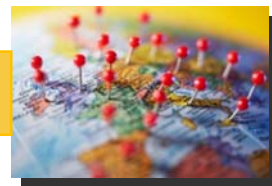
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## More mobility



### More inclusive

- Better linguistic support for mobile participants
- Specific support to people with special needs
- More support to disadvantaged participants
- More support to remote areas
- Student loan guarantee
- Better use of new technologies



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## More mobility



### International opening of Erasmus



- No more relevant to differentiate between intra-EU and international mobility
- Full streamlining of calendar and procedures, management by **NAs**  
*(Note: in 2014 international mobility will be launched later)*
- Use of same quality instruments. Principles of the Charter will apply.
- ~ **135.000 student and staff** mobility flows expected between Programme and Partner countries
- Level of grants adapted
- Priorities of EU external action will apply *(separate budget)*

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## 28% total budget



### Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and best practices

- **Strategic partnerships** between education/training or youth organisations and other relevant actors
- Large-scale structured partnerships between education and training establishments and business: **Knowledge Alliances & Sector Skills Alliances**
- **IT-Platforms** incl. e-Twinning
- **Cooperation with third countries** and focus on neighbourhood countries

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### MORE cooperation for more INNOVATION

- **20,000** strategic partnerships
- **350** Knowledge Alliances & Sector Skills Alliances
- **1000** capacity building projects

## Strategic Partnerships & Knowledge Alliances

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### Strategic partnerships

foster intense, structured and long term cooperation among HEIs and with key stakeholders to contribute to achieving the objectives of the HE Modernisation Agenda

**Minimum 3 organisations from 3 different countries**

**Decentralised management (NAs)**

### Knowledge Alliances

promote, develop and implement long-lasting structured partnerships between business and academia to strengthen Europe's Innovation capacity, stimulate entrepreneurship

stimulate 2-way knowledge exchange between HEIs and enterprises and foster excellence and Innovation

**At least 6 organisations from 3 different countries**

**Minimum 2 HEIs and 2 enterprises**

**Centralised management (EACEA)**

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## Strategic Partnership Approach

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- ✓ Implement innovative practices leading to high quality teaching, training and learning and youth work, institutional modernisation and social innovation
  - **Addressing policy objectives, challenges and needs of a specific field** (i.e. higher education, vocational education and training, school education, adult education, youth)
  - **Promoting cross-sectoral cooperation** i.e. relevant to more than one sector and/or involving organisations from more than one field of education, training and youth

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## HE Strategic Partnerships



1. Cooperation and exchange of practice either between HEIs or between HEI and actors from other sectors aiming to increase **quality in teaching and support services**
2. Development and delivery, by partners from different countries, disciplines and both public and private sector, of **intensive programmes, common modules, joint study programmes and curricula**, in particular targeted to new needs and to implementing innovative teaching approaches
3. Development and implementation of **project-based trans-national collaboration between enterprises & students/staff at HEIs**
4. Development and use of **virtual mobility, open educational resources and ICT**
5. Testing and implementation of **distance, part-time and modular learning**
6. Engagement of HEIs with **local/regional authorities + other stakeholders** based on a collaborative work in an international setting to promote regional development
7. **Cross sectoral cooperation** to build bridges and share knowledge between the different formal and informal education and training sectors

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## Strategic Partnerships



### More cooperation for more innovation

- ✓ Possibility to organise complementary types of mobility if it can support the objectives of the partnership. Cross-sectorality encouraged in all activities.
- ✓ Intensive Study Programmes
- ✓ Blended mobility of students: less than 2 months physical mobility coupled with virtual mobility
- ✓ Long term teaching staff exchange
- ✓ Short term joint staff training

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## Indicative next steps



- **November 2013:**  
adoption of the legal base Erasmus+
- **December 2013:** publication of the first calls
- **First deadlines in March 2014 for Key Action 1 and April 2014 for KA2**



Comments ?  
Questions ?

