

Erasmus+ Global Mobility (KA171)

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Terminology

Nationally:

- Global mobility / *Globaali liikkuvuus*

Erasmus+ -terms:

- ICM (International Credit Mobility)
- KA171 (referring to the Erasmus+ Key Actions)
- International mobility

Countries participating in the Erasmus+ programme 1/2

Programme Countries:

- EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme (North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Türkiye)



Countries participating in the Erasmus+ programme 2/2

Partner Countries:

- Third countries not associated to the Programme (all other countries in the world)
- Grouped into 14 regions according to the EU's external action instruments.
 - KA171: Funding only for Regions 1-12
 - Regions 13 and 14 not eligible for funding under KA171 (Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, and the UK).



Two ways to implement international mobility in Erasmus+

Erasmus+ offers two separate funding mechanisms for international mobility: KA131 and KA171. Both serve different, yet complementary purposes.



European Mobility (KA131)

- Up to 20% of the latest KA131 grant can be used for mobility to Partner Countries worldwide (Regions 1–14).
- Supports only outgoing mobility with internal policy funds.

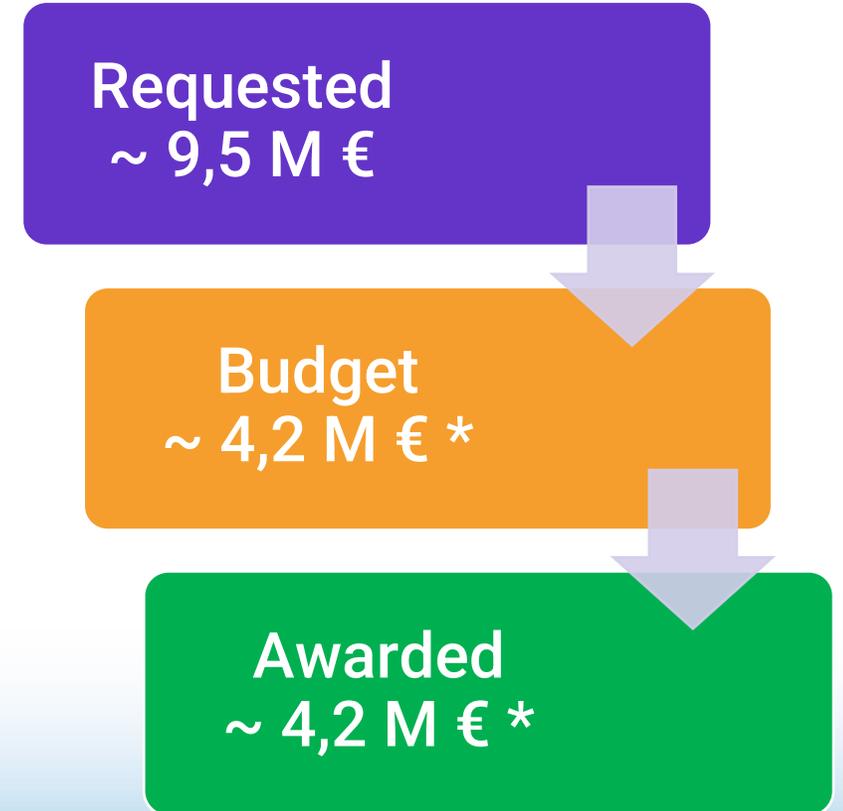
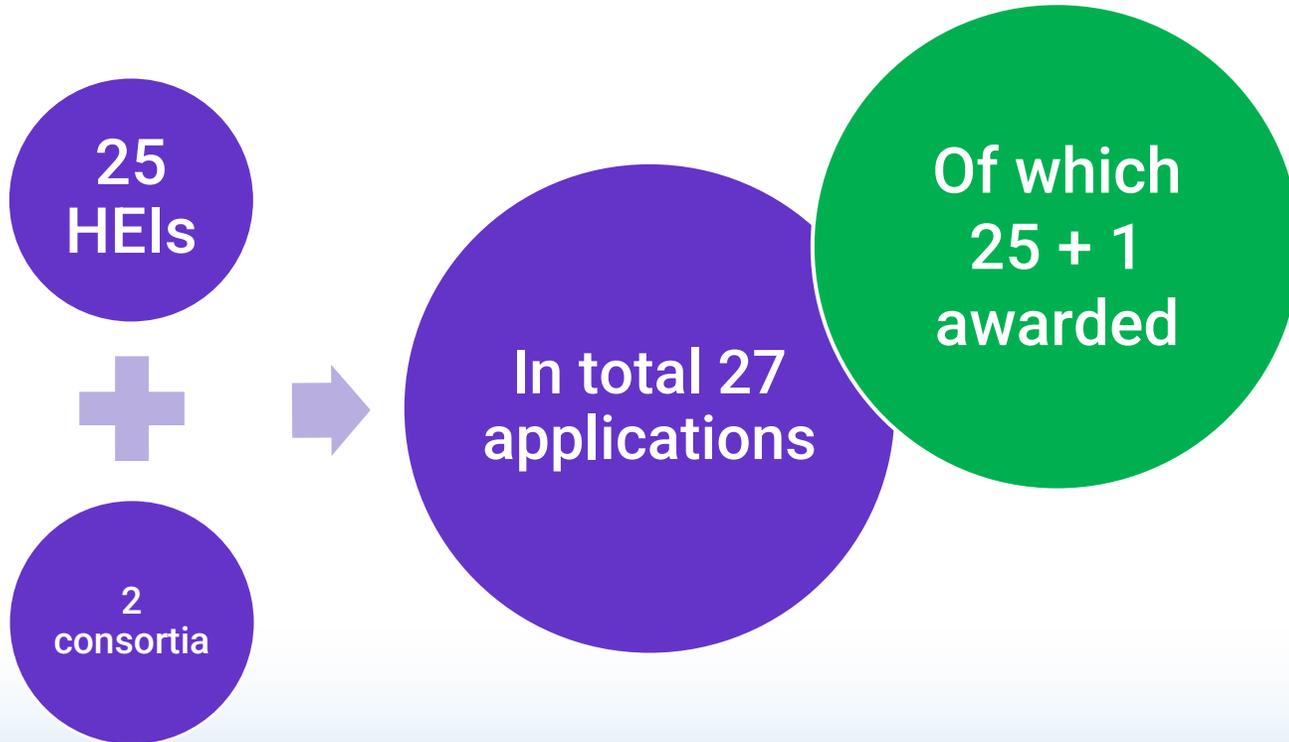


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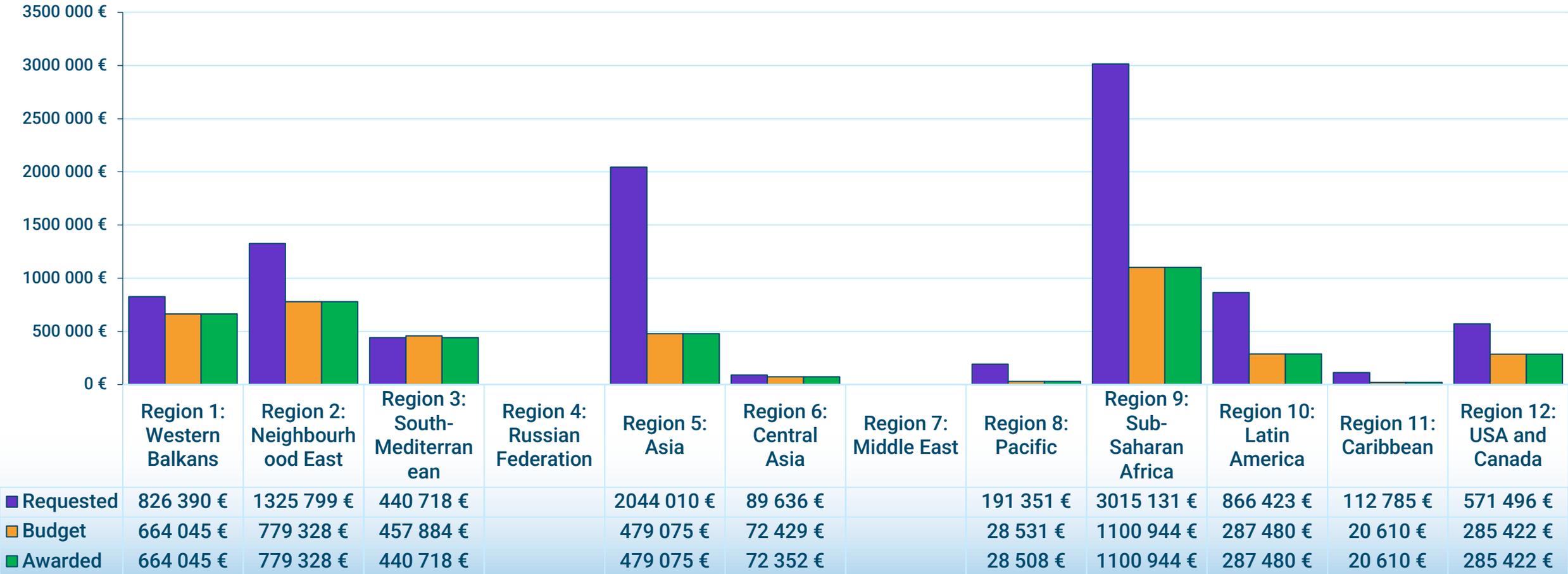
- Cooperation is focused on 12 eligible regions (Regions 1–12), with specific targets and rules.
- Supports outgoing and incoming mobility with external policy funds.

Data from KA171 Call 2025

KA171 Call 2025 at a glance



Call 2025 funding per region (KA171)



Results for the Call 2025

The Call 2025 for global mobility ended on 19th February 2025. Within the time limit 25 higher education institutions and 2 mobility consortium applied for funding, in total 9,5 €.

EDUFI grants funding for global mobility for 24 higher education institutions and 2 consortia, in total 4 158 482 €. The funding decisions are conditional and become legally binding when the information has been successfully transferred to the Commission's project management system and when the Commission has approved the national agency's request for a change to the Contribution Agreement for the year 2025 regarding the transfer of the new inclusion envelope budget.

Attachments

[KA171 Erasmus+ Global Mobility grant granted according to HEI 2025](#) (pdf, 473.77 KB)

[KA171 Erasmus+ Global mobility, applied and granted funds 2025](#) (pdf, 448.68 KB)

[KA171 Erasmus+ Global mobility, Awarded grants per country and per funding envelope 2025](#) (pdf, 461.45 KB)

[KA171 Western Balkans \(Region 1\)](#) (pdf, 450.83 KB)

[KA171 Neighbourhood East \(Region 2\)](#) (pdf, 422.22 KB)

[KA171 South-Mediterranean \(Region 3\)](#) (pdf, 418.22 KB)

[KA171 Asia \(Region 5\)](#) (pdf, 458.44 KB)

[KA171 Central Asia \(Region 6\)](#) (pdf, 417.85 KB)

[KA171 Pacific \(Region 8\)](#) (pdf, 419.47 KB)

[KA171 Sub-Saharan Africa \(Region 9\)](#) (pdf, 473.67 KB)

[KA171 Latin America \(Region 10\)](#) (pdf, 449.78 KB)

[KA171 Caribbean \(Region 11\)](#) (pdf, 443.75 KB)

[KA171 USA and Canada \(Region 12\)](#) (pdf, 454.2 KB)

Detailed 2025 application round results

Finnish figures published on EDUFI's webpage:

<https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/erasmus-global-mobility-ka171-higher-education-institutions-results-application-rounds>

Budget 2026

Funding available 1/2

- In 2026, approx. 3,75 M € available from EU external action funds.
- A separate inclusion pot will be allocated later.

In KA171, it is essential to understand the concept of ODA countries:

- ODA = Official Development Assistance (OECD term)
- Countries eligible for development aid based on their economic situation
- List of countries: <https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/dac-list-of-oda-recipients.html>
- ODA status is locked for entire project duration → no changes during project

Funding available 2/2

How do the ODA restrictions apply in KA171?

- 1) Outgoing mobility:
 - Outgoing mobility to ODA countries is not eligible at BA/MA level. Only allowed for doctoral candidates and staff members.
 - Alternative: If the institution has KA131 funding, BA/MA outgoing mobility to ODA countries can be financed through KA131 instead.
- 2) Incoming mobility:
 - No restrictions (permitted at all levels in both directions).

Possibilities for budget transfers 1/4

Up to 50% of **OS (Organisational Support)** funding may be reallocated to mobility.

- OS is intended to cover the support activities related to Erasmus+ mobilities
- In KA171:
 - 500 € per participant
 - OS can be shared between the sending and receiving HEI (agreed in the Inter-Institutional Agreement, IIA)
- OS is not tied to any specific partner country.
- Read more about the OS in English (Erasmus+ Programme Guide) or in Finnish (EDUFI's mobility handbook)



Possibilities for budget transfers 2/4

Transfers allowed between **travel and individual support** within different mobility types (within the same budget category, i.e. region).

- Transfers between funding awarded for student, teacher and staff mobility are permitted.
- Duration of mobility periods may be changed.
- Number of mobilities may be adjusted.
- Funding can be transferred between partner institutions.



Possibilities for budget transfers 3/4

Changes to the **direction of mobility** are allowed up to 40% of the total grant awarded in the contract.

- If the 40% threshold is exceeded, a request for an amendment must be submitted to the National Agency.

Fixed **inclusion support top-up** may be used for other budget categories

- Does not require a contract amendment, i.e. HEIs can reallocate the funding at its own discretion.



Possibilities for budget transfers 4/4



Changes possible with a contract amendment

- Change or addition of a partner institution
- Extension or reduction of the project duration (24/36 months)
- OS transfers exceeding 50%, or changes in mobility direction exceeding 40% of the grant awarded



Restrictions on budget transfers

- Funding granted for ODA countries cannot be transferred to outgoing BA or MA students from other mobility flows
- Travel and individual support cannot be transferred to cooperation with a partner country that belongs to a different region

Regional budgets and the countries eligible for cooperation in 2026

✗ Restrictions: Outgoing mobility to ODA countries is only allowed for staff and doctoral students (incoming mobility allowed at all levels).

High-income countries: mobility is allowed at all levels in both directions, even if the country is on the ODA list.

Regions for applications 1/5

	Countries	Indicative budget	Indicative target
Region 1: Western Balkans	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro	~ 681 000 € (2025 awarded: 664 045 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis should be on student mobility
Region 2: Neighbourhood East	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine	~ 442 000 € (2025 awarded: 779 328 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 40% of the budget should be allocated to students with fewer opportunities Student and staff mobilities to Belarus, and staff mobilities from Belarus, are not eligible
Region 3: South-Mediterranean countries	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia	~ 614 000 € (2025 awarded: 440 718 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 15% of the budget should be spent on mobility with any country Minimum of 70 % of the funds should be allocated to students (50% of whom should be with fewer opportunities)
Region 4: Russian Federation	Russia	~ 257 000 € (2025 awarded: 0 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student and staff mobilities to Russia, and staff mobilities from Russia, are not eligible

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Regions for applications 2/5

	Countries	Indicative budget	Indicative target
Region 5: Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam	~ 347 000 € (2025 awarded: 479 075 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 25% of the budget should be spent on mobility with the least developed countries (LDCs) • No more than 25% of the budget should be spent on mobility with the High-Income Countries (HICs) • No more than 15% of the budget should be spent on mobility with China • No more than 10% of the budget should be spent on mobility with India
Region 6: Central Asia	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	~ 92 000 € (2025 awarded: 72 352 €)	

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Regions for applications 3/5

	Countries	Indicative budget	Indicative target
Region 7: Middle East	Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	~ 30 000 € (2025 awarded: 0 €)	
Region 8: Pacific	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	~ 36 000 € (2025 awarded: 28 508 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 86.5 % of the budget should be spent on mobility with Australia and New Zealand (together)

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High-income countries: mobility is allowed at all levels in both directions, even if the country is on the ODA list.

Regions for applications 4/5

	Countries	Indicative budget	Indicative target
Region 9: Sub-Saharan Africa	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	~ 991 000 € (2025 awarded: 1 100 944 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 35% of the budget should be spent on mobility with the least developed countries (LDCs), with a special emphasis on migration priority countries No more than 8% of the budget should be spent on mobility with any one country

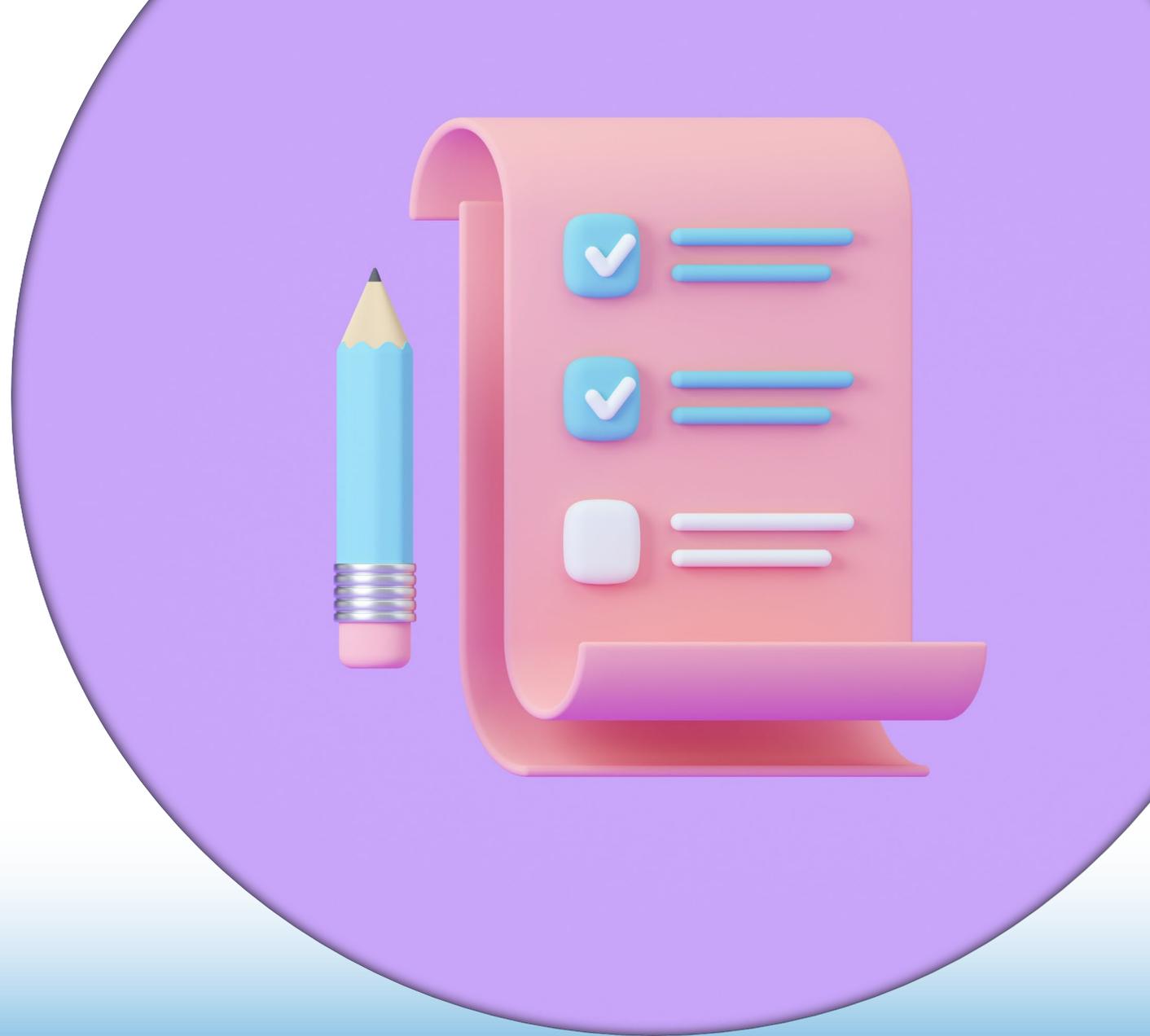
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Regions for applications 5/5

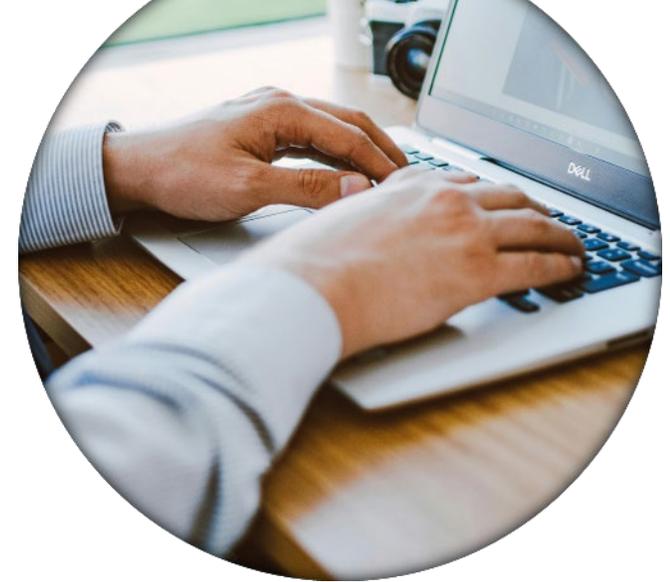
	Countries	Indicative budget	Indicative target
Region 10: Latin America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela	~ 114 000 € (2025 awarded: 287 480 €)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 30 % of the budget should be spent on mobility with Brazil and Mexico (together)
Region 11: Caribbean	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago	~ 24 000 € (2025 awarded: 20 610 €)	
Region 12: US and Canada	United States of America, Canada	~ 115 000 € (2025 awarded: 285 422 €)	

Application process



Timeline for KA171 Call 2026





Relevant documents and webpages

- Application Guidelines 2026 by EDUFI
 - Electronic application form and how to fill it
 - Award criteria
 - Erasmus+ Programme Guide
- Other resources
 - ICM Handbook for participating organisations by EACEA
 - Handbook 2026 not yet been published (as of beginning of December 2025)
 - Erasmus+ liikkuvuustukiopas (mobility guide) 2021-2027 by EDUFI
 - Only in Finnish and Swedish

General application guidelines

- **Institutional requirements**

- Programme countries: HEIs must have valid ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education).
 - All Finnish HEIs have this covered.
- Partner Country: HEIs must be recognised educational institutions & follow ECHE principles.
 - OID Code: Validation is not mandatory during the application but required for implementation of mobilities.

- **Application limit**

- Only one application by a HEI.
 - Exception: Mobility consortium that have received accreditations can apply for funding even though the coordinating HEI or members submit institutional applications.
 - When you are planning an application involve your international office to coordinate applications.

- **Application form**

Application form 1/2

Section: Applicant organisation and Regional partnerships

- ✓ Your organisations details
- ✓ All partner countries (organised by region) and
- ✓ All partner HEIs that you plan to cooperate with.
- ✓ Adding other organisations, such as traineeship hosts, is optional but clarifies project goals and scope.

Section: Project description

- ✓ Qualitative part of the application
- ✓ Questions regarding the strategy for why apply, overall implementation of mobilities and impact.
- ✓ Includes the partners perspective
- ✓ See assessment

Application form 2/2

Section: Activities

- ✓ Planning your mobilities and budget
- ✓ Specify the number of mobilities at "Learner" or "Staff" level.
- ✓ For learners: Grant includes monthly support, travel support, and estimate of support for participants with fewer opportunities.
- ✓ Note! Short-term student mobilities should reflect the costs for these mobilities inserting the equivalent in monthly rates.
- ✓ For staff: Grant is based on daily rates (min. 5 days, max. 60 days) + travel days.

Section: Annexes

- ✓ Declaration of Honour (DoH)
- ✓ Other Documents: accession forms for consortium members

Assessment of applications

Assessment of applications

- **Quality assessment done to all applications**
 - Assessment by at least two external experts
 - Applications assessed by region
- **Award decision based on quality assessment of the applications**
 - In addition, award decision affected by
 - Budget available per country or region (length and number of mobilities can be reduced)
 - Geographical balance within a given region

Assessment criteria 2026

- Min. 60/100 p total
- Min. half of the points of each criterion

Quality of the project design and cooperation arrangements
(40 p)
Project-level award criterion

Relevance of the strategy
(40 p)
Region-level award criterion

Impact and dissemination
(20 p)
Region-level award criterion

Carefully read the Erasmus+ programme guide 2026 for assessment criteria!

Quality of the project design and cooperation arrangements

(40 p)

Project-level award
criterion

✓ Define Roles and Responsibilities

- Explain how tasks and budget are divided between sending and receiving institutions and how this is formalized in Inter-institutional Agreements.
- EU-values and how those are relevant in the project (eg. ECHE)

✓ Cover All Phases of Mobility

- Selection of participants: Include outreach strategies and measures for those with fewer opportunities (per Inclusion & Diversity Strategy).
- Support for participants: Before, during, and after mobility.
- Recognition measures: Ensure full academic/professional recognition for students and staff.

✓ Be Specific and Practical

- Mention clear processes, responsibilities, and timelines for each phase.

Relevance of the strategy

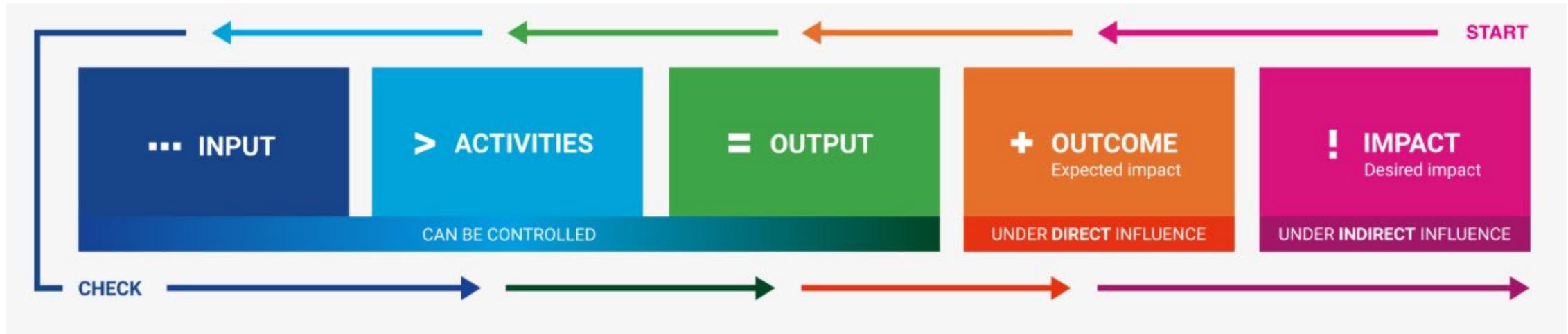
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Region-level award criterion

- ✓ **Show Relevance to Internationalisation**
 - Explain how the project supports the internationalisation strategy of each institution involved.
- ✓ **Specify Mobility Details**
 - Indicate types of mobility, rationale, subject areas, and any cooperation elements not covered in “Project Management.”
- ✓ **Mention Previous Experience**
 - Describe past cooperation with Third countries not associated with the Programme, and why it matters.
 - What are the synergies
- ✓ **Highlight potential**
 - Explain how the project will foster new partnerships in education/research and note if newcomers are included.

**Impact and
dissemination
(20 p)
Region-level award
criterion**

- ✓ **Explain Impact Clearly**
 - Describe expected benefits for participants, partner organizations, and other stakeholders. Include effects at local, regional, and national levels (e.g., skills development, institutional capacity, policy influence).
- ✓ **Detail Dissemination Measures**
 - Show how results will be shared at faculty and institutional levels, and beyond (e.g., conferences, publications, social media). Indicate who is responsible for dissemination.
- ✓ **Address Regional Strategy**
 - If your approach differs by country, explain why and how it is relevant for each partner in the same region.
- ✓ **Remember to include partners measures (e.g., capacity building, inclusion, sustainability).**



Impact as the start for you planning

- What do you want to change with your project long term?
- Result chain thinking as a means to help planning your project
- Impact is different from the outcomes and outputs of the project
- Tools for the planning:
 - Impact Tool ([English](#), [Finnish](#) and [Swedish](#))
 - Handbook for Impact Erasmus+ ([English](#), [Finnish](#) and [Swedish](#))
- Use the questions in the tool together with your partners -> gain joint knowledge of the goals of the project



Tips for applicants

Points to check before hitting submit 1/3

- "Keep to the point"
 - Write the application with the evaluator in mind.
- Use clear, concise, and accurate language
 - Check that the same style is used through the application
- Ensure institutional commitment
- Start planning as early as possible
 - Plan the cooperation and mobilities
 - Take the time to discuss expectations and goals for collaboration with your partners, both now and in the future. Tip: utilise EDUFI's ethical guidelines.
- Involve partners in writing the application
 - To ensure their perspectives are included.



Points to check before hitting submit 2/3

- Describe all partners, not just the coordinator
 - Explain why each partner was selected & their role in project.
 - Impact for different partners
- Complementarity with other funding schemes
 - Use Erasmus+ funding to complement national funding, TFK programmes, or institutional resources.
- Learn from past applications
 - If you applied in earlier calls, carefully review feedback before submitting a new application.
- Align with strategic objectives
 - Link KA171 cooperation with broader institutional objectives, such as internationalisation or education export strategies.



Points to check before hitting submit 3/3

- **Explain added value clearly**
 - In the quality sections of the application, outline how the proposed mobilities contribute to e.g., larger-scale projects, institutional priorities, or long-term cooperation plans.
- **Consider to diversify partnerships**
 - With smaller or less-developed countries to expand geographic diversity.
- **Focus on inclusivity**
 - Prioritise student mobility & participants with fewer opportunities.
- **Set realistic expectations regarding funding**
 - Reflect how the requested funds align with available budget.
 - Be realistic in amount of mobilities that can be exchanged



**Feel free to come and
ask again tomorrow!**

**EDUFI's drop-in coordinator
coffee session on Tuesday,
9.12.2025 at 14.30 – 15.00.**

[Join the Teams meeting here.](#)



Thank you!

The webinar recording and presentation materials will be shared with the participants within about a week.

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