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Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA 107)

Higher education student and staff mobility between Programme and Partner countries

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Overview

- General characteristics
- Budget overview
- Application process and project management
- Project presentation: PH Steiermark
General characteristics
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General characteristics

- Introduced in 2015 = academic year 2015/16
- Credit mobility for higher education students and staff from partner to programme countries and vice versa
- On a bilateral basis between institutions and not within a defined partnership
- Settings similar to the „regular“ Erasmus programme within European programme countries
- Decentralised action administrated by national agencies
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Comparison KA 103 vs KA 107

- **KA 103**: Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries
  - „Regular“ Erasmus programme, started in 1987
  - Enables credit mobility exchange within the 33 European programme countries

- **KA 107**: Higher education student and staff mobility between Programme and Partner countries
  - „Spin off“, started in 2015
  - Enables credit mobility exchange between a programme country and more than 150 partner countries worldwide
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Eligible programme countries KA 103
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Eligible partner countries KA 107
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Main differences KA 107

- **Application**
  - KA 107 requires separate application
  - No automatic recurrence of beneficiaries
  - Quality assessment of all submitted applications
  - Grant award decision depending on application process/quality assessment

- **Budget**
  - KA 103: one overall budget to be shared at the beneficiary’s discretion between all eligible destinations in 32 countries
  - KA 107: mobilities have to implemented exactly as approved in grant agreement; no chance to add more partner countries at a later stage
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Main differences KA 107

- **Project management**
  - Beneficiary in programme country *administrates funds* both for *outgoings* and *incomings*
  - Beneficiary in charge of paying grants both to staff and students
    > no involvement of OeAD in grant administration for students

- **Grant rates**
  - Monthly rates for student mobility between programme and partner countries considerably higher than within programme countries
    > smaller number of students can be supported in total compared to KA 103
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Mobility opportunities for students

- **Study stays**
  - 3 months minimum and 12 months maximum duration

- **Currently no funding opportunities for traineeships**
  - Planned to be introduced in the near future

- **Individual support and travel grant**
  - **Outgoing** students from Austria: 650 Euro per month
  - **Incoming** students to Austria: 850 Euro per month
  - Travel grant calculation based on distance between sending and receiving institution ("distance band")
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Mobility opportunities for higher education staff

- Staff mobility for teaching/training
  - 5 days minimum and 2 months maximum duration
  - Mobilities that do not contain teaching or training character (e.g. preparatory visits) not eligible for funding

- Individual support and travel grant
  - Outgoing staff from Austria: 160 Euro per day
  - Incoming staff to Austria: 140 Euro per day
  - Travel grant calculation based on distance between sending and receiving institution ("distance band")
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Budget overview
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Budget: general considerations

Total budget Call 2017: approx. 138 Mio. Euro

- Austria’s share: approx. 2.9 Mio. Euro (= 2.01 %)
- Budget split into six financial instruments and 13 budget envelopes
- Budget structure focuses the European Union’s foreign policy priority regions
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#### Budget overview

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- **Budget applied for in 2016 (1st round): EUR 463.484 (= 107.9 %)**
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- Budget **applied** for in 2016 (1st round): **EUR 297,060** (= 115.3 %)

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- **Separate budget window** in addition to ENI South
- **First call** for this window, therefore **no application stats from previous years**
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- **Budget applied for in 2016 (1st round): EUR 105.175 (= 97.5 %)**
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- **Budget applied** for in 2016 (1st round): EUR 304.540 (= 254,4 %)

- **Following budget restrictions apply:**
  - Maximum of 35 % of total budget shall be granted to **Brasil** and **Mexico**
  - Minimum of 25 % shall be granted to **low income countries** Bolivia, Paraguay, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala
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- Budget applied for in 2016 (1st round): EUR 696,307 (= 191.6 %)

- Following budget restrictions apply:
  - Maximum of 30 % of total budget shall be granted to China (PR) and India
  - Minimum of 25 % shall be granted to low income countries Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia

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Budget windows

| DCI Middle East | 50.722 | Iran, Iraq, Yemen |

- First call for this window, therefore no application stats from previous years

| DCI Central Asia | 103.026 | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan |

- Budget applied for in 2016 (1st round): EUR 0 (= 0 %)
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- **Budget applied for in 2016 (1st round):** EUR 33.530 ( = 94,6 %)
- **Only staff mobility** eligible for funding

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- **Budget applied for in 2016 (1st round):** EUR 669.351 ( = 127,7 %)
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- **Budget applied** for in 2016 (1st round): **EUR 354,300** (= 310 %)

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- **Budget applied** for in 2016 (1st round): **EUR 348,194** (= 287.4 %)
Application process and project management
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Application process

- **Annual call** for applications: next deadline **February 2\(^{nd}\) 2017, 12:00 CET**
  - No 2nd round of applications from 2017 on!

- **Applications** for funding to be submitted exclusively by higher education **institutions** from **programme countries**

- One application paper containing „sub-applications“ for all partner countries the HEI wants to cooperate with

- Institutions **do not apply** for a grant **amount** in Euro but for an exact **number of mobilities** per country resulting in an **automatically calculated total requested amount**
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Quality assessment

- Submitted applications will be assessed on the basis of the following 4 criteria:
  - Relevance of the strategy (30 pts)
  - Quality of the cooperation arrangements (30 pts)
  - Quality of the activity design and implementation (20 pts)
  - Impact and dissemination (20 pts)

- Total score of 60 out of 100 points (and 15/30 in „Relevance“) required in order to be eligible for funding

- Assessment done separately for each partner country contained in the application
  - Thus, in reality, the application paper represents various independent sub-applications in one overall document
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Ranking list and grant award decision

- After qualitative assessment a ranking list of all eligible applications per budget envelope is drawn up.

- Grant award decision depending on the available budget for the respective envelope and on the quality of the other applications received for this envelope.

- Possible „destinies“ for eligible partner country applications:
  - Complete funding of all mobilities applied for
  - Partial funding of the mobilities applied for
  - No funds for any of the mobilities applied for
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Grant award decision example

- **HEI X** applied for cooperation with the following three countries:
  - Morocco (assessment result 64), Indonesia (assessment result 72), United States (assessment result 78)

- **Grant award decision:**
  - Funding of all applied mobilities with Morocco (lot of available budget, supply exceeding demand)
  - Funding of 50% of the applied mobilities with Indonesia (demand exceeding supply; ranking position not good enough to receive full funding; therefore budget cuts)
  - No funds for United States (small budget envelope; lot of demand; threshold would have been 84 pts)
Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Application process: what to keep in mind

- **Focus** the facts that make your project unique and special, avoid being too generic
- **Elaborate** why the planned mobilities are important for both institutions involved
- **Make use** of existing cooperations and networks
- **Consider** staff exchange as a trailblazer for further and more intense cooperation
- **Partner** country’s institution’s perspective is important as well!
  - Need for **intense exchange** of ideas between institutions beforehand
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Application process: supporting documents

- **Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2017:**

- **Do’s and Don’ts for applicants:**
  - How to write a good application paper

- **National Erasmus+ Offices in partner countries:**
  - Provide useful information on the higher education landscape of their country, national priorities, legal status of partner institutions etc.
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Project management

- **Start** date for Call 2017 projects: **1st June 2017**
- Project **duration** either **16** or **26** months
- Full **flexibility** to organize mobilities at any stage of project period
- **Application on an annual basis** strongly recommended
- **Changes/amendments** to the originally awarded mobility numbers in duly justified cases **possible**:
  - Incoming/Outgoing
  - Staff/Students
  - Change of partner institution
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