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## ERASMUS+ FOR HIGHER EDUCATION KA131 EUROPEAN MOBILITY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2023

In the call 2023 of the Erasmus+ programme, higher education institutions and mobility consortia can apply for funding for mobility of higher education students and staff and blended intensive programmes between EU countries and third countries associated to the programme, i.e. for European mobility. Additionally, a maximum of 20 % of the funding awarded to European mobility can be used to fund outgoing mobility to third countries not associated to the programme. A precondition for awarding funding is that the higher education institution has an *Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)*. A mobility consortium applying for funding must have an *Erasmus+ Accreditation for Higher Education Mobility Consortia* awarded by the national agency that can be applied at the same time with a separate application form (see a separate call for applications for accreditation of mobility consortia KA130 for details).

**Higher education institutions and mobility consortia can apply for funding for the following activities:**

- **Student mobility for studies (SMS)**
- **Student mobility for traineeships including traineeships for recently graduated (SMT)**
- **Teaching assignments in higher education institutions abroad and teaching in a Finnish higher education institution of invited experts from enterprises abroad (STA)**
- **Training periods abroad in another higher education institution or enterprise (STT)**
- **Organisational support (OS)**
- **Blended intensive programmes (BIP)**

**A higher education institution can apply for support for mobility activities as an individual institution or as a member of a mobility consortium**, for example so that part of the mobilities (e.g. only traineeships abroad) are realised through the consortium and other mobilities independently. **If the higher education institution does not belong to any mobility consortium, it can submit only one application in each application round.** If a higher education institution submits multiple applications, only the last submitted application will be taken into consideration.

This call applies to European mobility, i.e. so-called **mobility between EU countries and third countries associated to the programme (KA131) that is supported by EU's internal policy funds**. At the same time there is also an application round for the International Credit Mobility (global mobility), that is mobility funded by EU's external policy funds (KA171). (Please see a separate call for applications).

**Official application documents**

- [Erasmus+ programme's call for proposals](#) – an official call with information among others on activities, eligible countries, application deadlines
- [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#) – detailed descriptions of all activities that can be applied for, see especially KA1 Mobility and Mobility project for higher education students and staff.

## Available funding

The available funding for European mobility in the application round 2023 is **ca. 19.3 million euro**. When the funding for student, traineeship, teacher and staff mobility and blended intensive programmes is awarded, the following will be taken into consideration:

- realised mobility volumes in the previously reported agreement periods
- the level of usages of funding for K131 that has been awarded in 2021 and 2022
- application 2023: estimated numbers of mobilities and blended intensive programmes to be arranged
- available budget

In all categories the number of awarded mobilities cannot exceed the number applied for. The available **budget affects the funding to be awarded** and numbers of mobilities or blended intensive programmes may have to be reduced if the available budget does not allow funding all applied mobility. In case of a new applicant, the awarded funding will be estimated case by case in the national agency.

In the call 2023 nationally defined fixed grants are followed in the European mobility. Thus, the higher education institutions and consortia cannot define the grants they are going to use by themselves, but all Finnish higher education institutions and consortia have to follow the defined fixed daily and monthly grant rates. **EDUFI will define the fixed grant rates for the call 2023 according to which the higher education institutions and consortia should pay the grants to mobility participants in** at the latest by the beginning of the agreement period. Despite this, higher education institution can still pay additional grants on top of the EU funding from their own budgets. The grant sums defined by the EDUFI can be checked on EDUFI website after they have been decided.

**Organisational Support (OS)** is based on EDUFI's estimation of the number of higher education institution's mobilities within the agreement period. Higher education institution may have to return part of the awarded OS support if the realised number of mobilities is lower than the estimated number used for awarding the support. Higher education institution can transfer 100 % of OS support to mobility grants.

Support for developing and arranging **blended intensive programmes** is awarded based on the number of applied programmes entered in the application form and their number of learner participants. The minimum number of participants is 15 and the maximum number taken into consideration when calculating funding is 20 participants. Learner participants can be both students and staff of higher education institutions, but staff that takes part in arrangements of the programme will not be taken into consideration in calculation of the grant. Support for one blended intensive programme can be 6000 – 8000 euro. The higher education institution/consortium can transfer the support awarded for blended intensive programmes to other mobility activities.

### To be taken into consideration in the call 2023

#### 1) Usage of funding for European mobility for outgoing mobility to partner countries

One of the priorities of the Erasmus+ programme is enhancing its international dimension. To offer wider opportunities to students and staff and to build sustainable global partnerships the higher education institutions can use up to 20 % of funding for European mobility to outgoing mobility to partner countries. In the application form the applicants are asked to give an estimated share (%) of funding that the higher education institution or consortium plans to use for mobility activities to partner countries. The estimation given at the application stage does not limit the usage of support. Usage can always be up to 20 %. The objective should be to use funding with as many partners as possible and with the widest geographical scope possible.

## 2) Additional grants to students with fewer opportunities

Inclusion is an important priority of the Erasmus+ programme. Inclusion is promoted e.g. with additional grants. **Fixed top up grants** are paid to students who belong to nationally defined groups with fewer opportunities. An estimation of the share (%) of mobility participants with fewer opportunities entitled to a fixed top up grant is asked in the application form.

In addition to the above-mentioned fixed top up grant mobility participants who have additional costs related to their mobility period because of their personal or health situation, learning difficulties, or other similar reasons, can apply for **inclusion support** based on real costs from the national agency. The support includes also an additional OS support for the sending organisation.

### Agreement period

The length of the mobility project is 26 months. The awarded funding is however mainly meant for funding of mobilities of one academic year and the higher education institution will submit a new application in the following spring for the following academic year.

The agreement period of the call 2023 is **1.6.2023 – 31.7.2025 (26 months)**.

Instructions for filling in the application forms

- A web-based online application form is used in the application round. The form has been linked to EDUFI's webpage <https://www.oph.fi/fi/ohjelmat/nain-haet-erasmus-rahoitusta-opetushallituksesta>
  - ➔ Application form: KA131-HED Mobility of higher education students and staff.
- Technical instructions for filling in the form can also be found on the website
- The applicant higher education institution and all members of a mobility consortia must have a valid OID code.
  - All organisations that have been involved in the Erasmus+ programme have been created an Organisation ID (OID). The OID code is of form E0000000.
  - You can search for partners' OID codes through the ORS portal at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/organisation-registration/screen/home>
- The same application form is used in the whole Europe. It can be filled in one of the official languages of the European Union.
- In the application form an applicant higher education institution or mobility consortium gives an estimation of the number of outgoing students, trainees, teachers and other staff members and of blended intensive programmes and their participants as well as estimated share (%) of funding to be used for outgoing mobilities to partner countries in the academic year 2023–2024 and an estimated share of mobility participants with fewer opportunities entitled to a fixed top up to their grant.
  - In the numbers of student and traineeship mobilities one should include both long- and short-term mobilities and number of students participating in blended intensive programmes abroad in all degree cycles.
  - In the numbers of teacher and staff mobilities one should include all mobility periods, also invited experts from enterprises abroad, also teachers who are going to teach in blended intensive programmes abroad and staff members who are participating in blended intensive programmes abroad as learner participants.
  - Into the number of participants of intensive programmes one should include only learner participants coming from abroad who are not

taking part in arrangements of the programme. (NB! Also a staff member can be a learner participant).

- Note! The national agency cannot award higher number of mobilities than has been applied for.
- For a mobility consortium, a mandate letter from its domestic member organisations should be attached to the application form. (The form can be downloaded from the application system once partner institutions' information has been entered in the application form.)
- The Declaration on Honour (DOH) document signed by the legal representative of the applicant organisation shall be scanned and attached to the application form. (The form can be downloaded from the application system.)

### **Submitting the application**

The application should be submitted electronically by **23 February 2023 at 13:00 Finnish time** (12:00 CET). Late applications will not be considered. Applications are not sent by post.