



Erasmus+

A tool supporting African Economic and Higher
Education Integration

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Erasmus+ cooperation opportunities between Europe and Africa

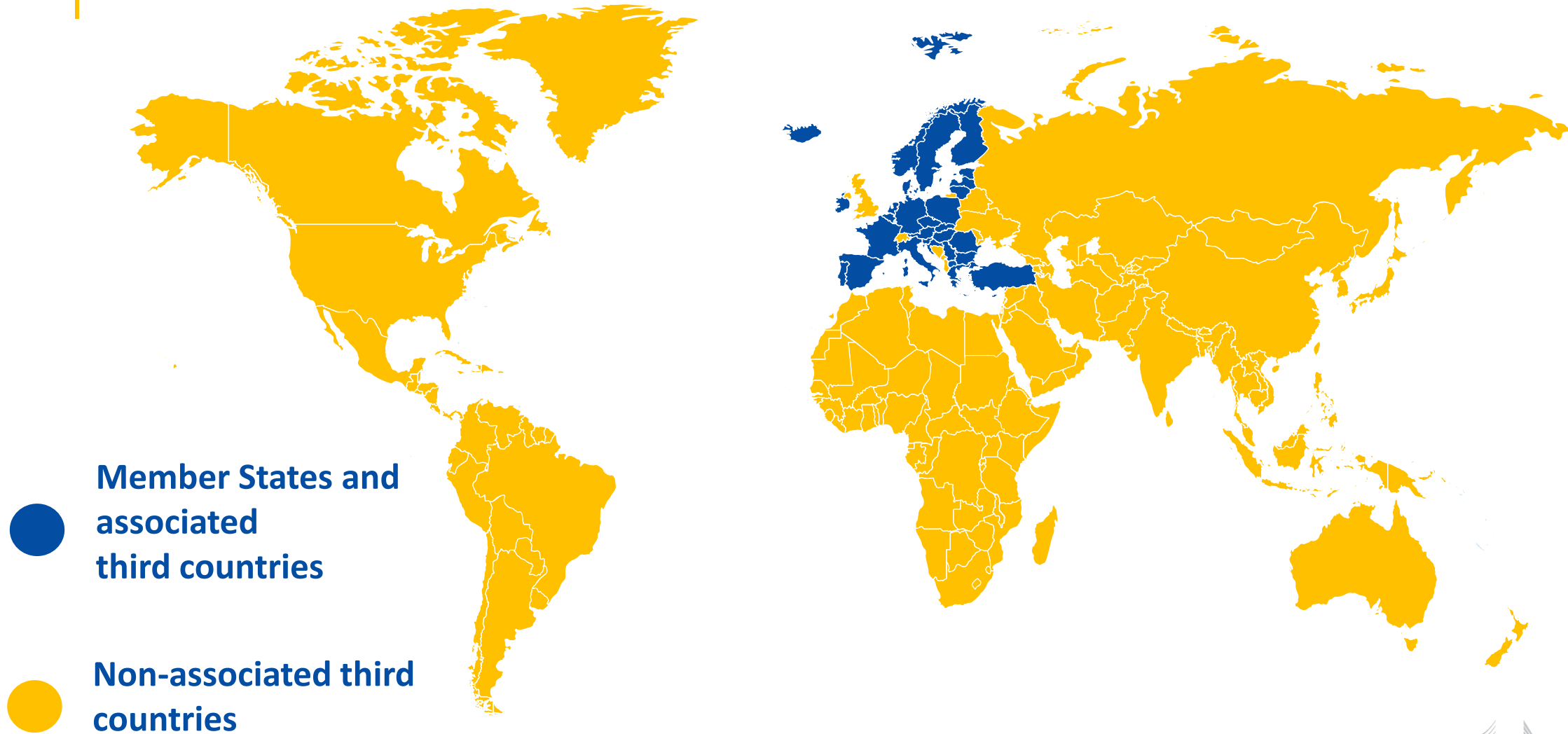
Overview and achievements so far

What is Erasmus+?

- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation
- Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027:
 - builds on previous programme
 - more international



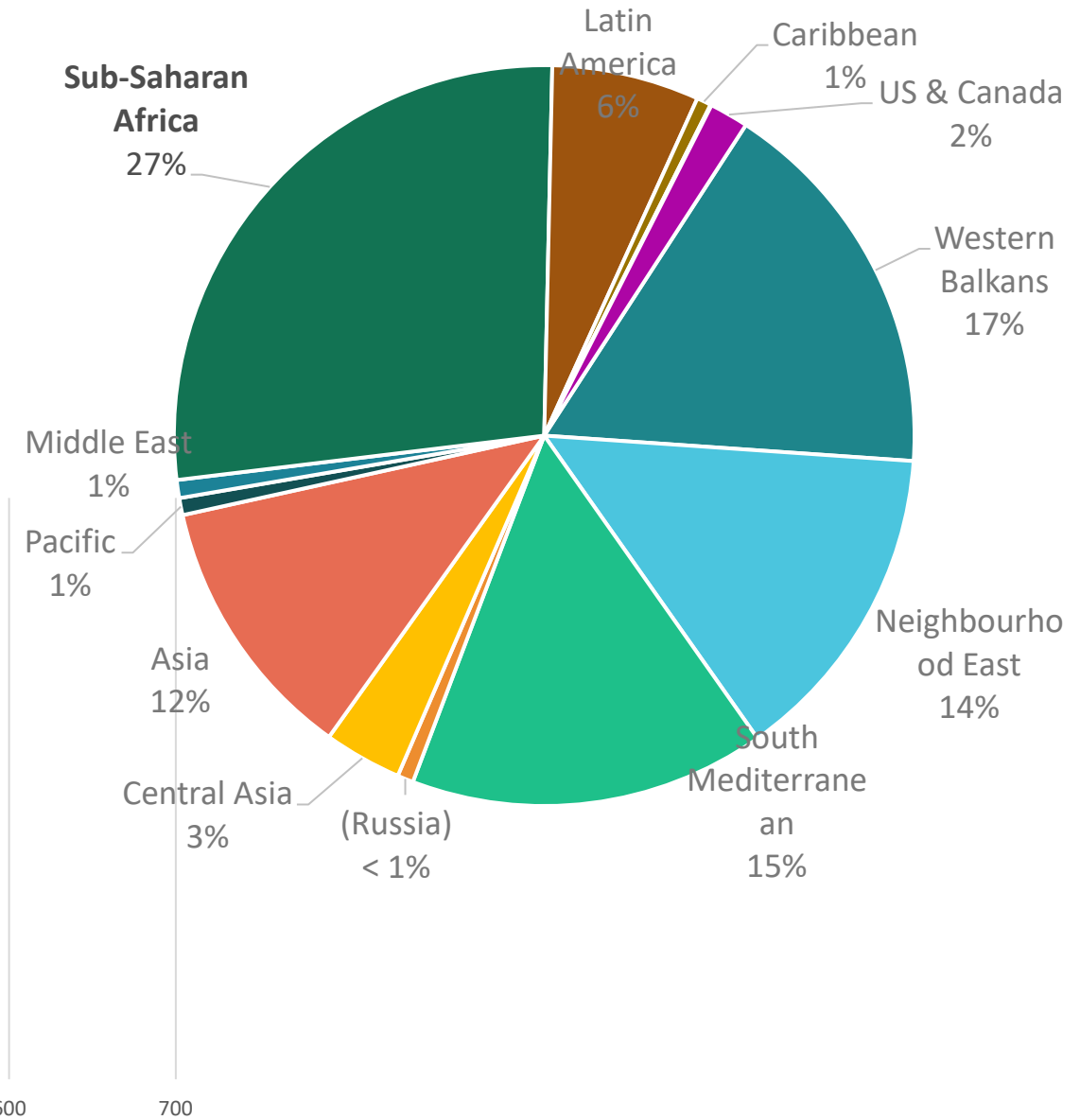
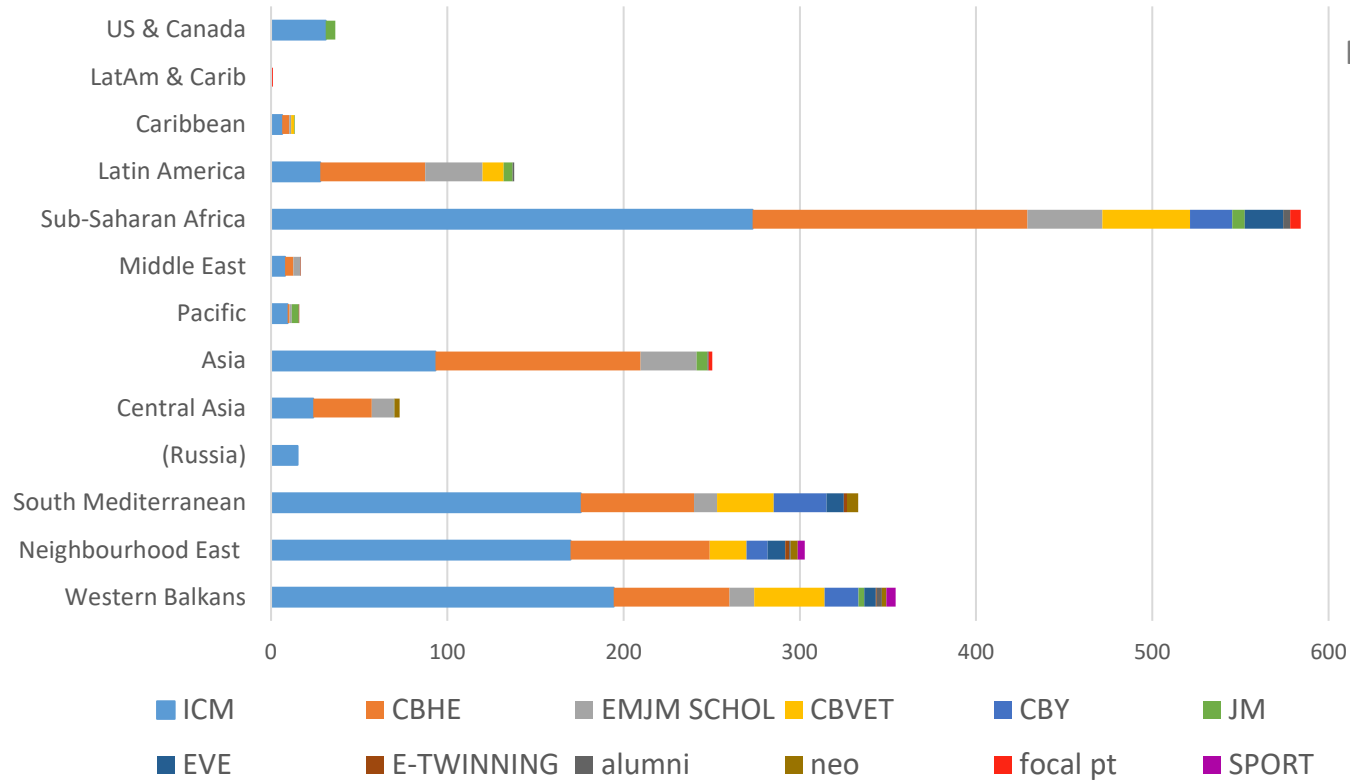
International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



Budget allocated to Africa (2021-2027) 800 M€

584 million Euros for Sub-Saharan Africa
+ approx 220 M€ for North Africa (2/3 of the South Med budget)

Erasmus+ MIP budget 2021-27 by region and action (MEUR)



Which Erasmus+ actions are open to African organisations

HIGHER EDUCATION

- International Credit Mobility
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters & Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- Capacity Building for Higher Education
- Jean Monnet activities

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

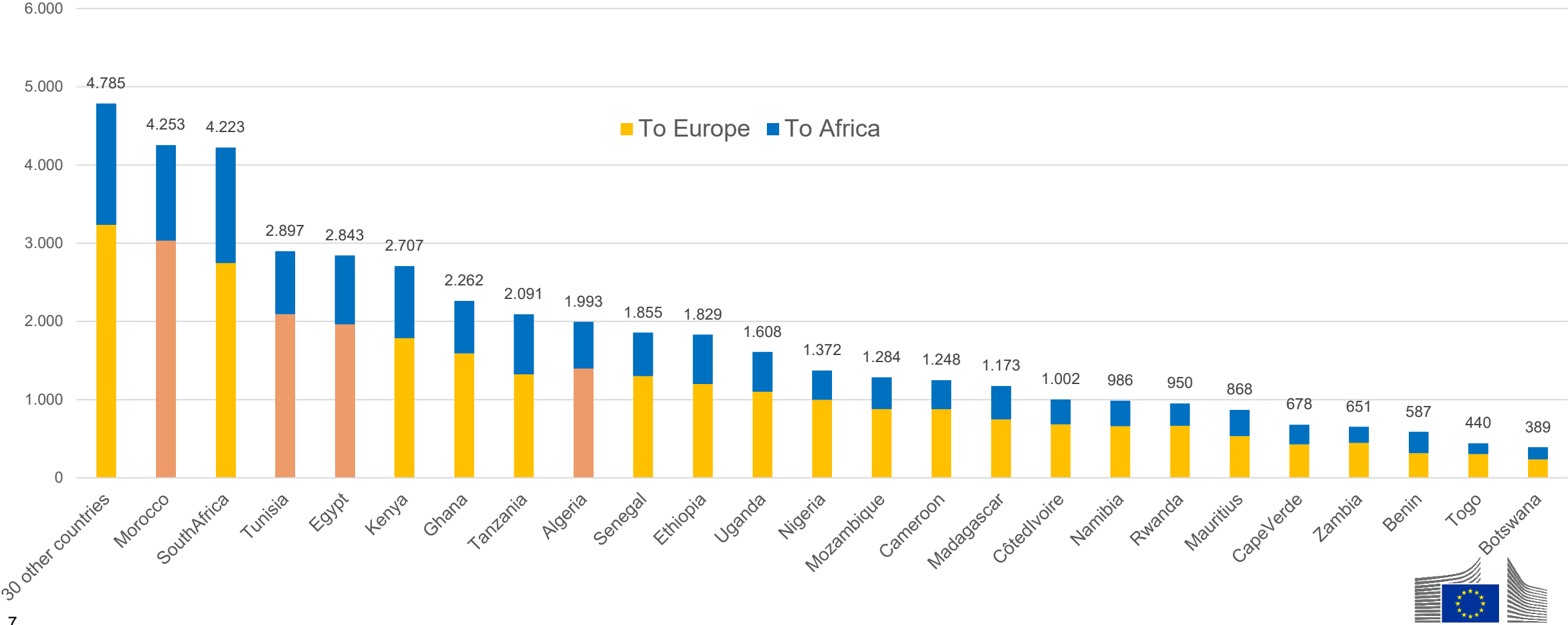
- Capacity Building in VET

YOUTH / HIGHER EDUCATION

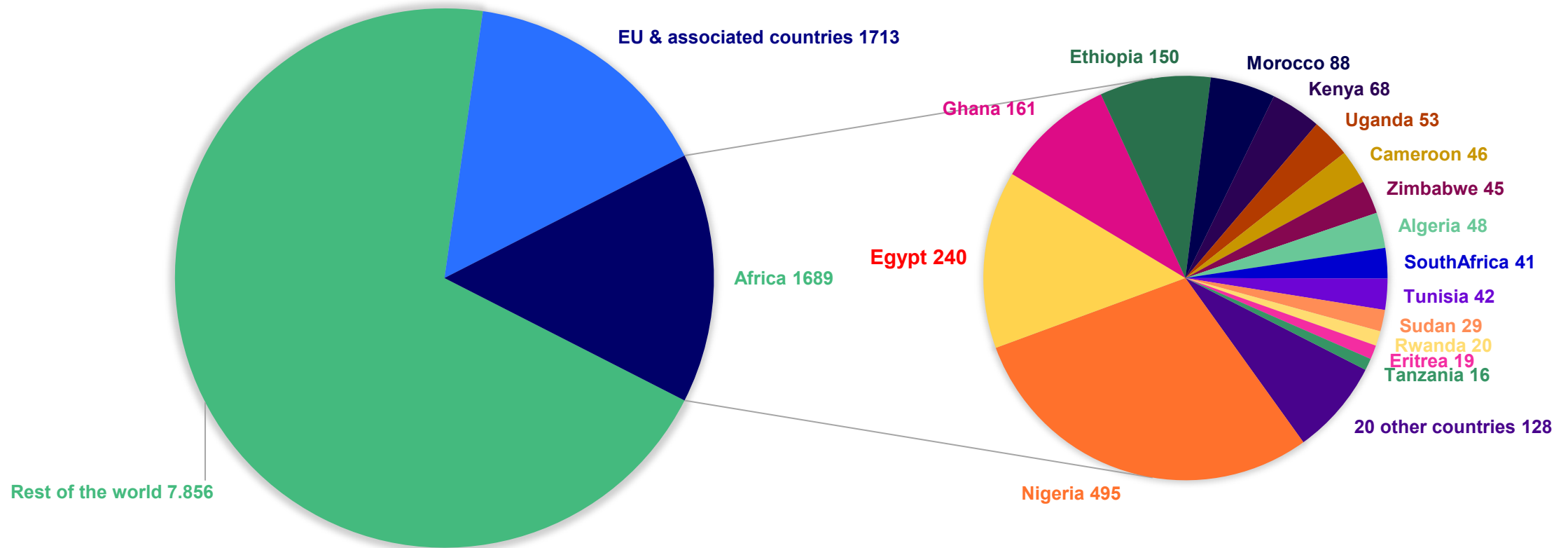
- Virtual Exchanges
- Capacity building in Youth
- Youth exchanges and youth workers mobility (North Africa only)

International Credit mobility 2022-2024

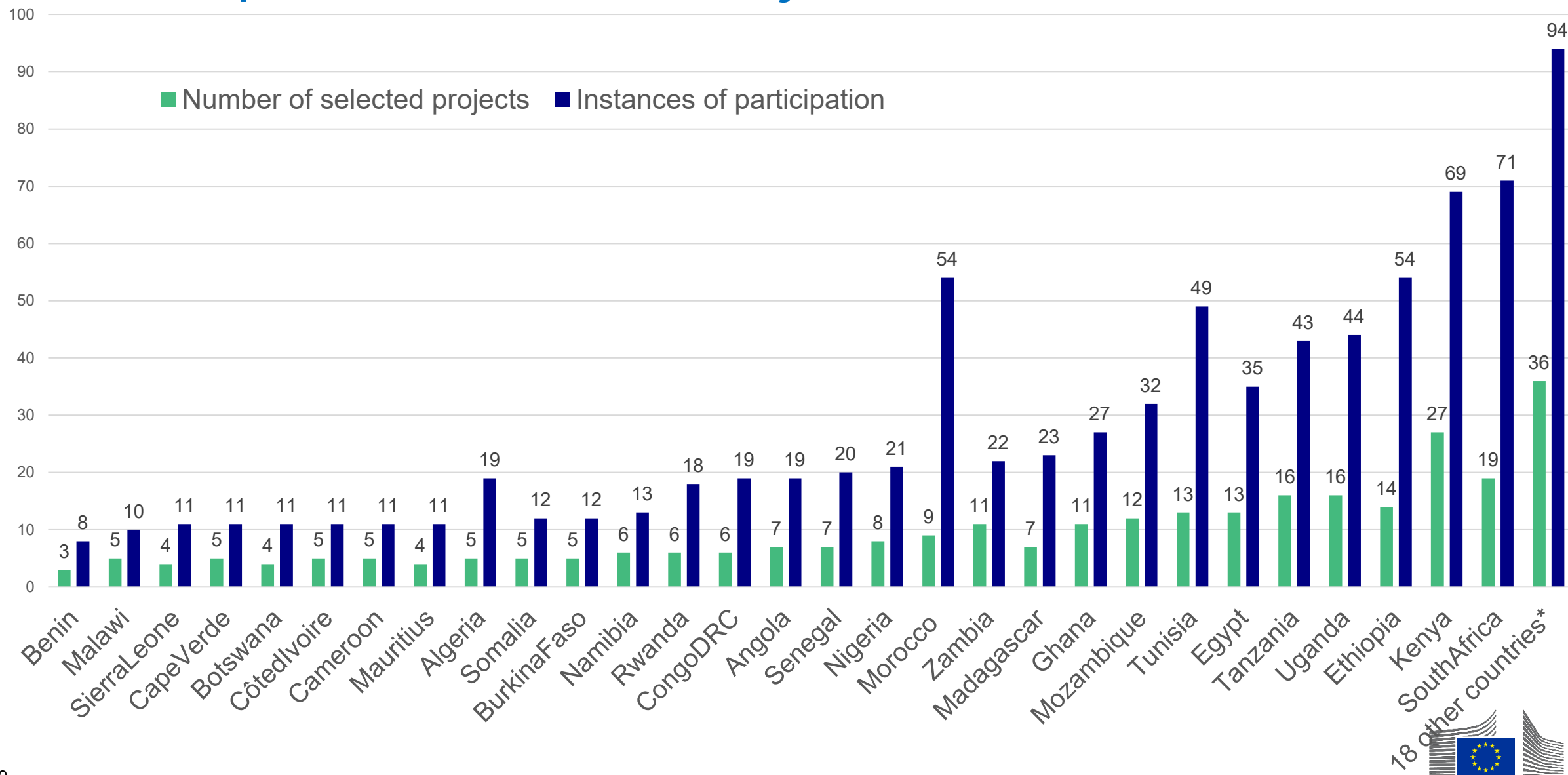
Number of mobile students and staff



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Scholarships 2021-2024



Participation in CBHE Projects 2022-2024



How can Erasmus+ contribute
to African economic and trade integration ?

Potential impact of Erasmus+ projects on African economic and trade integration

Enhance Human Capital for economic growth

- Improving quality of education and skills development for students and Higher education staff
- Developing a skilled work force: qualifications and competencies enhance employability in both local and global markets.
- Promoting entrepreneurial mindset through mobility and knowledge exchange

Facilitate knowledge exchange and innovation

- Promoting knowledge exchange between African and European higher education institutions fosters innovation in education content and teaching methods.
- Focusing on sectors vital to Africa's economic development, such as agriculture, renewable energy, digitalisation and health.

Promote Regional Integration and Cooperation in Africa

- Creating regional networks build stronger relationships between African countries and create shared solutions for economic challenges.
- Building capacity in areas like trade policy, economics, and business, indirectly supporting AfCFTA objectives
- Disseminating qualification recognition practices (i.e. Credit Transfer systems)

Support Trade and Economic Policy Development

- Increased exposure to European trade policies, regulations, and practices
- Erasmus+ alumni, equipped with international knowledge and experience, can support African businesses gain better access to international markets.

CBHE project in Sub-Saharan Africa

AfroTrans – Cameroon, Congo - Kinshasa

GLOBAL GATEWAY PRIORITY: Transport



OBJECTIVES

- Develop a new master's curriculum in Road Transportation Systems Engineering (goods delivery, get to workplace, medical care points)
- Equip students and staff with teaching materials based on innovative methods and tools
- Target road authorities at national, regional and local levels
- Develop lasting international cooperation between the project partners and possibly extend it to other institutions

PARTNERS

- Coordinator: Politechnika Gdanska (PL)
- Bauhaus-Universitaet Weimar (DE)
- Institut de Technologie de l'Industrie du Management et de l'Entrepreneuriat (CM)
- Universitaet Klagenfurt (AT)
- Universite de Dschang (CM)
- Universite de l'Assomption au Congo (CD)
- Universite Libre des Pays des Grands lacs (CD)
- Universite officielle de Ruwenzori (CD)

More information:

[Erasmus+ Project Platform](https://www.afrotrans.org/afrotrans-project/)
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CBHE project in Sub-Saharan Africa

UMEME – Tanzania

GLOBAL GATEWAY PRIORITY: Climate and energy
Sub-Priority: Renewable energies



OBJECTIVES

- New education system for Electric access development
- Reshape the future of Tanzania's energy landscape to align with UN-SDGs, considering a doubling of Tanzanian population by 2040
- Increase the skills of Tanzanian electrical and energy engineers (curriculum modernization, innovative laboratories and teaching methodologies)
- Prioritize the professional development of academic staff through training and mobility opportunities

PARTNERS

- Coordinator: Università Degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza (IT)
- Dar Es Salaam Institute of Technology (TZ)
- ETDCO Electrical Transmission and Distribution Construction and Maintenance Company (TZ)
- Karume Institute of Science and Technology (TZ)
- Studio Santi Limited (TZ)
- UNEED.IT (IT)
- University of Cyprus (CY)
- University of Dar Es Salaam (TZ)

More information:

[Erasmus+ Project Platform
https://umemeproject.co.tz/](https://umemeproject.co.tz/)

UNII Co-create

CBHE structural project on entrepreneurship

Objectives

- Co-creation of Curricula – Train academic leaders to collaborate with industry and societal partners in developing curricula that promote **entrepreneurship and innovation**.
- Pilot the integration of Co-creation Units within university Technology Transfer Offices to facilitate collaborative projects between students, staff, and industry.
- Create a network of advocates able to influence policies related to university-industry cooperation, curriculum design, and joint qualifications.

Coordinator

TECHNOLOGICAL HIGHER EDUCATION
NETWORK SOUTH AFRICA

Partners

- Higher Education Institutions from South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, and Namibia
- Ministries of Education from each participating country
- EU partner institutions from Ireland, France, and Finland
- Key higher education authorities and organisations (SARUA, SAQA, AAU, TUPA, PAU)

More details at
[Search - Erasmus+](#)

Jean Monnet Network



A multidisciplinary network fostering academic dialogue and exchange between Africa and Europe



Shared Peace

Security

Rule of Law

Governance



Shared Prosperity

Trade

Development

Innovation

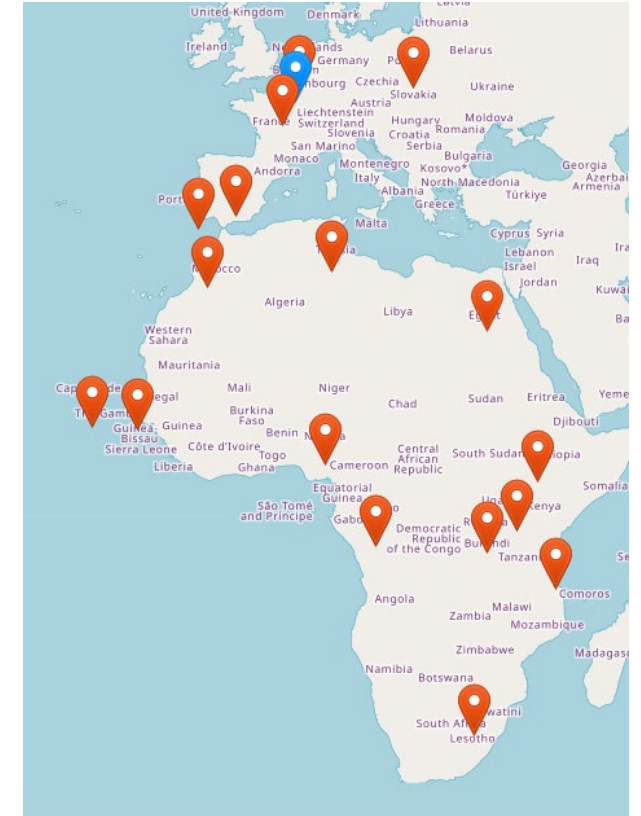


Shared Spaces

Environment

Migration

Cultures



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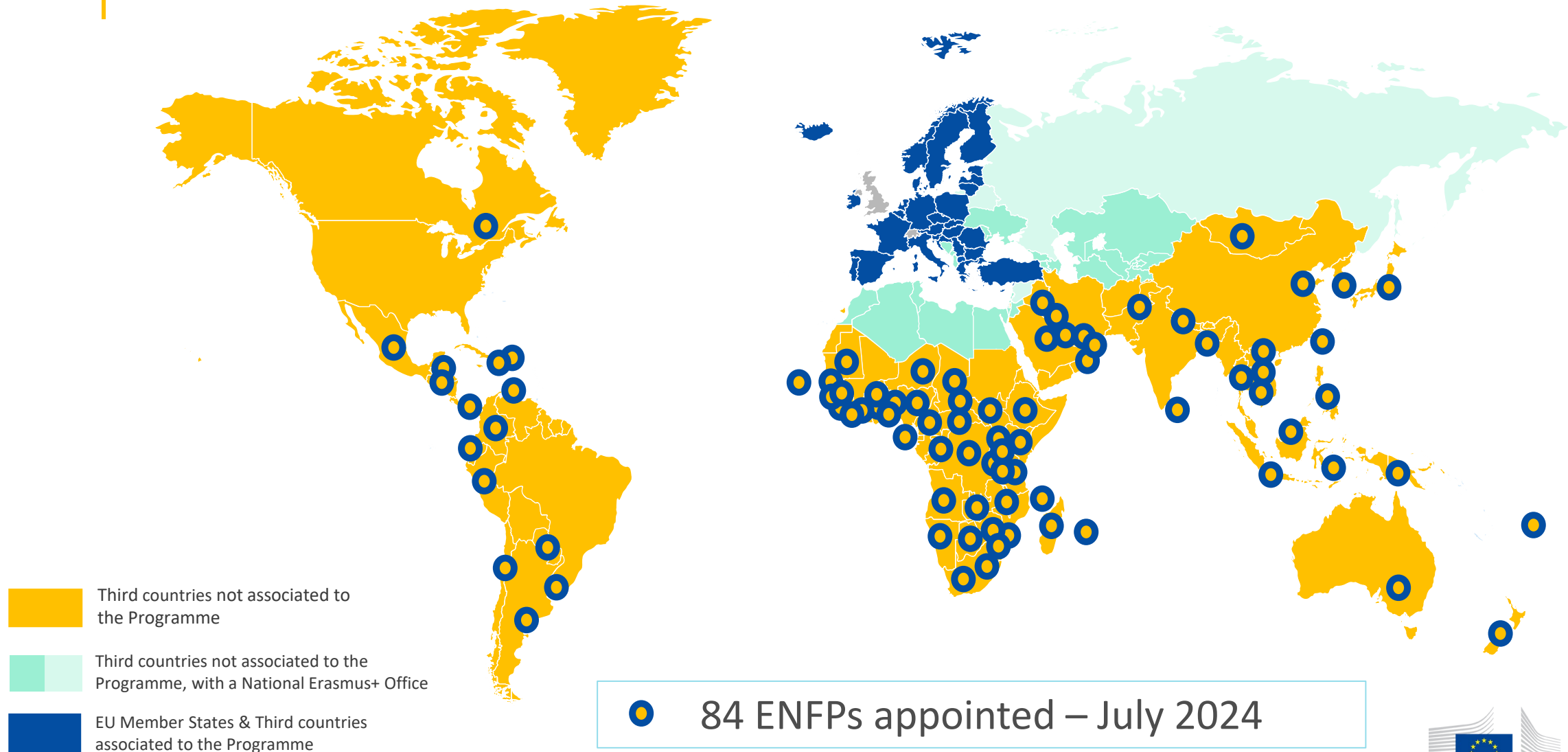
Who can apply and when?



Actions	Managed by	Institutions from Africa	Call publication	Deadline for submission
International credit mobility	National Agencies in 33 European countries	Partner	Single 2026 Erasmus+ Call published in November 2025	February-April 2026 Specific date for each E+ Action
Erasmus Mundus	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		
Capacity-building for Higher Education	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant/Partner		
Jean Monnet activities	EACEA in Brussels	Applicant / Partner		
Capacity-building for Vocational Education and Training	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange	EACEA in Brussels	Partner		

Erasmus+ National Focal Points at your service

[List of Erasmus+ National Focal Points | Erasmus Networks Platform](#)



African Students & Alumni Forum (ASAF)

<https://www.asaf.africa/>

Platform offering opportunities for exchange, collaboration for African students, alumni & professionals having benefited from mobility scholarships funded by EU & AU

Created in 2019
Over 1700 registered members

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees
Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme
Intra Africa Academic Mobility Scheme
African Union's Nyerere Scholarship
Academic Mobility Programme



More Information

Erasmus+ Programme guide (all EU languages)

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>

Recorded training sessions for each Action

[Erasmus+ World Wide Webinar 2024 - Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

Online trainings (for Actions managed centrally in Brussels)

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events_en

Erasmus+ Factsheets (per continent and per country)

[Factsheets and statistics on Erasmus+ - Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

Erasmus+ Projects database to get inspiration and find results

[Search - Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)

