

RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ACCREDITED APPLICANTS

UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1

This document defines the rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants within the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National Agency	National Agency for Community Programs in the field of Education and Vocational Training
Field	VET
Call year	2026

1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

The total budget available for allocation for Erasmus+ is published in the national open call on the website: <https://www.erasmusplus.ro/documente-candidatura>.

Total budget available for allocation:	34.900.000 EUR
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Out of the available budget, at least the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	21.000.000 EUR
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	6.980.000 EUR
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	800.000 EUR

If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget. The indicated amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document.

2. BUDGET ALLOCATION

2.1. General provisions

The National Agency will estimate the budget required to implement the activities requested by each applicant, as described in the Programme Guide. If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities or their maximum grant, then a competitive allocation will take place as described below. However, if the total available budget is sufficient to fully address the requests of all applicants, then the funding will be allocated in that way.

A competitive budget allocation takes place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget is divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described below. For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they receive in each allocation phase (and any separately approved amount for cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs'). If any applicant cannot receive further funds based on the rules in this document, then any surplus funds allocated to them will be divided among other applicants using the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

For the purpose of budget allocation, completed projects are the projects from call 2023, with the final payment made by 19th of February 2026 at the latest. Only KA121 projects linked to the accreditation code referenced in the application can be taken into account for the budget allocation. The National Agency may exclude from consideration past projects that have been negatively affected by events outside of the beneficiary's control (*force majeure*).

In all cases, the awarded grant shall not be higher than the estimated budget required to implement all activities requested by the applicant.

2.2. Maximum grant

Applicants that have completed their 2023 accredited project with an absorption rate below 90%, will receive at most the amount of grant that they were able to absorb.

The NA has decided to set two different maximum grant amounts as follows:

- for single applicants, regardless of the level of the demand, based on average past number of implemented mobilities per project and considering the limitation of the budget for this year the amount is limited to **180.000 EUR**.
- for consortia, regardless of the level of the demand, based on average past number of implemented mobilities per project and considering the limitation of the budget for this year the amount is limited to **360.000 EUR**.

Cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs' will not count towards the maximum grant.

Maximum grant for applicants under observation may be limited by the specific decision on establishment of observation measures.

2.3. First phase: basic grants and financial performance

All applicants will receive at least the following basic grant, depending on which category they belong to:

- for single accredited applicants: **45.000 EUR**
- for consortia accredited applicants: **65.000 EUR**

The basic grant for single applicants was established to ensure the level of funding necessary to implement a minimum number of mobilities by an organisation, to achieve an impact at its level. To establish it, data from the last completed exercise (2023) were analysed - the types of recurring activities and the average number of participants – while considering the budget limitation for this year. As regards consortia, the basic grant was established to ensure the smooth running of a greater number of mobility flows.

2.4. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score and the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities.

The score of each applicant is calculated in two steps:

- a) For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of their 2023 accredited project.

For applicants that have not yet completed any accredited projects, the base score will be equal to the evaluation score of their accreditation application (or VET Mobility Charter application).

b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:

- Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: +2 point for each 10 participants with fewer opportunities.
- Implementing long-term mobility of learners (ErasmusPro): +10 points for each project with long term mobilities;
- Implementing activities for invited experts: +5 point for each project involving invited experts.