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# Update on Erasmus+ 2028-2034

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## From Erasmus+ 2022-2027 to E/+ 2028-2034

### EUA

- 2023 Survey among 500 European and international higher education institutions from 49 - Analysis & recommendations
- [Use and impact of the Erasmus+ programme \(2021-27\) at higher education institutions \(May 2025\)](#)



Excellent, fit for purpose programme - to be continued, with some improvements

#### Increase of budget

- inflation & price rises
- Europe's political ambitions: competitiveness, skills and resilience, international visibility and attraction of talent

#### Simplification & support

- robust, reliable and user-friendly tools
- better services and support by the EACEA.

#### Retain the Global Europe

- Additional funding for international third-country programmes (development funds, neighbourhood, Middle East & North Africa)

# July 2024: EC proposals for E+ budget & legal basis

Importance of investment in education and skills (competitiveness & resilience - economy and society)

Confirms the present structure of E+ - with some changes

New: Scholarships in strategic educational fields that the EC proposes

40.8 billion EUR

- from 26.9 billion in 2021-2027
- excluding the funding for international cooperation (from other funds)

Legal basis has very little detail – directionality (serve industry ...)

Difficult to assess how much E+ will change - e.g. Erasmus Mundus: no scholarships for European students?

New Scholarships: rationale? Cost?

- 2026 pilot on STEM: one grant of €1.25 million about 25 student scholarships

40.8 Bill = €36.2 bill in constant prices

- Includes European Solidarity Corps (1 bill), outgoing international mobility, etc.

No breakdown to education sectors & programme strands and actions ...

# Joint statement on the budget & joint amendment proposals to the legal basis

[On the Budget – 7 Jan 2026](#)

<https://www.eua.eu/news/eua-news/a-stronger-europe-needs-a-properly-funded-erasmus.html>



- **at least 60 Bill EUR**
- **breakdown by actions & sector - minimum of 34.6% to HE**
- **maintain current level of activities**
- **to fund existing & new priorities, such as:**
  - More & more inclusive mobility
  - labour-market needs, Europe's long-term prosperity and competitiveness
  - Consolidation European University Initiative & Centres of VET Excellence
- **Synergies with other EU funding sources**
  - New scholarships co-funded from the European Competitiveness Fund
- **Support to students & staff at risk and in crisis situations** through different E+ actions, and a dedicated programme to be established.

## JOINT STATEMENT

### A stronger Europe needs a properly funded Erasmus+

7 January 2026



- [Cover note](#), summarizing the key points
- [Joint proposed amendments](#) + rationale

## State of play & prospects

### European Parliament's Cult Committee

- Over 1000 amendments to the legal basis (EP committees, public)
- Draft report delayed - vote on at the EP in October.
- €56.4 billion (50 billion constant prices)

### European Parliaments BUDG Committee - this week

- 47,39 billion EUR in current prices (42 billion EUR constant prices)

### Council of the EU/ memberstates: some find 40.8 bill to high

### Budget & conditions for third country cooperation

- EUA called for 6 Bill EUR
- EC DG International Partnership: focus on country specific development goals
- Political opposition: Europe first

### Importance of continued advocacy at European and national levels