

International Credit Mobility (ICM), KA107-2016
Cooperation between Polish and Partner Country Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
Information on grant awards

Within the 2016 Call for proposals Polish HEIs submitted 110 applications for ICM. There were 15 405 mobilities requested in all submitted applications including:

- 9 023 staff mobility flows (incoming to Poland: 5 068, outgoing to Partner Countries: 3 955);
- 6 382 student mobility flows (incoming to Poland: 4 919, outgoing to Partner Countries: 1 463).

109 applications met formal eligibility criteria and were assessed against quality criteria.

Within the 109 eligible proposals 601 quality assessments have been made (each Partner Country is assessed individually). The average number of Partner Countries per application was 5.5. Only 33 applications envisaged cooperation with a single Partner Country. The highest number of Partner Countries in a single application was 30.

As the result of qualitative assessment:

- 79 HEIs have met a minimum quality threshold for all Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 14 HEIs have met a minimum quality threshold for some of the Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 16 HEIs have not met minimum quality threshold for any of the Partner Country envisaged in the application;
- 2 HEIs despite of meeting a minimum quality threshold have not received any funding due to the lack of funds – the score qualifying for grant award have been raised for some (sub)regions (see below).

91 Polish HEIs have been awarded a grant for at least one mobility flow.

The table below presents the budget available and the budget requested per region (i.e. per “budgetary envelope”):

Region (budgetary envelope)	Amount available for Polish HEIs in 2016 (€)	Amount requested by Polish HEIs in submitted applications (€)	Proportion between budget requested and available
Region 1 Western Balkans	1 824 559	2 537 511	1.39
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	1 495 201	15 750 116	10.53
Region 3 South Mediterranean	1 978 633	2 167 351	1.10
Region 4 Russia	897 228	3 167 588	3.53

Region 6 Asia	1 265 596	6 574 313	5.19
Region 7 Central Asia	394 290	2 353 820	5.97
Region 8 Latin America	416 833	4 672 460	11.21
Region 10 South Africa	123 469	216 497	1.75
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	375 134	592 036	1.58
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	397 845	3 529 211	8.87
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	421 725	3 976 415	9.43
Total	9 590 513	45 537 318	4.75

To open opportunities of ICM to the widest possible number of beneficiaries it has been decided, in cooperation with the national authorities, to finance as many projects as possible and not only the ones with the highest scores. Staff mobility was given priority due to its importance for a good start of student mobility. Regarding student mobility, preferences were given to incoming flows from Partner Countries to Poland.

The table below presents the minimum quality assessment score qualifying for at least one mobility flow with a given region:

Region ¹	Minimum quality assessment score qualifying for at least one mobility flow with a given region
Region 1 – Western Balkans	60
Region 2 – Eastern Partnership	60
Region 3 – South Mediterranean	60
Region 4 – Russia	60
Region 6 – Asia a) Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal (<i>obligation to use at least 25% of the budget for mobilities with these countries</i>) b) China, India (<i>obligation to use at most 30% of the budget for mobilities with these countries</i>) c) remaining countries (Philippines, DRP Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam)	a) 60 b) students 81; staff 70 c) 60

¹ Countries by region are listed in the 2016 “Erasmus+ Program Guide” http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/files/resources/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf, pp 23-24.

Region 7 – Central Asia	60
Region 8 – Latin America a) Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, El Salvador <i>(obligation to use at least 25% of the budget for mobilities with these countries)</i> b) Brazil, Mexico <i>(obligation to use at most 35% of the budget for mobilities with these countries)</i> c) remaining countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)	a) 60 b) students 81; staff 74 c) 70
Region 10 – South Africa	60
Region 11 – Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	60
Region 13.1 – Industrialised America	Students 81, Staff 70
Region 13.2 – Industrialised Asia	Students 81, Staff 70

It has been also decided:

- to reduce the number of flows taking into account (1) quality assessment results, (2) requested number of flows; (3) budget available in a given region (budgetary envelope);
- in case of the most popular regions (the demanded budget substantially exceeded the available one): to base the allocation on the following principles: for students – a maximum duration of 5 months (150 days), for staff - a maximum duration 7 days (5 days for stay + 2 travel days).

The whole 2016 budget available for Poland has been allocated and for this reason there will be not a second call for proposals in Poland.

The 91 applications accepted for funding envisage 3 437 mobilities (2 348 incoming to Poland and 1 089 outgoing to Partner Countries), including:

- 2 318 staff flows (incoming to Poland: 1 459, outgoing to Partner Countries 859);
- 1 119 student flows (incoming to Poland: 889, outgoing to Partner Countries 230).

List of Polish beneficiary HEIs is available on: <http://erasmusplus.org.pl/dokumenty/#wyniki>

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