



# Central European Joint Infodays 2025

Training seminar focusing on the Erasmus+ centralised actions in higher education and cooperation with partner countries.

## 1-2 December 2025



# General presentation of Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

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# Eligible Countries

- EU27 and third countries associated to the E+ Programme (IS, LI, MK, NO, RS, TR)
- Third countries not associated to the E+ Programme:

→ **Eligibility of the countries:**  
please check with the actual  
Programme Guide

Western Balkans (Region 1)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro
Neighbourhood East (Region 2)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
South-Mediterranean Countries (Region 3)	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia
Asia (Region 5a)	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam
Central Asia (Region 6)	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Middle East (Region 7a)	Iran, Iraq, Yemen
Pacific (Region 8a)	Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Latin America (Region 10)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
Caribbean (Region 11)	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

# Objectives

- Enhance the **relevance of HE** for the implementation of the **Global Gateway strategy**
- Improve the **quality of HE** and enhance its relevance for the **labour market and society**
- Improve the **competences, skills and employability of students** by developing **innovative curricula**
- Promote **inclusive education, equality, equity, non-discrimination** and **civic competences** in HE
- Enhance the **teaching, assessment mechanisms, QA, management, governance, inclusion, innovation, knowledge base, digital and entrepreneurial capacities**, and the **internationalisation** of HEIs
- Increase the **capacities of HEIs** and authorities to **modernise the HE systems, governance** and **financing**, by supporting **reform processes**
- Improve the **training of teachers** and **continuous professional development**
- Stimulate **cooperation** of institutions, **capacity building** and **exchange of good practice**
  - Foster engagement by **HEIs** with **community** and **industry stakeholders**
  - Foster **cooperation across different regions** of the world



# Project Types and Requirements for Consortia

- **Project types:**
  - “**National projects**” involving HEIs from only one third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme (for Regions 2, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9 only)
  - “**Multi-country (regional) projects**” involving HEIs from more than one third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme but within one region
  - “**Multi-country cross-regional**” involving HEIs from more than one region (cross-regional)
- **Minimum requirements for a consortium:**
  - 1 HEI from 2 different countries from: EU27, IS, LI, MK, NO, RS or TR
  - At least 2 HEI from each participating third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme in the project
  - For Strand 3: National competent authority responsible for HE is required



- ... For all Strands: don't' forget non-academic partners

→ **Check additional rules in the Programme Guide!**

# Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in HE

- Facilitate access to **newcomers**
- Reach out to **people with fewer opportunities**
- **Reduce the internationalisation gap** of HEIs from the same country or region
- HEIs from **LDC** or located in **remote areas**
- **Activities:**
  - Enhancing the management/administrative capacity of the targeted HEIs
  - Ensuring high quality and relevant education
  - Increasing the accessibility of the students/staff with fewer opportunities
- **Duration:** 2 or 3 years; **Funding:** 200.000 – 400.000 Euro (max. 90% of total costs)

# Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in HE

- **Innovation** in HE in order to enhance its relevance for the labour market and the society
- **Promoting reform** in HEIs to become catalysts of economic and social development
- **Activities, e.g.:**
  - Designing innovative **curricula** and implementation of innovative **learning** and **teaching methods**
  - Innovation in HE targeting **labour market** and **society**
  - Engagement with the **business** world and **research**
  - Strengthening the HEIs capacities to **network**
  - Modernising HEIs by promoting **reform**
  - Reform **governance** and **management** at HEIs
- **Duration:** 2 or 3 years; **Funding:** 400.000 – 800.000 Euro (max. 90% of total costs)



# Strand 3: Structural reform projects

- Develop **coherent, inclusive and sustainable systems** of HE to meet their **socio-economic needs** and broad ambition to create a **knowledge-driven economy**, including STEM
- **Activities:**
  - Cooperation and mutual learning among **public authorities** for **innovating the HE sector**
  - Promote **inclusive HE systems**
  - Increase capacities of HE bodies to **modernise the HE system**
  - Identify **synergies** with ongoing **EU initiatives** (e.g., [Global Gateway priorities](#) for 5a, 6, 8a, 9,10, 11)
- **Important:** national competent authority responsible for HE is required
- **Duration:** 3 or 4 years; **Funding:** 600.000 – 1.000.000 Euro (max. 90% of total costs)



- **Extra Call: EU-Moldova Master's programme in European Affairs**  
different funding rules!



# Practical Information

- Deadline: **10 February 2026, 17:00 (CET, Brussels time)**
- Managed by European Education and Culture Executive Agency ([EACEA](#))
- Online submission at Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal ([FTOP](#))
  - Call ID: **ERASMUS-EDU-2026-CBHE**
- More information:
  - [Programme Guide](#)
  - [Global Gateway related priorities for CBHE](#)



# Thank you for the attention!

😊😊😊 **Good luck!** 😊😊😊



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# Jean Monnet Actions

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# Erasmus+ 2021-2027 - Where Jean Monnet Fits In

**KA1**

Learning  
Mobility for  
Individuals

**KA2**

Cooperation among  
organisations and  
institutions

**KA3**

Support for Policy  
development and  
cooperation

**Jean Monnet Actions** continue as a single integrated programme



support teaching and research on **EU studies worldwide**

are a vector of a public  
diplomacy in third countries  
– promoting **EU values**  
and enhancing visibility of  
the EU

are managed centrally by  
**EACEA**

promote active European  
citizenship and founding  
values of the EU, such as  
freedom, tolerance, and non-  
discrimination

## Jean Monnet Actions...

are dedicated to the  
memory of **Jean Monnet**  
(1888-1979)

celebrated **35 years** since the  
programme started in 1989  
(Introduction of European  
integration studies in universities)

Aim to reach out to a  
wider public by bringing  
EU knowledge closer to  
society

# Why Jean Monnet Matters Today

- We live in a time when **facts about the EU matter more than ever.**
- Universities play a key role in shaping **informed, active European citizens.**
- Jean Monnet supports exactly that - **credible teaching, research, and public outreach on EU topics.**



# Jean Monnet Actions: a worldwide network since 1989



around **6.932 Jean Monnet Actions** in the field of European studies and European integration

Jean Monnet Beneficiaries in **100+ countries worldwide**, with more than **1000 universities** offering Jean Monnet courses

approximately **9,000 university teachers** who contribute to Jean Monnet courses every year

All countries highlighted in green have had at least one Jean Monnet project





# Jean Monnet Actions in 2026

## in the field of **Higher Education**

- Modules
- Chairs
- Centres of Excellence

## in other fields of **Education & Training**

- Teacher Training
- Learning EU initiatives

## **Policy Debate**

- Thematic networks
  - \*A resilient Single Market to boost EU competitiveness (internal)
  - \*EU-India(external)

# Budget Overview 2026

Total Budget available: **27,663,570 EUR**

- **JMA in the field of HE** (*Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence*)

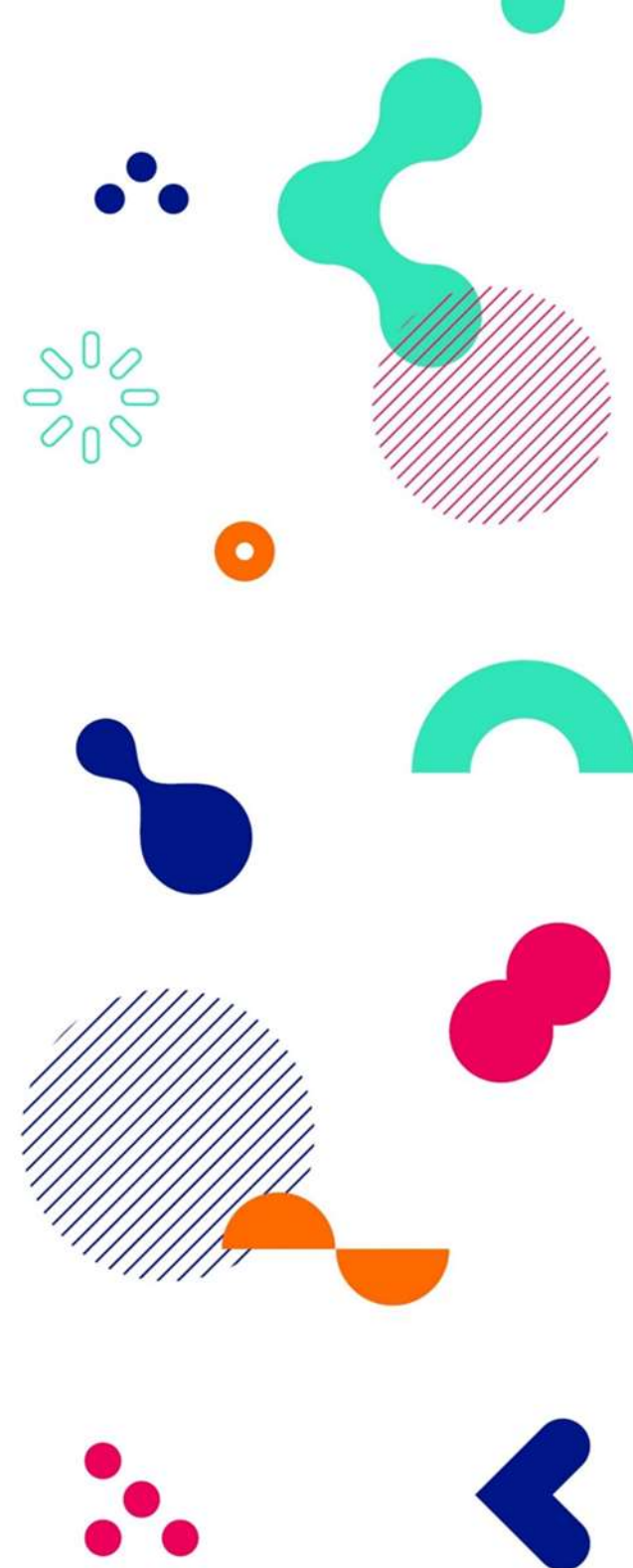
**15,663,570 EUR** (H2: 11 000 000; H6: 4 663 570 EUR)

- **Other fields of education and training** (*Teacher Training, Learning EU Initiatives*)

**7,800,000 EUR**

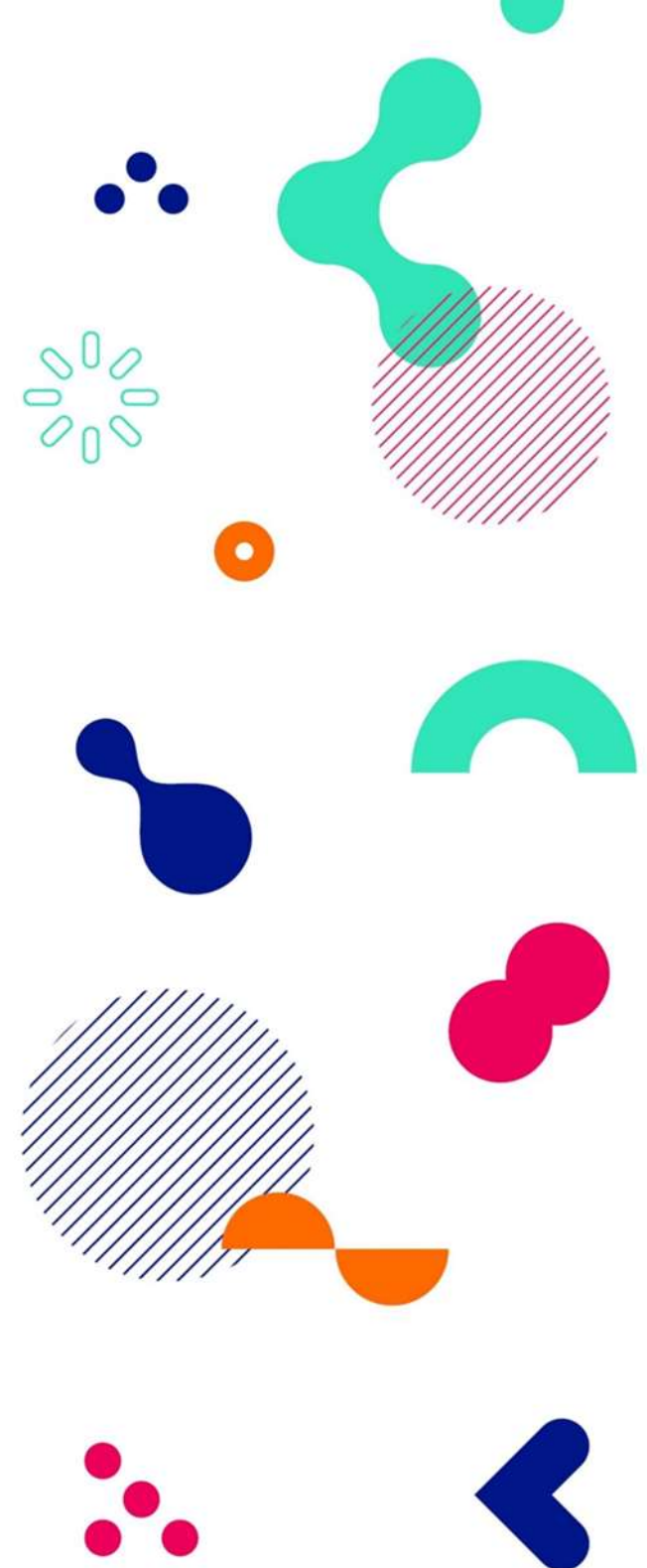
- **Policy Debate** (*Networks for HEI, Networks for schools and VETs*)

**4,200,000 EUR** (H2: 3 000 000; H6: 1 200 000 EUR)



# Modules

- **short teaching programmes or courses** in the field of European Union studies
- minimum duration of **40 teaching hours** per academic year
- **one** particular **discipline** in European studies or a **multidisciplinary** approach
- direct contact hours (no individual tutorials)
- short specialised or summer programmes (distance learning)



# Chairs

- **teaching posts** with a specialisation in European Union studies
- held by only **one professor** (permanent staff members)
- minimum **90 teaching hours** per academic year
- **additional hours** and support of **other staff are** possible



# Centres of Excellence

- focal points of **competence and knowledge** on EU subjects
- **synergies** between the various disciplines and resources in European studies
- reaching out to students from faculties **not normally dealing with EU issues**
- **only one** at a time per HEI
- should seek to become **structured centres** providing EU-specific high-level knowledge





# Specifications

- single HEI application
- HEIs from all countries except Belarus and the Russian Federation
- duration: **3 years**
- maximum grant:
  - module: **30 000 €**
  - chair: **50 000 €**
  - centre of excellence: **100 000 €**
- co-financing: **75 %** (module, chair); **80 %** (centre of excellence)
- funding model: **fixed lump sum** (module, chair); **customized lump sum** (centre of excellence)



# Teacher Training

- develop new skills, to teach and engage on EU matters
- better understanding of the EU and its functioning
- deliver specific individual or **group training courses** (modular, residential, blended or online) for teachers interested in the EU and willing to **integrate EU subjects in their daily work**
- for teachers in schools and Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers

## Applicant:

- HEI providing initial and/or in-service training to teachers of schools and/or VET institutions (ISCED 1 - 4); or
- Teacher Training / Education Institution / Agency providing initial and/or in-service training to teachers, schools, and/or VET institutions (ISCED 1 - 4)

# Specifications

- single HEI application
- HEIs from EU member states or third countries associated to the programme
- duration: **3 years**
- maximum grant: **300 000 €**
- co-financing : **80 %**
- funding model: **customized lump sum**





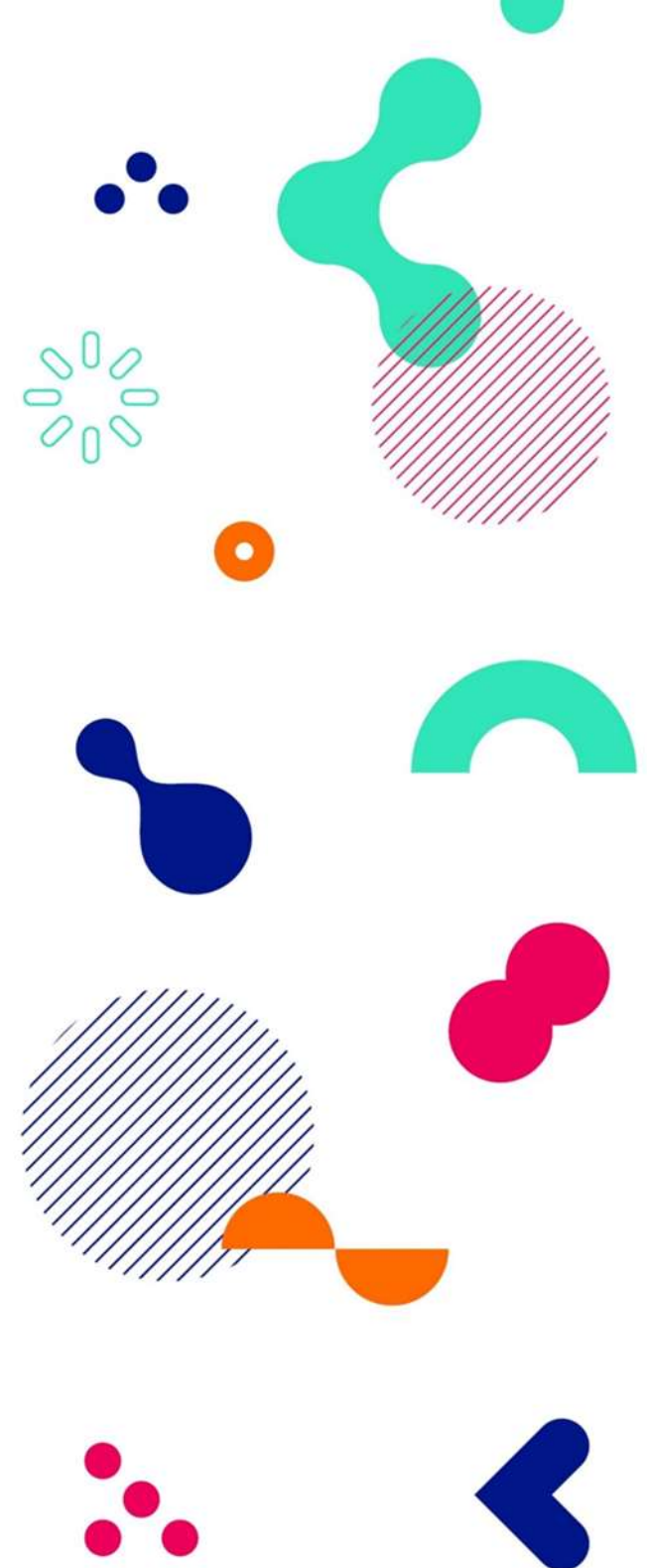
# Thematic Networks

- Large thematic networks in Higher Education are created to **collect, share, and discuss** among the partners *research findings, content of courses, experiences, and products (studies, articles, etc.)*
- **A tool** allowing the partners to share these must be established as part of the project
- The coordinator of the network will regularly make a selection of the most innovative and interesting results to be provided to the Commission.

In 2026, two thematic networks are foreseen in HE:

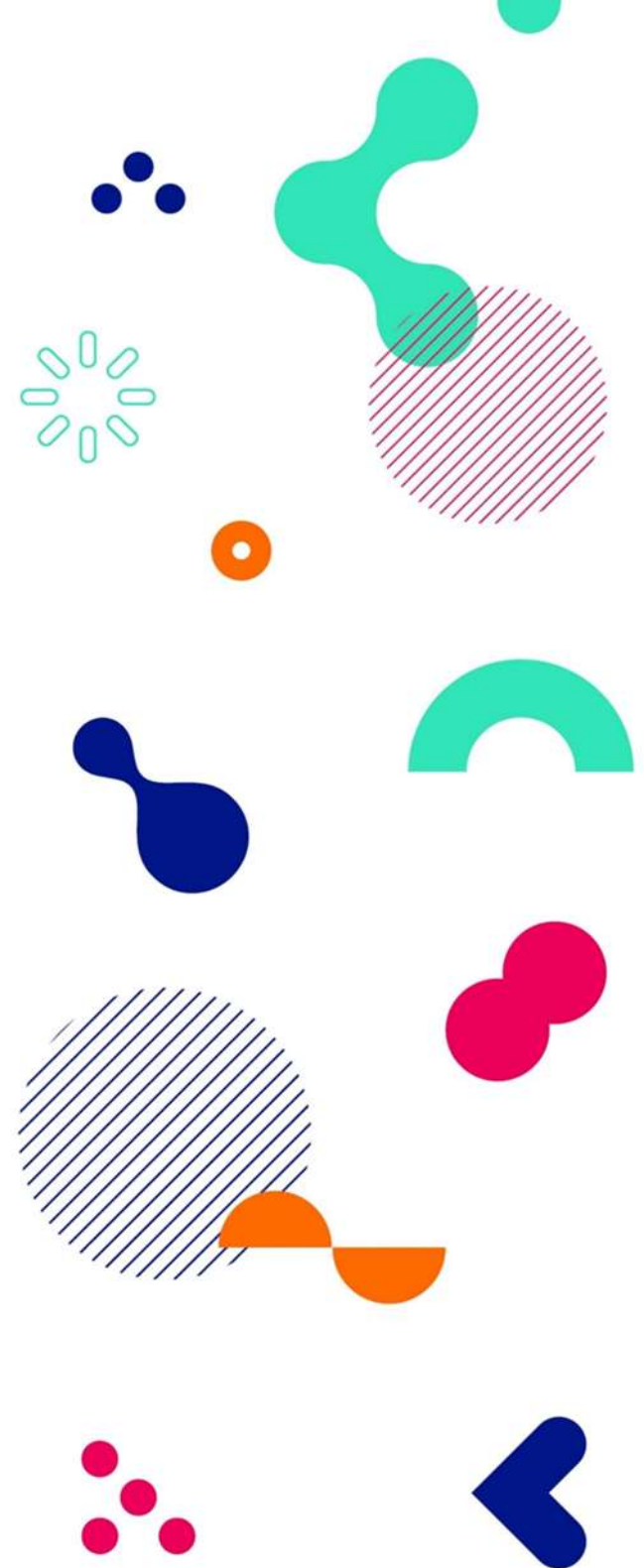
A. Network on Internal Policy: ***A resilient Single Market to boost EU competitiveness***

B. Network on External Policy: ***EU-India***



# Specifications

- application: **at least 12 partners** (depending on type of network)
- HEIs from: EU member states or third countries associated to the programme + third countries (depending on the type of network)
- duration: **3 years**
- maximum grant: **1 000 000 € - 1 200 000 €** (depending on the type of network)
- co-financing : **80 %**
- funding model: **customized lump sum**



# Call Timeline 2026

STEPS	DATES
Publication of the call 2026	November 2025
<b>Deadline for submission of applications</b>	<b>3 February 2026</b>
Evaluation period	April – June 2026
Notification of results to applicants	Max. 6 months after submission deadline
Preparation of Grant Agreement/Decision	Max. 9 months after submission deadline

# Application process

- Call and relevant documents for JMO: [EU Funding & Tender Portal \(FTOP\)](#)
- Deadline: **3 February 2026, 17:00 CET**
- [example Jean Monnet](#)
- help: [IT Helpdesk](#), [Online Manual](#), [EU Funding & Tenders Portal FAQs](#)



# Key Resources

- Programme Guide 2026: [https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/programme-guide-2026\\_en.pdf](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/programme-guide-2026_en.pdf)
- Call documents, and the application forms are published in the Funding and Tender Opportunity Portal: [https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/programme-guide-2026\\_en.pdf](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/programme-guide-2026_en.pdf)
- Online Manual: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual>
- Erasmus+ platform for dissemination and exploitation of project results: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>
- Jean Monnet Activities Database-research tool: [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/erasmus/jean-monnet-activities-database\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/erasmus/jean-monnet-activities-database_en)
- The 2026 annual work programme for the implementation of Erasmus+: [https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/awp-erasmus-oct-2026\\_en.PDF](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/awp-erasmus-oct-2026_en.PDF)

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# TIME FOR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

