



State of play of Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility and novelties of the call of 2024

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What is Erasmus+?

- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters intra-European (among the 33 E+ countries) and **international cooperation**
- Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027 aims to be more international:
 - **Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA III)** funds cooperation with candidate countries (Western Balkans)
 - **Global Europe: Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)** funds cooperation with all other regions
 - IPA III and NDICI funds correspond to the **Heading 6 part of the Erasmus+ budget**

Regions 1-12 covered by Heading 6

| Region | |
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| Region 1- Western Balkans | Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro |
| Region 2 - Neighborhood East | Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine |
| Region 3 – South Mediterranean | Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia |
| Region 4 - Russia | Russia |
| Region 5 - Asia | Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam |
| Region 6 - Central Asia | Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan |
| Region 7 - Middle East | Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen |
| Region 8 - Pacific | Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu |
| Region 9 – Sub-Saharan Africa | Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape 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 |
| Region 10 - Latin America | Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela |
| Region 11 - Caribbean | Antigua & Barbuda , Bahamas , Barbados , Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago |
| Region 12 - US & Canada | United States of America, Canada |

Regions 13-14 not covered by Heading 6 (no ICM but...)

- There are 2 additional Regions, not covered by the EU external policy instruments (NDICI/ IPA III)
- As a result, countries from Region 13 and 14 are eligible only in actions with mixed funding (H2 + H6), e.g. Erasmus Mundus and Jean Monnet
- They can be also **destination countries** via the international opening of intra-European mobility actions (KA131 in Higher Education, KA121 in VET) without

| Region | |
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| Region 13 | Faroe Islands, Switzerland, United Kingdom |
| Region 14 | Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State |

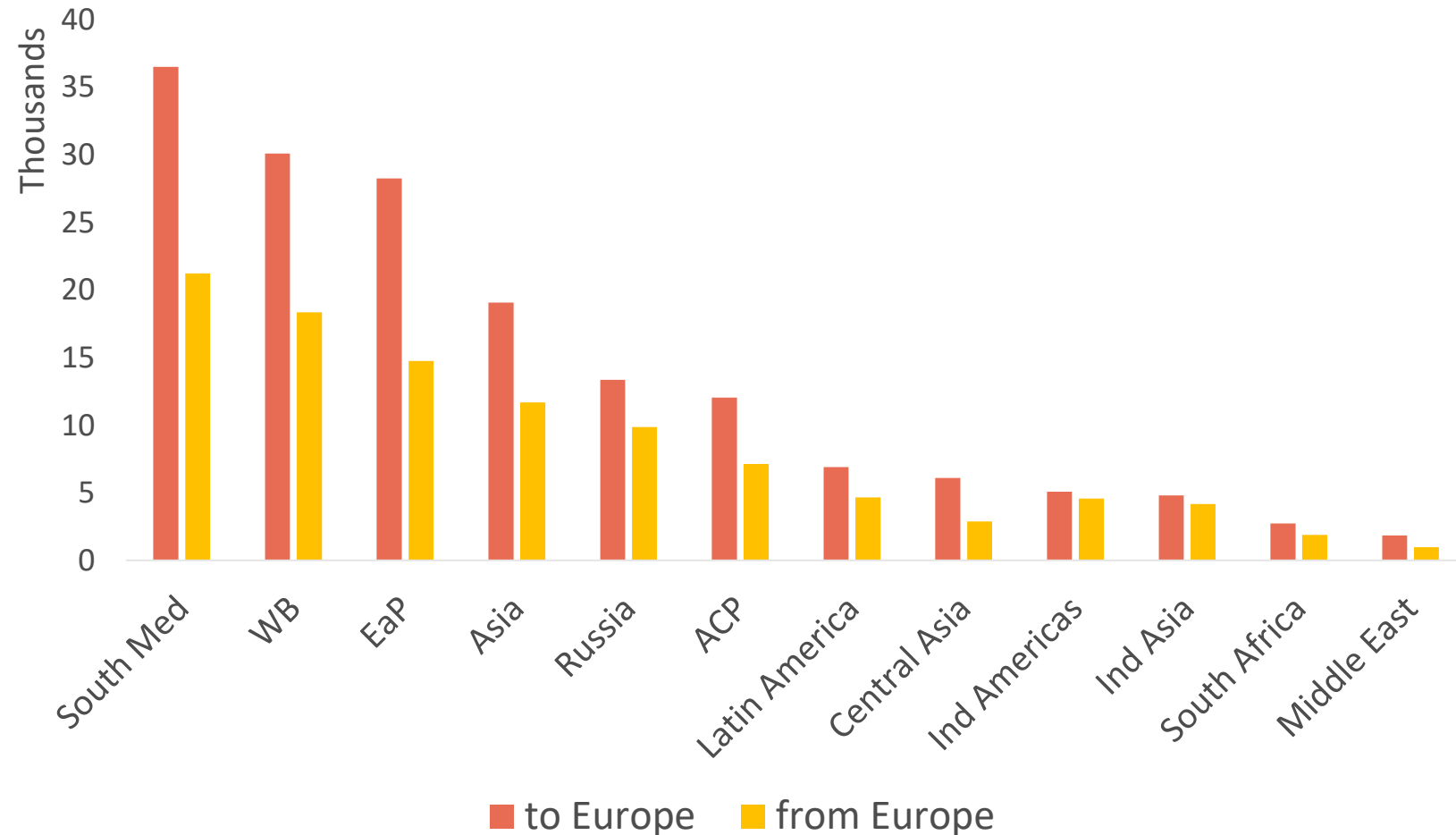
What is ICM?

- Launched in the 2014-2020 programme to fund short-term mobility of students and staff between Programme and Partner countries
- Manifold benefits for individuals and institutions:
 - Key skills & competences, professional development, enhanced employability, teaching methods, etc.
 - Increased capacities, attractiveness & internationalisation; improved quality of higher education

How does it work?

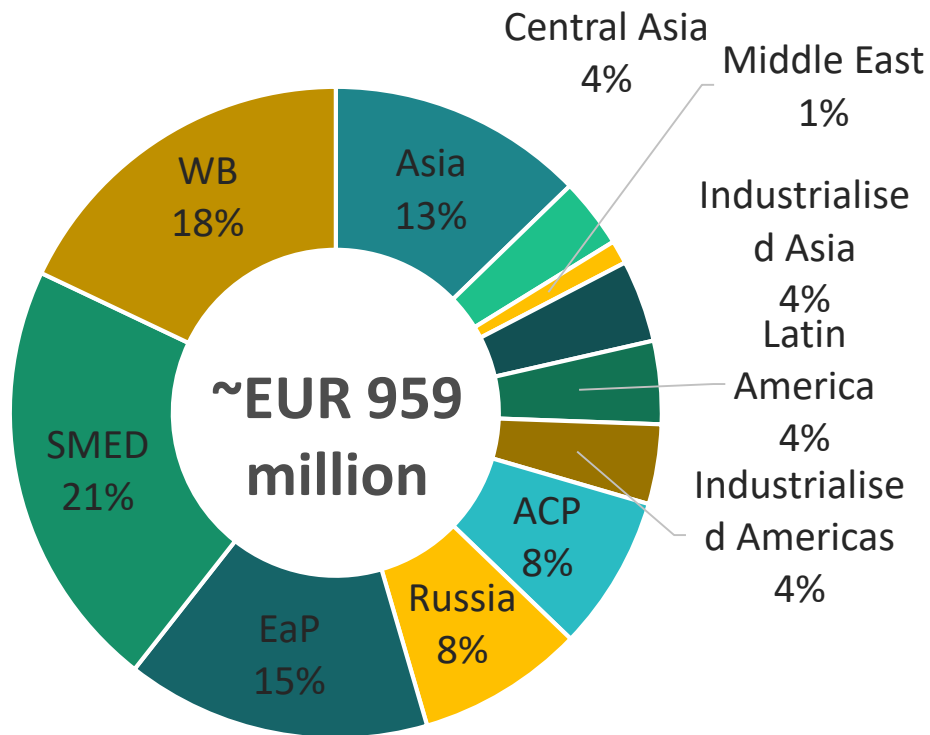
- **Decentralised action** managed by the Erasmus+ National Agencies based in the programme countries
- **Global action:** the world is divided into regions, which have different budgets allocated per year

International credit mobility 2014-2020
~270k planned short-term staff and student mobilities

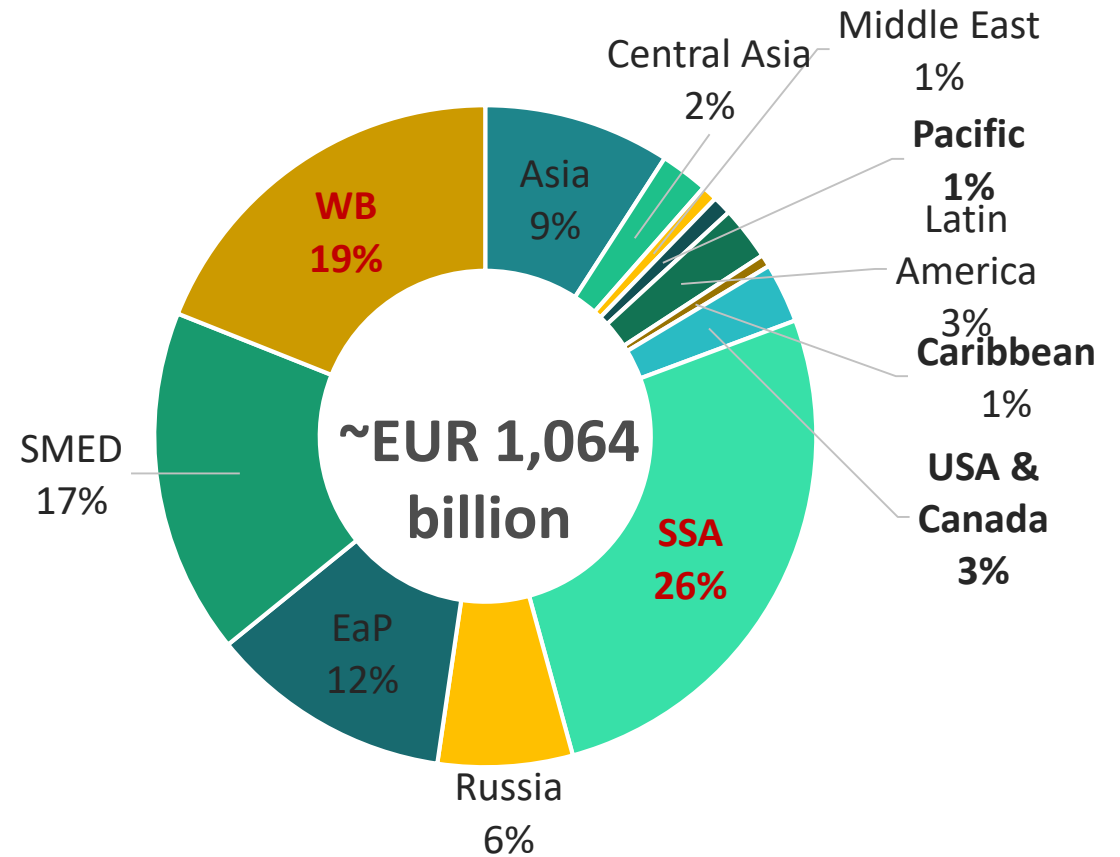


ICM budget

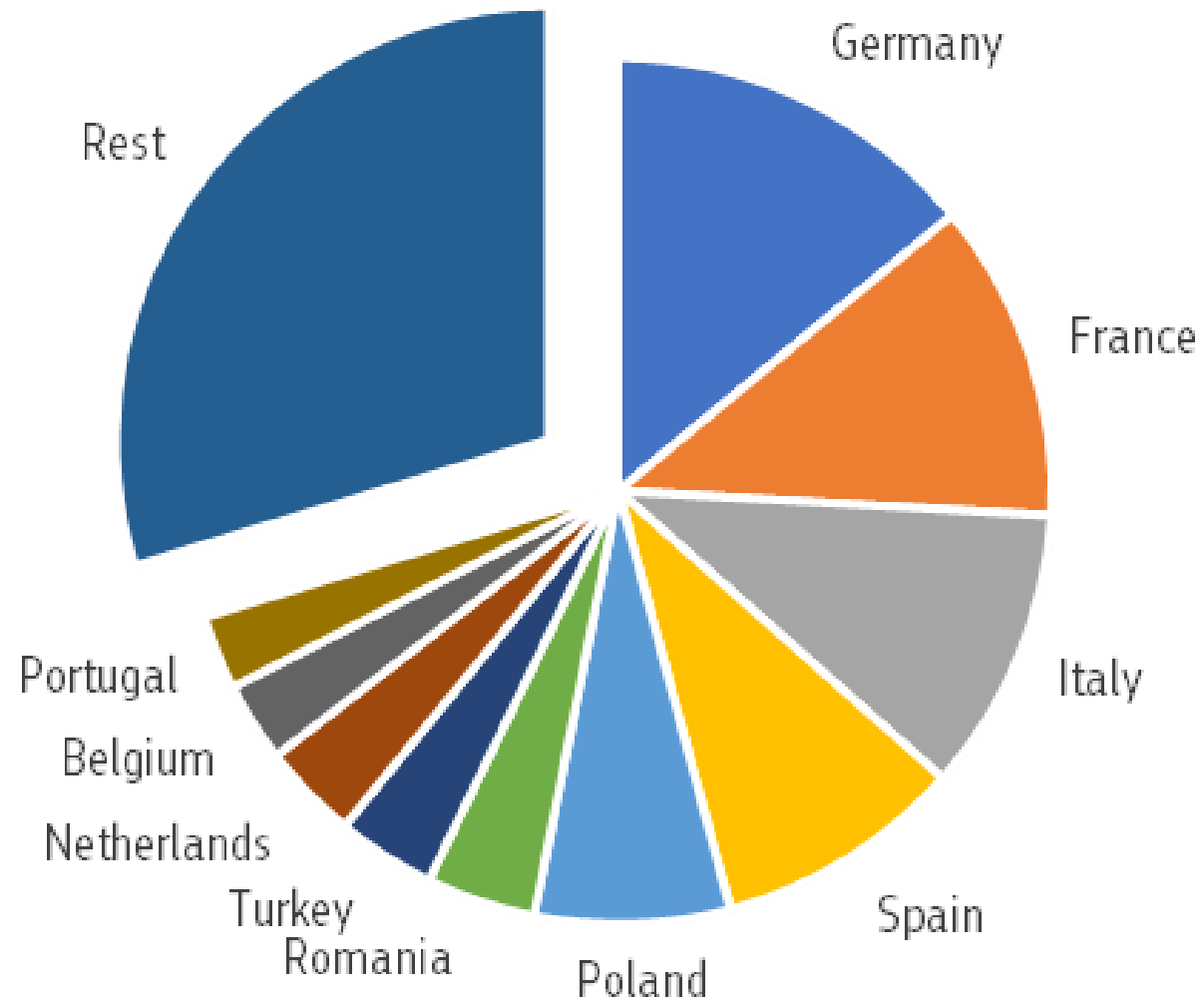
2014-2020



2021-2027



ICM budget per National Agency



Activities supported (I)

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- Also supports traineeships for students and training for staff
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months
- Blended mobility (physical mobility of 5 – 30 days + virtual component) 

Activities supported (II)

- All partners in an ICM project can **send and host students and staff** as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For certain countries, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from third countries to Europe – this means third country universities **can send but not host**.
- Countries with this restriction can be found in this list (Region 1 – Western Balkans is exempted from restriction): <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf>
- European partners may use a part of their **intra-European mobility budget** to fund their students mobility to restricted countries under ICM.



Organisational support

EUR 500/participant



Individual support

EUR 700-900/month for students and

EUR **140-180**/day for staff

EUR 79/day up to the 14th day of activity and
EUR 56/day from 15th to the 30th day of
activity in case of blended mobility

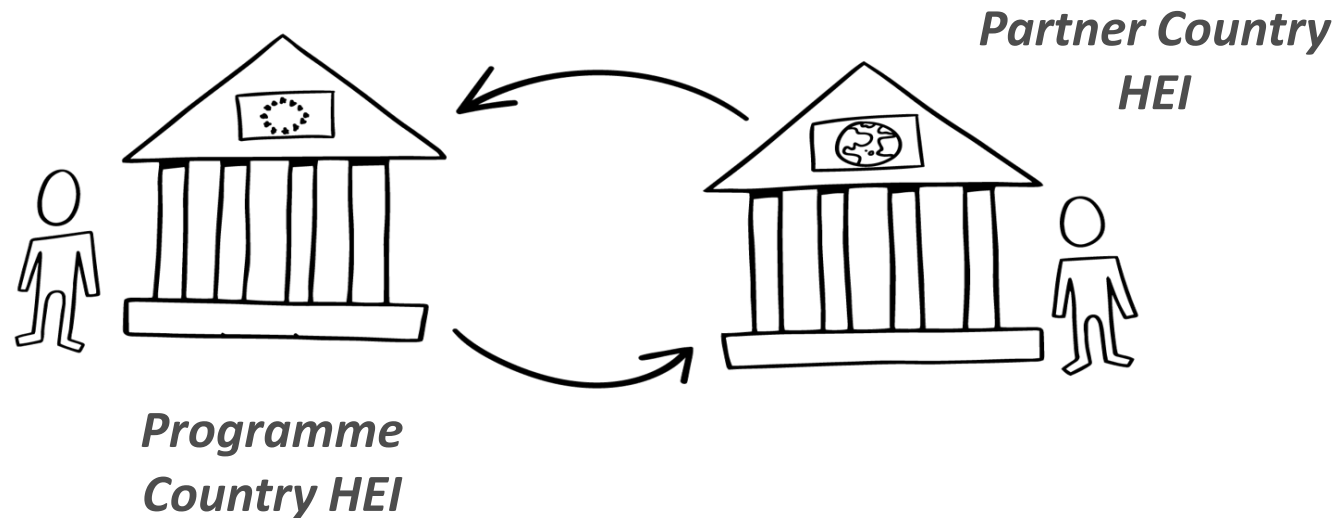


Contribution to travel costs

EUR **28-1735**, depending on distance
travelled

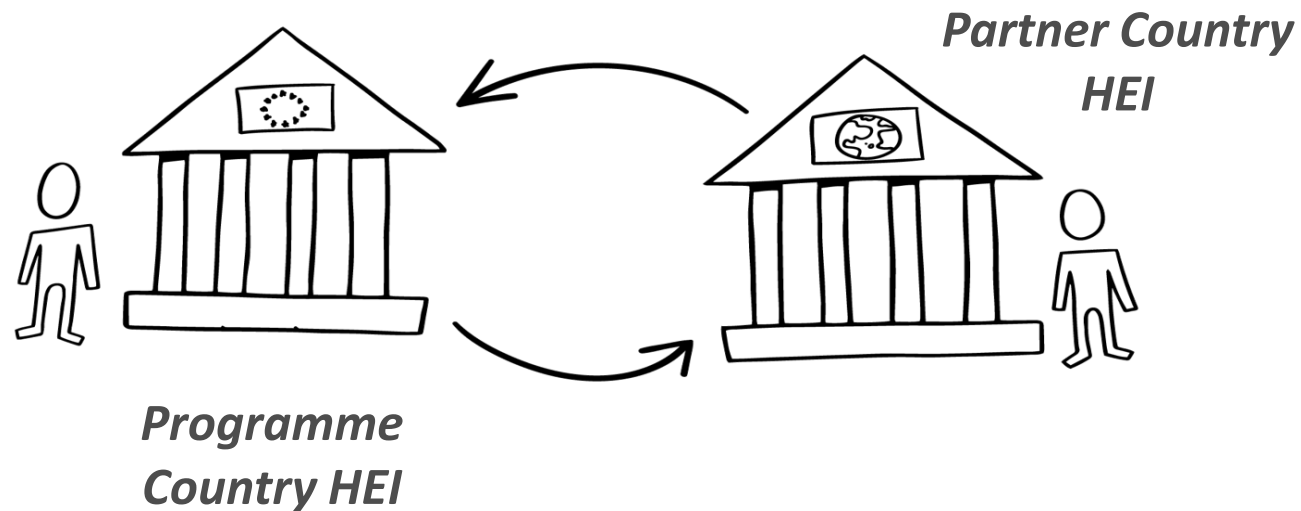
Who can apply and how? (I)

- Higher Education Institutions in the Programme countries
- The **ICM project in their application** contains the countries and partner universities they intend to cooperate with, as well as their **cooperation plan in each region**

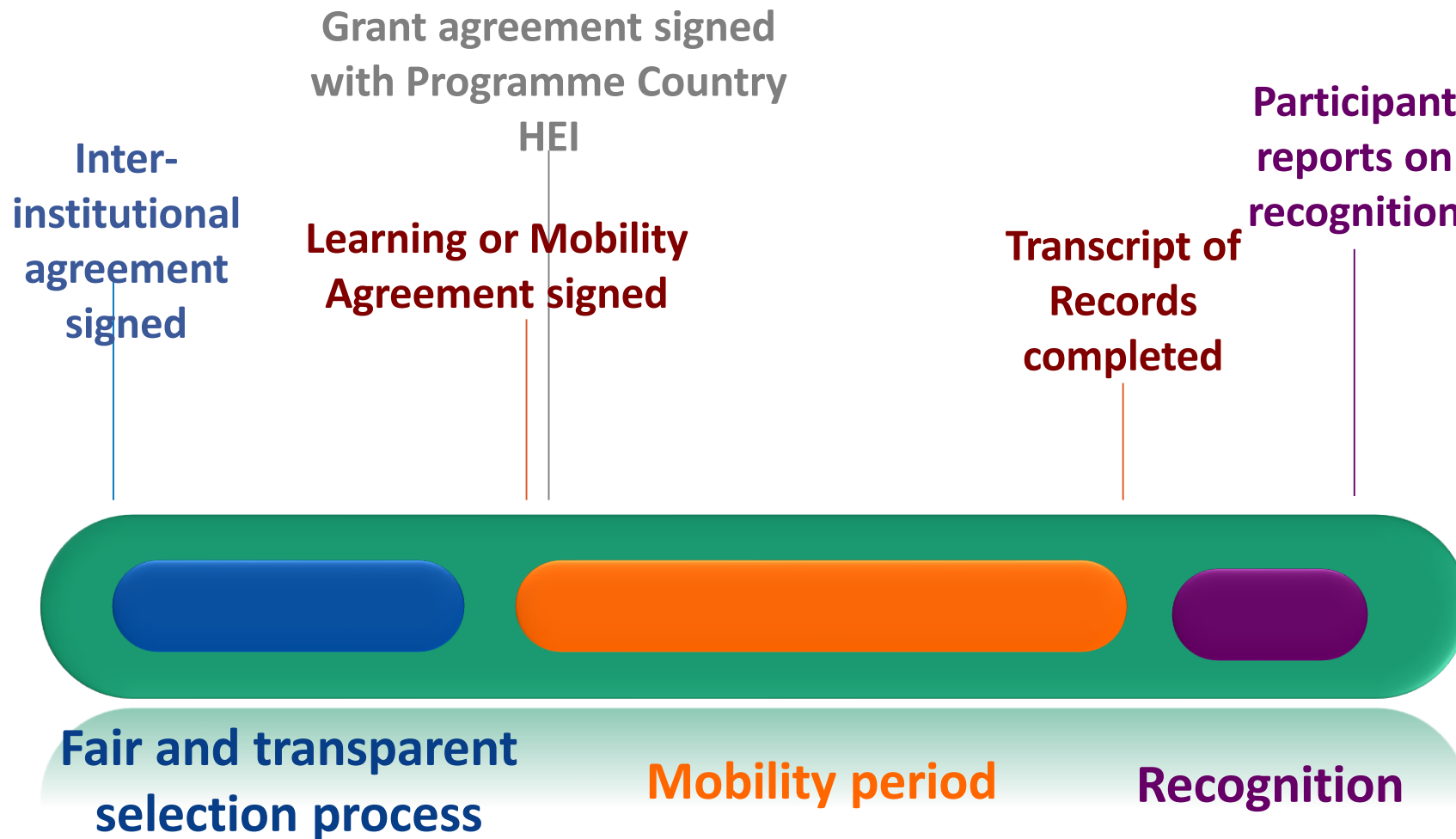


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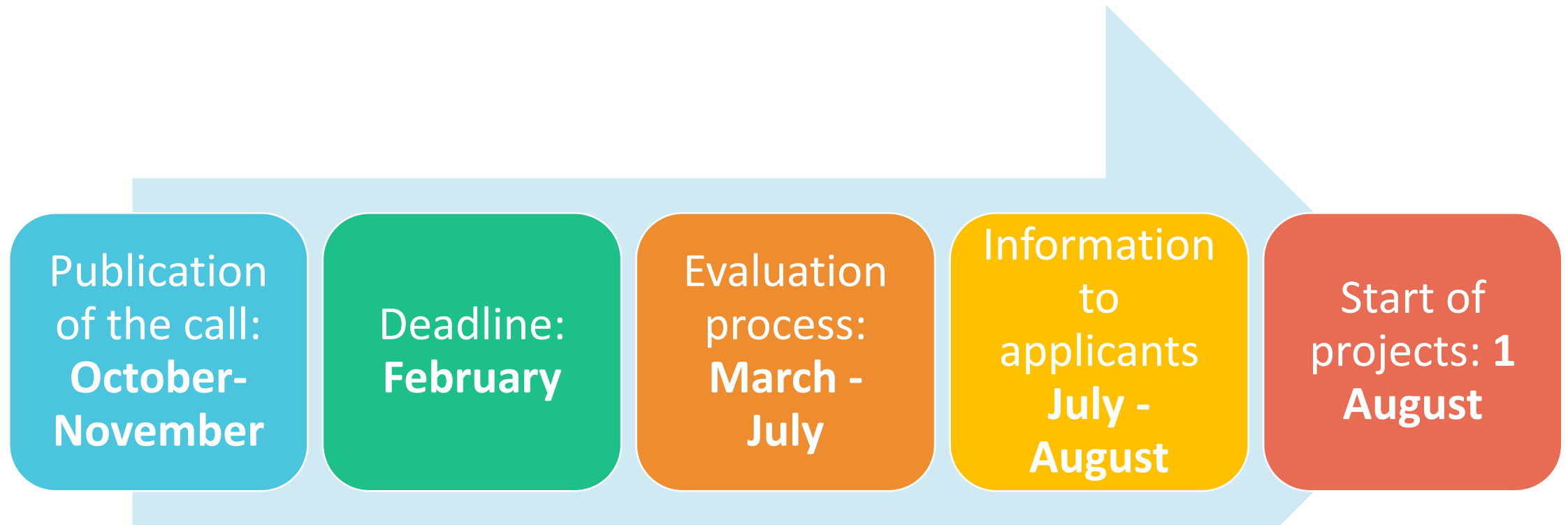
- Upon successfully passing the established quality criteria, they will be allocated **an ICM grant spread in different regional envelopes**
- For every partnership with a secured budget, an **Inter-Institutional Agreement** is needed between the main applicant in Europe and every partner university in third countries before mobilities can start.



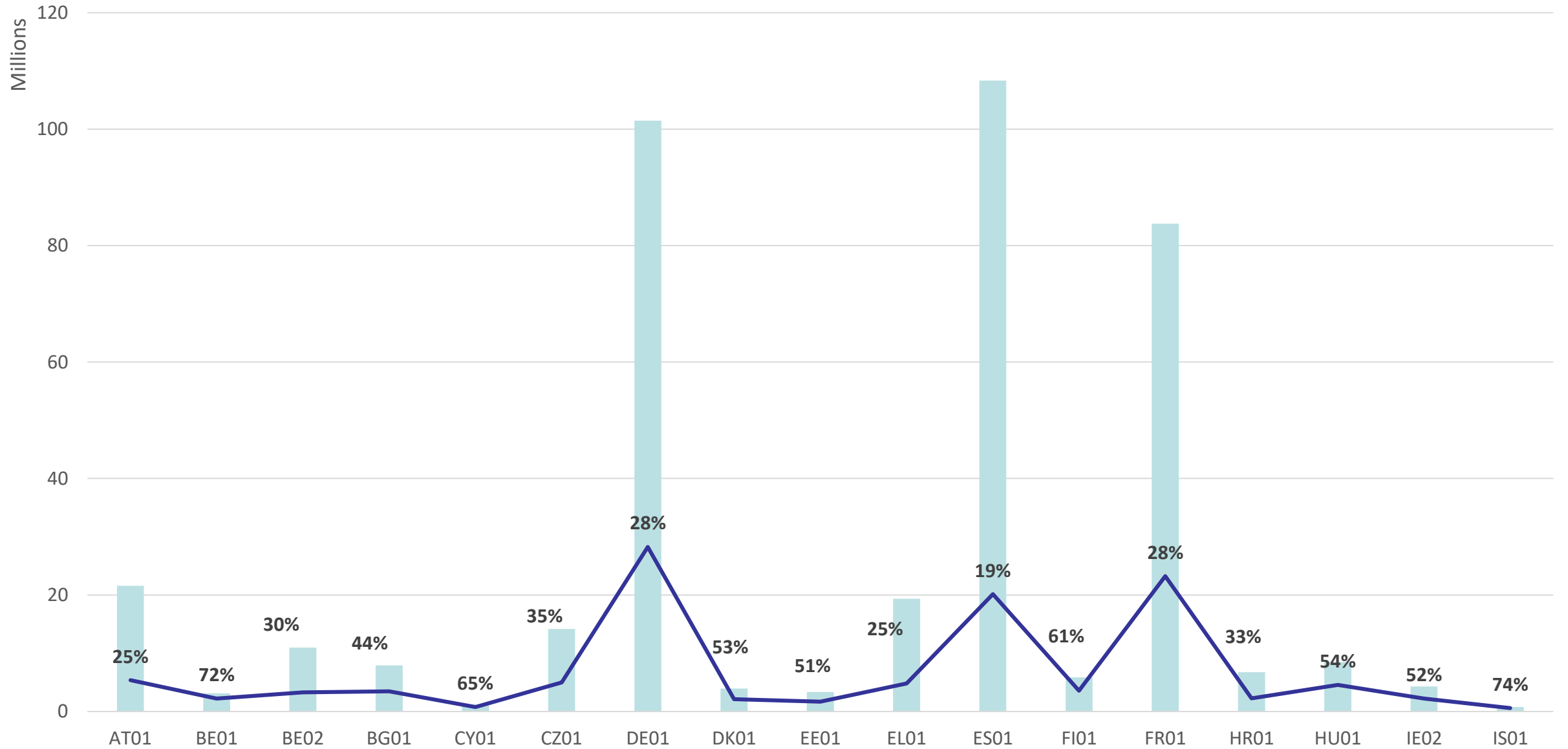
ICM project implementation



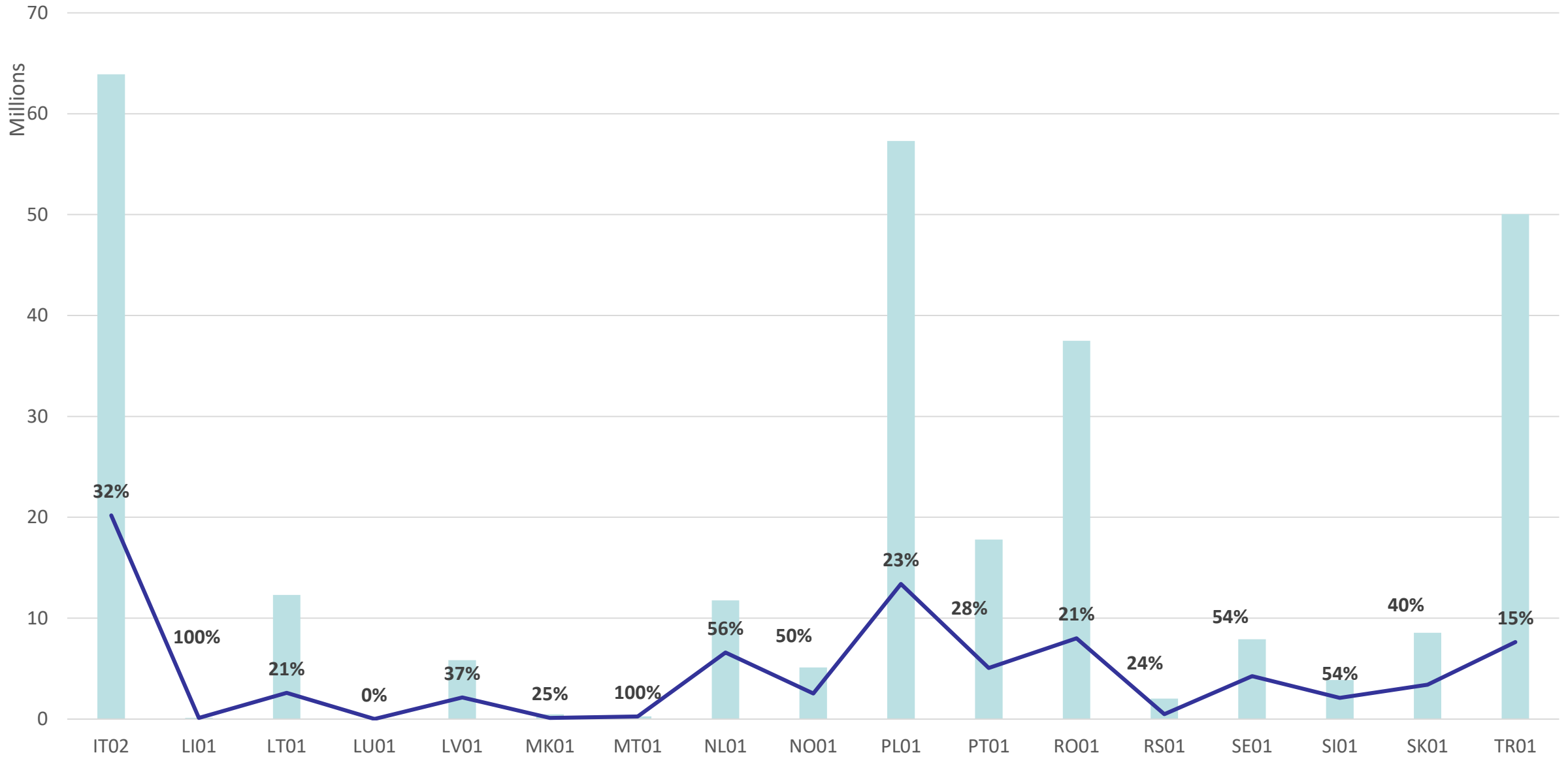
Timeline



Budget requested vs awarded per NA call 2022 (I)

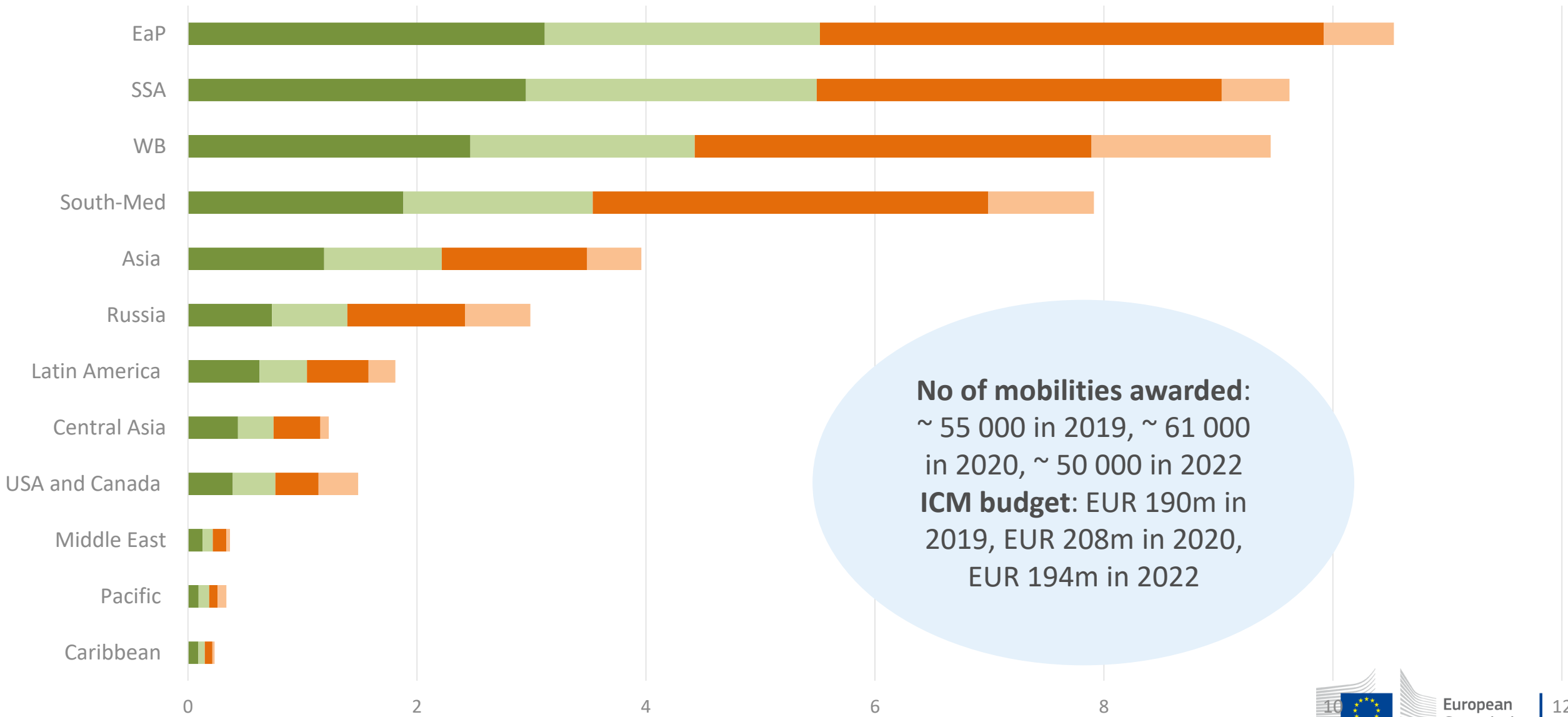


Budget requested vs awarded per NA call 2022 (II)



Awarded mobilities per region call 2022

■ Staff mobility Incoming
 ■ Staff mobility Outgoing
 ■ Student mobility Incoming
 ■ Student mobility Outgoing



No of mobilities awarded:
 ~ 55 000 in 2019, ~ 61 000
 in 2020, ~ 50 000 in 2022
ICM budget: EUR 190m in
 2019, EUR 208m in 2020,
 EUR 194m in 2022

NEOs & ENFPs

- ✓ NEOs (National Erasmus+ Offices, since 2014) are located in the neighboring regions to the EU; operate with an Erasmus+ grant
- ✓ ENFPs (Erasmus+ National Focal Points, since 2022) are located in the remaining regions; no operational grant but their training, material and participation in networking events is covered
- ✓ Both have as main objectives promoting Erasmus+ and supporting applicants locally

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