



The EU Global Gateway Strategy and Erasmus+ Direct Management Actions in the International Dimension of Higher Education

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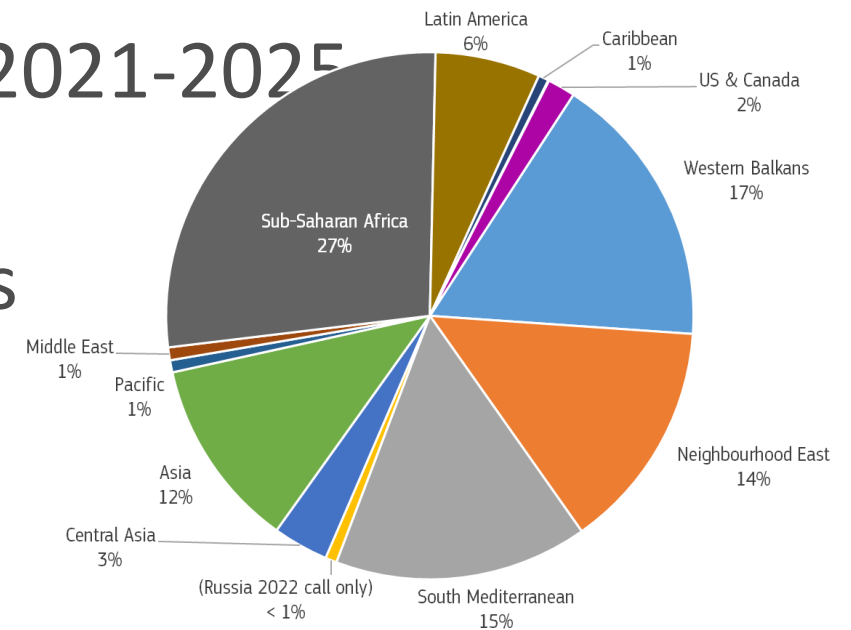
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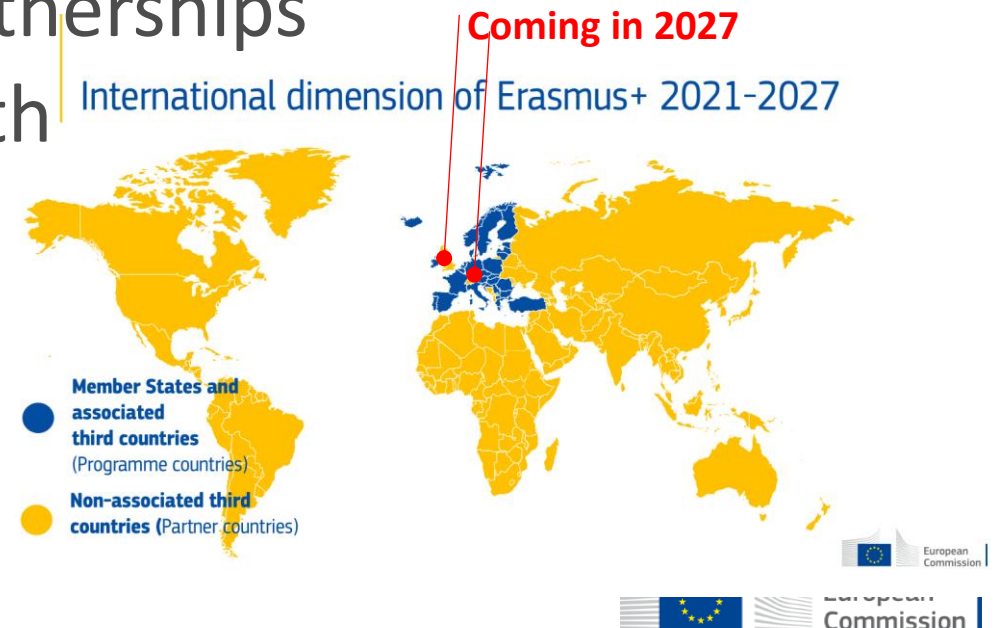
Erasmus+ international so far (2021-2025)

- ✓ 205,000 mobile students and staff (2022-24 projects). 2/3 to EU
- ✓ 13,700 Erasmus Mundus scholarships 2021-2025
- ✓ 149 Erasmus Mundus joint masters
- ✓ 244 Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- ✓ 71 Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange projects

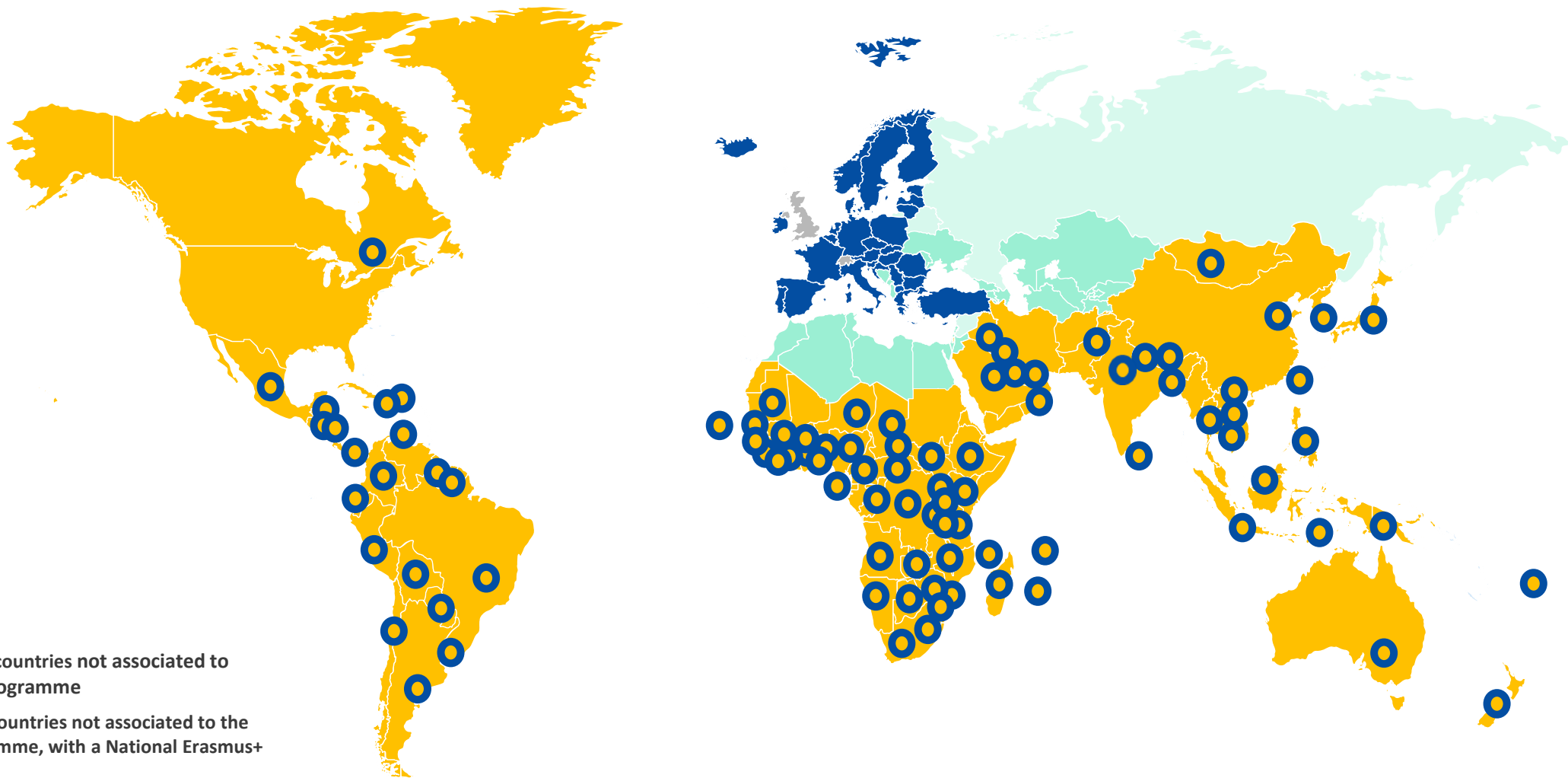





Erasmus+ international so far (2021-2025)

- ✓ 521 Capacity Building for Higher Education partnerships
- ✓ 204 Capacity Building for VET partnerships
- ✓ 209 Capacity Building for Youth partnerships
- ✓ some 900 Jean Monnet Actions with non-assoc third countries



Enlargement, South Med and Global Gateway



-  Third countries not associated to the Programme
-  Third countries not associated to the Programme, with a National Erasmus+ Office
-  EU Member States & Third countries associated to the Programme

Global Gateway in the news 1

Global Gateway Forum: Team Europe and South Africa mobilise an investment package for inclusive prosperity, worth nearly €12 billion



Team Europe reaches its target of EUR 300 billion of Global Gateway investments ahead of time



Global Gateway in the news 2

173 new projects proposed for funding to support international cooperation in higher education

These projects for Capacity Building for Higher Education have been selected for funding under the 2025 Erasmus+ call for proposals.

Erasmus+ Capacity Building for Higher Education - projects proposed for funding in 2025

Note that final decision on these proposals is subject to the completion of the grant award procedure in line with the timeline indicated in the call for proposals and will be published on the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal (F&TP). The European Education and Culture Executive Agency may, until such time as the agreement is signed, either abandon or cancel the procedure without this entitling the applicants on this list to any compensation.

Erasmus+ region	Proposal number	Acronym	Title	Institution	Role	Country	PIC	City
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS	Advancing Higher Education through Digital Innovation and Smart technologies	UNIVERZITET U SARAJEVU	Coordinator	Bosnia and Herz	995549995	SARAJEVO
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		Institute for Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Partner		Bosnia and Herz	878793035	Banja Luka
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		NAUCNOISTRAZIVACKI INSTITUT VERLAB ZA BIOMED Partner		Bosnia and Herz	886943169	SARAJEVO
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		JU "Apoteke Sarajevo"	Partner	Bosnia and Herz	896131106	Sarajevo
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		BOSNIAN REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION FOR VALU Partner		Bosnia and Herz	910002203	SARAJEVO
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		UNIVERZITET DONJA GORICA PODGORICA	Partner	Montenegro	948824319	PODGORICA
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		UNIVERZITET U BANJOI LUCI	Partner	Bosnia and Herz	995591705	BANJA LUKA
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		HTWG HOCHSCHULE KONSTANZ TECHNIK WIRTSCHA Partner		Germany	998692407	KONSTANZ
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		ZDRAVSTVENA USTANOVA INSTITUT ZA JAVNO ZDRAV Partner		Montenegro	998754681	PODGORICA
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		JAVNA USTANOVA UNIVERZITET CRNE GORE PODGO Partner		Montenegro	999836328	PODGORICA
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI	Partner	Slovenia	999923240	LIUBLJANA
01 -Western Balkans	101237442	AHEDIS		SVEUCILISTE U ZAGREBU	Partner	Croatia	99993231	ZAGREB
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB	Ac Prior Experiential Learning Capacity-Building in the Western	LOGOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	Coordinator	Albania	887981748	TIRANA
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		RIT KOSOVO (A.U.K) College	Partner	Kosovo*	925518808	Prishtina
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		MINISTRIA E ARSIMIT DHE SPORTIT	Partner	Albania	939341405	TIRANA
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		AGENCIA E SIGURIMIT TE CILESISE NE ARSIMIN E LAI Partner		Albania	939567706	TIRANA
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		CENTAR ZA INFORMIRANJE I PRIZNAVANJE DOKUMENT Partner		Bosnia and Herz	948235432	MOSTAR
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		UNIVERSITETI I SHKODRES LUIGJ GURAKUQI	Partner	Albania	948434088	SHKODER
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		UNIVERSITETI I PRISHTINES	Partner	Kosovo*	958666930	PRISTINA
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		Ministry of Education Science Technology and Innc Partner		Kosovo*	959134470	Prishtina
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		UNIVERZITET U SARAJEVU	Partner	Bosnia and Herz	995549995	SARAJEVO
01 -Western Balkans	101236402	APEL - WB		UNIVERSITETI I AKUREYRI	Partner	Iceland	998776409	AKUREYRI
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Global challenges and Global Gateway

Across the world, policy-makers and educators recognise the role of education to address the many challenges that face us, such as the climate emergency, conflict, and the need for re-skilling as artificial intelligence shapes how we work and learn.

Capacity building projects can also develop the skills and expertise for Europe and its partners to drive forward [Global Gateway projects](#) and the value chains that they aim to develop.

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Global Gateway principles

Investment in trusted connectivity with partner countries

Global Gateway partnerships are based on 6 principles:



democratic values and
high standards



good governance and
transparency



equal partnerships



green and clean



security focused



catalysing private sector
investment

Global Gateway: areas for partnership

Key areas of partnership

Digital sector

Climate and energy

Transport

Health

Education and research

Global Gateway in Member States

- Team National investment hub



Investment Hub Application Form

1. Team National [Member State through which the application is submitted]

2. Project name [max. 170 characters]

3. Project sponsor name [in case of a consortium, provide the Lead company name]

4. Member State where the Project sponsor is incorporated [only Project sponsors incorporated eligible, including EU subsidiaries of a company not incorporated in the EU]



Investment Hub

Member State	Team National contact point(s)
Austria	globalgateway@bmeia.gv.at
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Czechia	ors@mzv.gov.cz
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Estonia	GlobalGateway@mfa.ee
Finland	global.gateway@gov.fi
France	projet-ggih@dgtresor.gouv.fr
Germany	www.gtai.de/ggih
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Hungary	GlobalGateway@mfa.gov.hu
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Global Gateway and the paradigm shift

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There has been a paradigm shift in the way the EU approaches its international partnerships beyond the EU's immediate neighbourhood. This shift derives from a recognition that we must move away from donor-recipient dynamics and position ourselves more boldly in an increasingly contested international environment. The new international partnerships complement other forms of structured economic engagement – e.g. trade, energy, climate. ”



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THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE
OF THE REGIONS AND THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK**

Building sustainable international partnerships as a Team Europe

Education in Global Gateway

Originally one of five 'pillars' for Global Gateway investment

Increasingly an enabler of the other four more concrete priorities



The infographic features a purple background with a white dotted pattern on the right side. It includes the Global Gateway logo (a circle of stars) in the top left, the European Union flag in the top right, and a photograph of a diverse group of young people walking outdoors. The text is organized into sections: 'Umbrella' with a bulleted list of programs, and 'Strategic Objectives' with three bullet points.

Global Gateway

Youth Mobility for Africa Flagship Initiative

Umbrella

- Erasmus +
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme V
- Harmonization of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA III)
- Support to the African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF II)
- Young African Leaders Programme (YALP II)
- Africa-Europe Youth Academy

Strategic Objectives

- Inclusive, demand-driven learning mobility, skills development, and collaboration within Africa and between Africa and the EU, through exchanges, scholarships, and cooperation projects
- Continental integration by supporting regional and continental harmonization mechanisms in education
- Quality, relevance and attractiveness of African Higher Education Institutions
- Empowerment of African youth for employability and active citizenship
- Policy dialogue, coordination, cooperation



Global Gateway in Erasmus+ CBHE

Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and Latin America-Caribbean

- Strand 3 projects must be aligned with Global Gateway value chains for that country
- Strand 2 projects aligned with value chains « highly relevant »

Strand 3 and Global Gateway priorities

Projects under Strand 3 in the following regions **must be aligned** with the Global Gateway priorities. This requirement is essential and will be carefully evaluated as part of the Relevance award criterion:

- 5a (Asia)
- 6 (Central Asia)
- 8a (Pacific)
- 9 (Sub-Saharan Africa)
- 10 (Latin America)
- 11 (Caribbean)

The priorities relevant to respective countries are available here: https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway/erasmus-global-gateway-priorities_en

Global Gateway in Erasmus+

Nr	COUNTRY	GLOBAL GATEWAY SECTOR	ERASMUS + PRIORITY	DESCRIPTION
1.	ANGOLA	Transport	Road and Rail Infrastructure	Green and digital logistics, and road and rail infrastructure, including tunnels and bridges and traffic-related systems and materials
		Climate and energy	Renewable energy	Solar Park for Rural Electrification Renewable energy distribution in particular along the Lobito Corridor
			Agrifood	Support to key agriculture value-chains along the Lobito Corridor: grains, horticulture, tropical fruits
		Education and research	Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)	Support to TVET in particular in priority sectors for the Lobito Corridor development: transport, logistics, agriculture, renewable energy. Upgrading of the infrastructure of TVET centers, modernizing/updating the curricula, and improving the governance and territorial integration of the TVET centers
2.	BENIN	Transport	Port and road infrastructure	- Sustainable ports - Abidjan-Lagos strategic corridor - Rehabilitation of the Allada-Dassa road on the Cotonou-Niamey strategic corridor
		Climate and energy	Renewable energy	Upgrade of large-scale solar power plant and photovoltaic minigrids by the West African Power Pool in Benin
		Health	Waste management	Treatment plant for wastewater in the west of Cotonou and construction of a

Global Gateway in Erasmus+ CBHE – 2025 Call

GREENING ETHIOPIA - Towards a more climate responsive HE system in support of sustainable agriculture and energy in Ethiopia

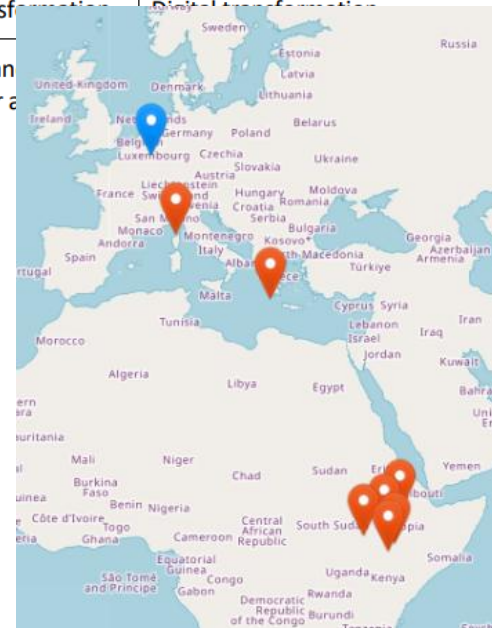
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Project Information

Identifier 101235967
 Start Date Jan 1, 2026
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 Partners MEKELLE UNIVERSITY (ET) , DIETHNES PANEPISTIMIO ELLADOS (EL) , BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY (ET) , HARAMAYA UNIVERSITY (ET) , MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA, (ET) , UNIVERSITA CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE (IT) , Assosa University (ET)

15.	ETHIOPIA	Climate and energy	Agriculture	Support to sustainable agriculture and agro-industry development in coffee and horticulture value-chains
			Sustainable energy	Sustainable energy
		Digital	Digital transformation	Digital transformation
		Transport	Transport and infrastructure	Transport and infrastructure facilities for agricultural products



goods, located at the country's principal direct connection to the Addis-Djibouti railway supply chains to export markets, catalysing the and vegetables export sector

Global Gateway in Erasmus+ CBVET

Priority should be given to projects that address at least one of the Global Gateway-related priorities in [region]

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Global Gateway in Erasmus Mundus additional scholarships

In addition, for proposals requesting additional scholarships under Heading 6 for regions 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11, priority will be given to those addressing at least one of the Global **Gateway** priorities, namely in the fields of digital, climate and energy, transport, and health.

Conclusions

Erasmus+ international is funded by external funding mechanisms.

Global Gateway is the rationale and channel for EU cooperation with countries in the 'Global South'

As the rationale for external relations funding changes, so does the way Erasmus+ serves the implementation of the EU's cooperation with third countries.



Digital

Through Global Gateway, the EU is strengthening connections between Europe and the world and helping partner countries address the digital divide and further integrate into the global digital ecosystem.



Climate and energy

Global Gateway will support investments in climate mitigation and resilience, as well as clean energy - a necessity but also a major economic opportunity in low and middle-income countries.



Transport

Global Gateway is promoting worldwide infrastructure investments that create sustainable, smart, resilient, inclusive and safe networks in all modes of transport.



Health

Global Gateway is strengthening healthcare capacities around the world, helping us to overcome diseases such as COVID-19, malaria, yellow fever, tuberculosis or HIV/AIDS.



Education and research

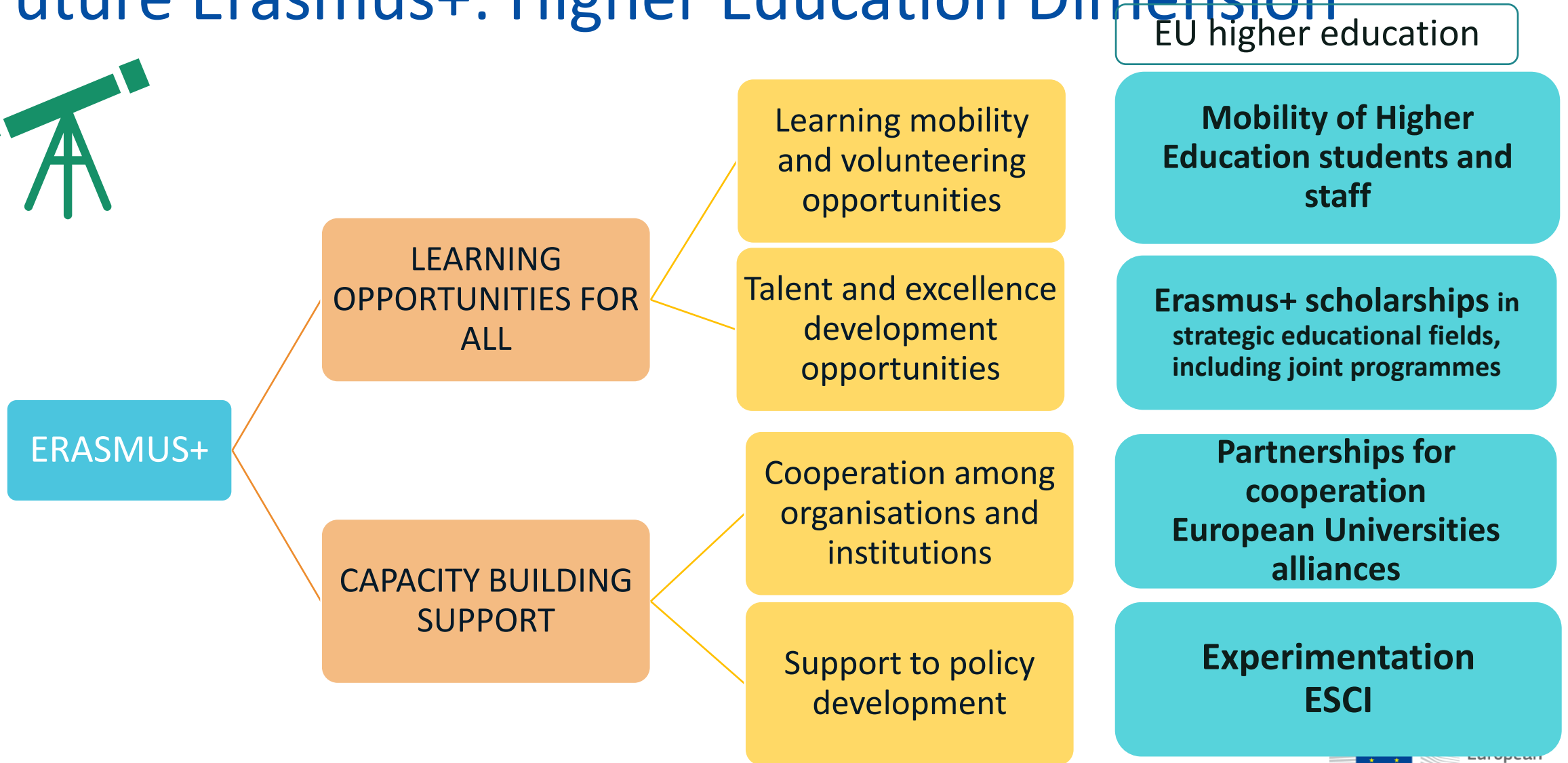
Global Gateway is investing in quality education, paying attention to the inclusion of vulnerable groups, and is working with partner countries to strengthen cooperation on research and innovation.

2026-27: continuity in an evolving context



- Strong focus on EU International Priorities:
 - Enlargement and Ukraine
 - South Med: Pact for the Mediterranean
 - Asia, Africa, LAC => Global Gateway
- Welcoming UK and Switzerland in 2027
- Working on association of candidate countries and potential candidates

Future Erasmus+: Higher Education Dimension



Future Erasmus+: International Dimension



**Thank you.
Any questions?**

European Commission

