

# ICM in Baltic countries – where we are in the Baltics?

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# International Mobility - Basic principles



Core of the Activity – students and staff mobility between:

**Erasmus+ Programme Countries**

and

**Erasmus+ Partner Countries** (formally *third countries not associated to the Programme*)

- The Activity foresees both directions' mobility – incoming and outgoing



***Key Action 1:***  
**International Students and Staff Credit Mobility**  
**(KA107, 2015-2020 programme period)**

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(implemented by the NA  
in the Erasmus+ Programme country)



# Concise Statistical Overview, 2015-2020



	LT (approved mobilities)	LT (realized, 2023- 11-10)	LV (approved mobilities)	LV (realized, 2023-11- 13)	EE (approved mobilities)	EE (realized, 2023-11- 14)
Students (incoming & outgoing)	1436	1523	1177	965	734	400
Staff (incoming & outgoing)	3290	3066	2005	1756	1907	1148
<b>Total</b>	<b>4726</b>	<b>4589</b>	<b>3182</b>	<b>2721</b>	<b>2641</b>	<b>1548</b>
Total approved budget	<b>12.4 M€</b>	<b>9.4 M€</b>	<b>9.5 M€</b>	<b>6.9 M€</b>	<b>7.3 M€</b>	<b>5 M€</b>
Project awarded, number of supported projects	<b>150</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>
Success rate (projects)	<b>83%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Dashboard

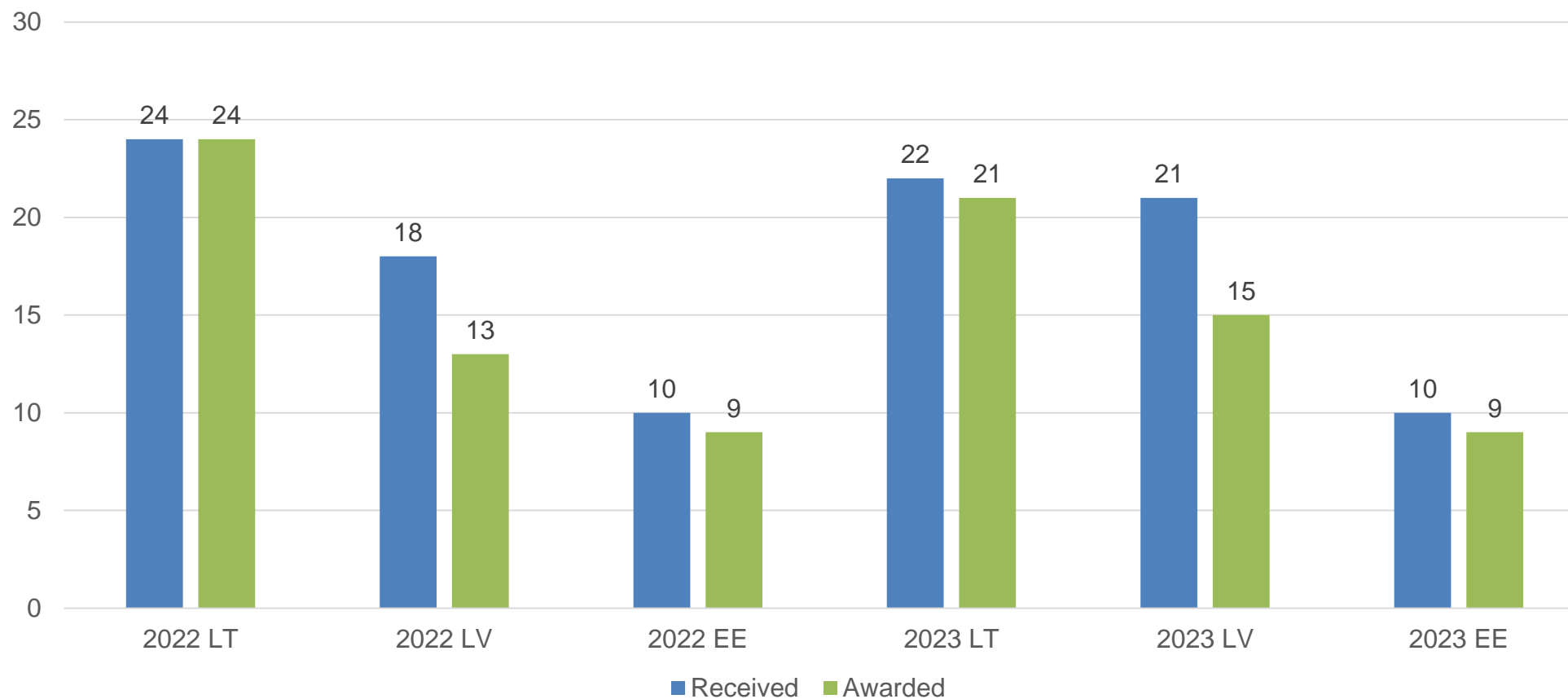


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**Calls 2022, 2023**

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# Received vs. awarded applications



# Score points of the applications (per region)



	Average	Highest	Lowest
2022 LT	85	99	61
2022 LV	80	99	31
2022 EE	83	91	58
2023 LT	85	100	57
2023 LV	87	100	63
2023 EE	88	100	77

# Most popular 3 countries - applications



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LT	LV	EE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ukraine</li><li>2. Georgia</li><li>3. South Africa</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kazakhstan/Georgia</li><li>Ukraine</li><li>Albania</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Georgia</li><li>Ukraine</li><li>USA</li></ol>



# Most popular 5 target regions – applications (calls 2022&2023)



LT	LV	EE
<b>1. Neighbourhood East (Region 2)</b>	<b>1. Neighbourhood East (Region 2)</b>	<b>1. Neighbourhood East (Region 2)</b>
<b>2. Asia (Region 5)</b>	<b>2. Central Asia (Region 6)</b>	<b>2. Asia (Region 5)</b>
<b>3. Western Balkans (Region 1)</b>	<b>3. Asia (Region 5)</b>	<b>3. Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)</b>
<b>4. South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)</b>	<b>4. Western Balkans (Region 1)</b>	<b>4. South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)</b>
<b>5. Central Asia (Region 6)</b>	<b>5. South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)</b>	<b>5. US and Canada (Region 12)</b>

# Regions to strengthen co-operation with (calls 2022&2023)



COUNTRY	LT	LV	EE
Regions	<b>Middle East</b> (Region 7)	<b>Middle East</b> (Region 7)	<b>Middle East</b> (Region 7) <b>Caribbean</b> (Region 11) <b>Western Balkans</b> (Region 1)

# Inclusion envelope (call 2023)



<b>Lithuania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 76% transferred to the regions during the budget allocation phase</li><li>• The remaining amount is reserved for additional support based on real costs (1 region– 14%, 2-12 regions – 10%)</li></ul>
<b>Latvia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 35% transferred to the regions during the budget allocation phase</li><li>• Amendment in delegation agreement to transfer to FO top-ups and inclusion support incurred based on real-costs</li></ul>
<b>Estonia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 90% of NDICI inclusion envelope was transferred to regions (Pacific, Asia, Latin America, USA &amp; Canada)</li><li>• The remaining amounts are reserved for inclusion purposes</li></ul>

# Baltic Challenges - application



- Most challenging aspects in project application
- Repetition of common procedures/information for all Partner countries, using copy-paste and not diversifying Partner Countries;
- Strategies of Partners are not included in the application;
- Applying for every possible region, including all mobility types and flows;
- Partner Country HEIs are not involved in the preparation of the application;
- Lack of description of previous experience with a particular partnership / Partner Country;
- Much effort vs lack of funding.

# Baltic Challenges - implementation

Most challenging aspects in project implementation:

- Recognition of mobility results in Partner Countries;
- Sustainability of partnerships;
- Visa issues in particular regions/countries;
- Payment issues (e.g. expensive international transfers, costly opening of the bank accounts, taxation of grants);
- Share of OS (organisational support) between partners;
- Implementation of the mobilities in particular regions/ countries (e.g. Israel);
- Language issues;
- Covid-19 pandemic, incl. lockdowns, restrictions;
- Political situation in particular regions/ countries;
- Inclusion support allocation;
- Green travel;
- Issues with IT systems.

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