



The Future of Erasmus+: What to Expect for Higher Education (2028–2034)

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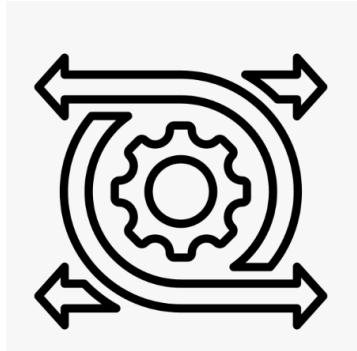
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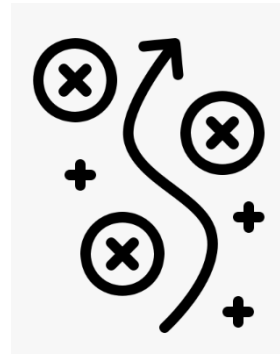
What have the different evaluations told us?



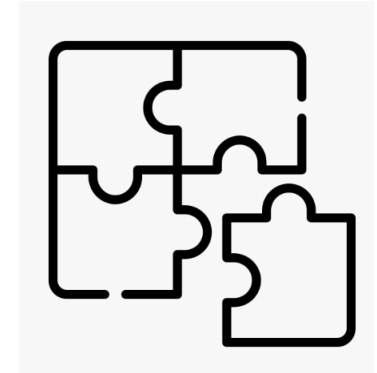
Simpler



More Flexible



Adaptable



Compatible

To respond to these needs, COM proposal included some improvements

- European Solidarity Corps merged.
- No budget earmarking per field or management mode
- Avoid heavy comitology procedures
- Possible funding from different EU programmes under one single set of rules

Budget and governance



40.82 billion €

Important increase, not yet sufficient?

Funding of higher education mobility flows

Funding from EU budget for **internal** policies:

- Mobility within Europe (soon 35+ countries)
- Mobility from Europe to the world

Funding from EU budget for **external** policies:

- Mobility from the world to Europe

4 complementary objectives



**Skills
development
&
competitiveness**



**Ensure that
everyone has
at least one
Erasmus+
experience in
their life**



**EU values &
democratic
participation**



**Strive to be
as inclusive
as ever**

Inclusion

Preserve and strengthen the inclusive approach across all activities through effective measures to promote inclusion, diversity, and fairness and support access to the programme for all



Targeted financial support



Accessible learning formats



Prep activities & continuous support (before, during & after participation)



User-friendly, easy understandable and accessible information



Support for staff on inclusion & diversity



Awareness-raising

Structure

From 3 KAs to 2 pillars offering a leaner menu of opportunities

Proposed new structure	Current structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning opportunities for all<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Learning mobility and volunteering○ Talent and excellence development• Capacity building support<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cooperation among organisations and institutions○ Support to policy development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning mobility• Cooperation among organisations and institutions• Support to policy development and cooperation• Jean Monnet actions

Pillar I - Learning opportunities for all

Learning mobility and volunteering

- Learning mobility of learners and staff in **education and training**
- Learning mobility of learners and staff in **youth**, DiscoverEU, activities supporting youth participation, European Solidarity Corps volunteering
- Learning mobility of **athletes** and people active in grassroots sport and sport **staff**

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- Support to **teaching and learning about the EU**, incl. European integration, values & citizenship

Building on Jean Monnet

Talent and excellence development

- Jean Monnet Actions in field of Higher Education
- Support to designated Jean Monnet institutions (7 sisters)
- **Scholarships** in HE and VET in key strategic fields **New**
- **Erasmus Mundus Scholarships** **New**

HE mobility action in the next E+ programme

Stability of higher education mobility activities

For students (short term, long term):

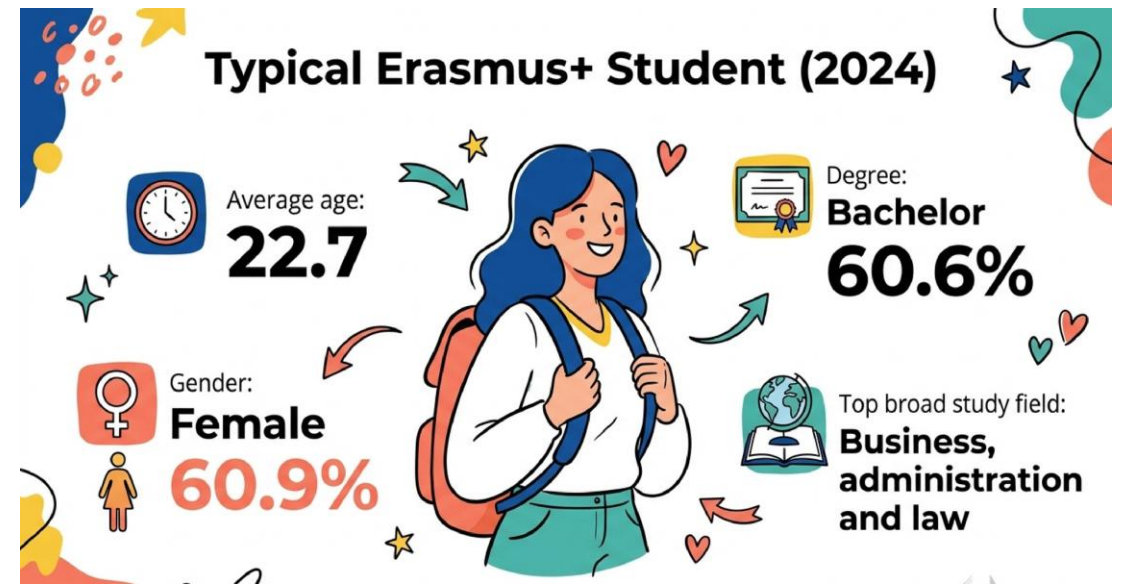
- Student mobility for studies
- Student mobility for traineeships

For staff:

- Staff mobility for teaching
- Staff mobility for training

For students and staff:

- Blended intensive programmes



Pillar II – Capacity building support

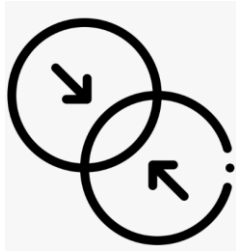
Cooperation among organisations and institutions

- Partnerships for cooperation including small scale (to be open to Higher Education) **New**
- Partnerships for excellence and innovation
 - European Universities Alliances
 - Centres of Vocational Excellence
 - European Teacher Academies
 - European School Alliances **New**
 - European Youth Together **Moved from ESC**
 - Joint Study Programmes **New**
 - Sport Collaborative Alliances **New**

Support to policy development

- Experimentation, preparation and implementation of the Union's policy agendas and tools
- Support to programme implementation, including online platforms, tools for virtual cooperation and tools to facilitate learning mobility
- Dissemination and communication

International dimension



**Fusion
KA131/KA171**

**One application,
grant, project,
duration, final
report**



**Strengthen Joint
Study Programmes**

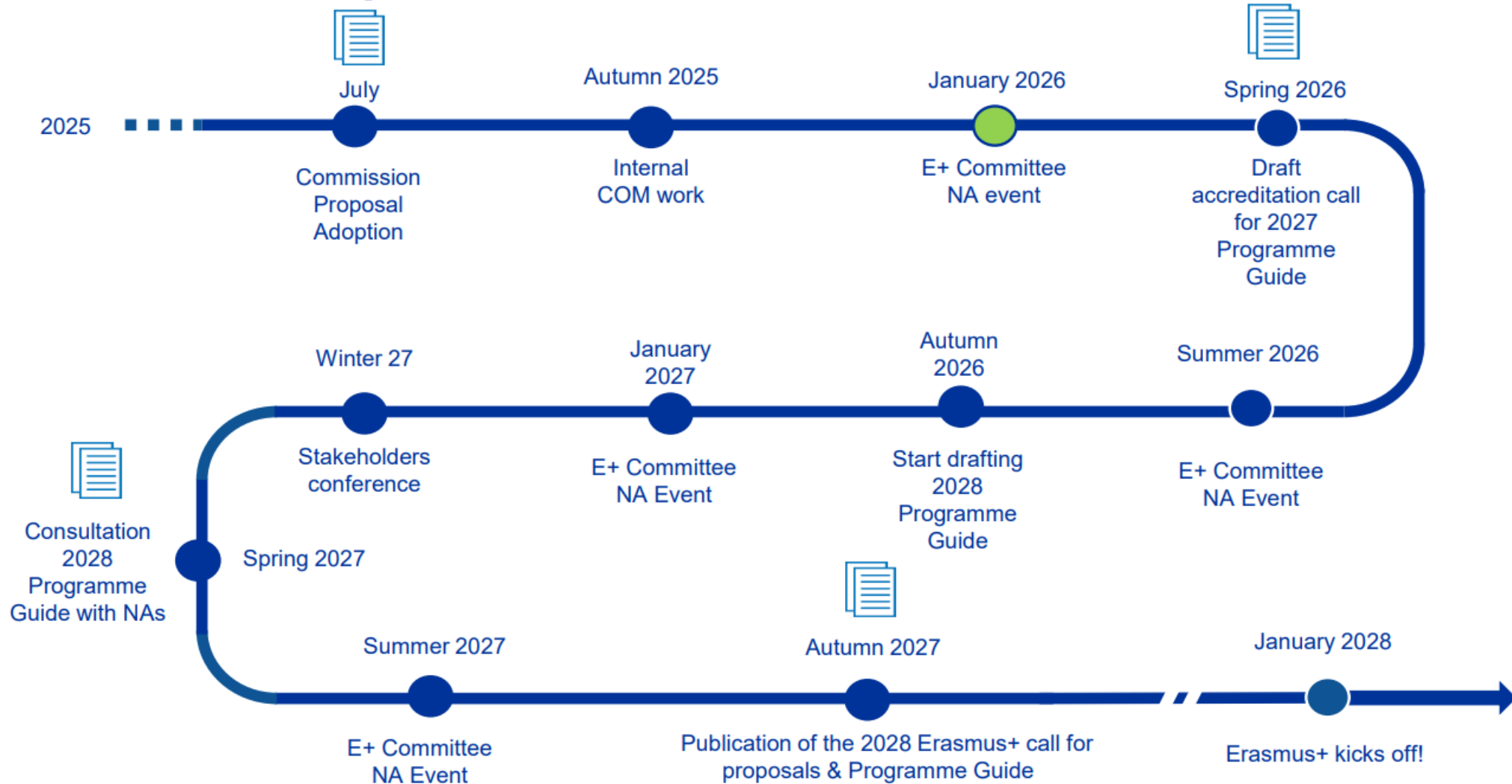
**Erasmus Mundus
stays for
scholarship holders**



**Help candidate
countries setting up
National Agencies**

**Possibility for third
countries to join
through full or partial
association**

Roadmap



Key points of discussion



**Governance
(comitology)**



Scholarships



**Partial participation
of third countries**

Key points of discussion for Higher Education

Quality standards for mobility

Decentralisation of the ECHE Award

Programme rules for mobility

Joint programmes –
adapting the rules
Erasmus Student
Charter
Programme templates
– learning
agreements, etc.

Funding rules for mobility – alignment?

Participants with fewer
opportunities
Top-up grants

**Thank you.
Any questions?**

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