

International Credit Mobility (ICM), KA107-2018
Cooperation between Polish and Partner Country Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
Information on grant awards – update

Within the 2018 Call for proposals 129 Polish HEIs submitted applications for ICM (2 more than in 2017). All applications met formal eligibility criteria and were assessed against quality criteria.

Within a single application cooperation with each Partner Country was assessed separately. Thus 967 assessments were conducted (174 more than in 2017). The average number of Partner Countries per application was 7 (the exact value is 7.5 against 6.2 in 2017). 30 applications envisaged cooperation with only one Partner Country (36 in 2017). The highest number of Partner Countries in a single application was 36 (32 in 2017).

As the result of the qualitative assessment:

- 83 proposals met a minimum quality threshold for all Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 34 proposals met a minimum quality threshold for some of the Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 12 HEIs did not meet minimum quality threshold for any of the Partner Country envisaged in the application or the score gained was too low to qualify for founding.

117 Polish HEIs (6 more than in 2017) were awarded a grant, some of them for one mobility only.

Demand for funds to be allocated for mobilities with Partner Countries was substantially higher than funds available in 2018 for Poland. For details please refer to the table below (data presented per “budgetary envelope”):

Region (budgetary envelope)	Financial instrument	Amount available for Polish HEIs in 2018 (€)	Amount requested by Polish HEIs in submitted applications (€)	Proportion between budget requested and available
Region 1 Western Balkans	IPA	2 142 444	6 699 633	312.71%
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	ENI East	1 821 827	18 505 493	1015.77%
Region 3 South Mediterranean	ENI South	2 288 321	4 043 421	176.70%
Region 4 Russia	Russia	1 056 622	4 653 027	440.37%
Region 6 Asia	DCI Asia	1 293 262	9 538 497	737.55%
Region 7 Central Asia	DCI Central Asia	413 486	3 846 335	930.22%
Region 8 Latin America	DCI Latin America	419 382	6 873 579	1638.98%
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	DCI Middle East	194 154	468 040	241.07%
Region 10 South Africa	DCI South Africa	121 099	364 630	301.10%
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	EDF	419 702	1 204 275	286.94%
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	PI Americas	455 321	5 330 388	1170.69%
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	PI Asia	481 953	6 732 431	1396.91%
Total:		11 107 573	68 259 749	614.53%

Taking into account the budget availability and high expectations of Polish HEIs to cooperate with Partner Countries, a decision was taken to provide opportunities for cooperation to as many beneficiaries as possible and not only the ones with the highest scores.

Staff mobility was given priority due to its importance for further development of didactic cooperation and for good implementation of student mobility. Taking into account the objectives of KA107 projects the preference was given to incoming flows from Partner Countries to Poland.

The table below presents the minimum score qualifying for receiving funds for at least one mobility with a given region:

Region (budgetary envelope)	Student mobility	Staff mobility
Region 1 Western Balkans	60	60
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	78	60
Region 3 South Mediterranean	60	60
Region 4 Russia	60	60
Region 6 Asia		
a) Afganistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal	a) 60	a) 60
b) China, India	b) 90	b) 60
c) Other countries (Philippines, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam)	c) 90	c) 65
Region 7 Central Asia	90	60
Region 8 Latin America		
a) Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, El Salvador	a) 90	a) 60
b) Brazil, Mexico	b) No funding	b) 76
c) Other countries (Argentina, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)	c) 80	c) 76
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	60	60
Region 10 South Africa	60	60
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	60	60
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	80	60
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	90	60

In order to provide the mobility opportunities to as many HEIs as possible, the National Agency decided:

- to reduce the number of flows taking into account:
 - (1) quality assessment results,
 - (2) requested number of flows;
 - (3) budget available in a given region (budgetary envelope);
- to base the allocation on the following principles: for students - a maximum duration of 5 months (150 days), for staff - a maximum duration of 7 days (5 days of stay + 2 travel days), unless in a given region the demand met the budget available (then the limitations have not been applied). Due

to substantial oversubscription for funds, in case of some HEIs applying for cooperation with several countries from the same region or sub region, funds were awarded for mobilities with one or several but not all countries in the given region/sub region. The NA urges HEIs to revise their mobility plans and adjust it to the activities described in the Annex 2 to the grant agreement (issued individually for each HEI). Flexibility given in the financial agreement provides opportunities to make some changes to the original mobility plan described in the Annex 2. An absolute embargo relates to a change from one Partner Country to another, even within the same region.

When the number of awarded mobilities is not sufficient to run cooperation with all partners envisaged in the project proposal, the NA urges Polish HEIs to analyse the situation as provided in the Annex 2 and define HEIs with which cooperation is going to be realised. All Partner Country HEIs should be immediately and duly informed about situation arising from the notification of the 2017 selection results.

In project proposals all regions were represented (except for Region 14 - Faroe Islands and Switzerland), including 86 Partner Countries. No Partner Country was omitted in granted projects.

There were 21 127 mobilities requested in all submitted applications (2017: 16 772) including:

- 12 855 staff mobility flows (2017: 9 847);
- 8 272 student mobility flows (2017: 6 925).

Applications accepted for funding envisage 4 146 mobilities (2017: 3895), including:

- 3 178 staff flows (2017: 2 881), including mobility to PL: 1 860, from PL: 1 318 (2017: to PL: 1 694, from PL: 1 187);
- 968 student flows (2017: 1 014), including mobility to PL: 758, from z PL: 210 (2017: to PL: 750, from PL: 264).

Number of awarded mobility flows in KA107-2018 projects is as follows:

	Incoming flows to Poland			Outgoing flows from Poland:			All flows (inbound and outbound)
	Students	Staff	Total	Students	Staff	Total	
Region 1 Western Balkans	189	320	509	76	242	318	827
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	135	373	508	15	278	293	801
Region 3 South Mediterranean	180	323	503	66	285	351	854
Region 4 Russia	86	164	250	29	122	151	401
Region 6 Asia	48	227	275	4	152	156	431
Region 7 Central Asia	18	103	121	0	48	48	169
Region 8 Latin America	13	83	96	0	34	34	130
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	20	29	49	4	14	18	67
Region 10 South Africa	5	17	22	0	14	14	36
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	29	59	88	3	41	44	132
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	21	73	94	8	46	54	148
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	14	89	103	5	42	47	150
	758	1860	2 618	210	1 318	1 528	4 146

List of Polish beneficiary HEIs is available on: <http://erasmusplus.org.pl/dokumenty/#wyniki>

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