



## The objectives and important features of Erasmus+ Programme

Training on Preparation of Project Proposals for Thematic EU Programmes Available for CSOs, Media and Media Associations in Montenegro 2-4 February 2021



- Erasmus + in general
- Available actions to Montenegro
- Possibilities for Montenegro, including CSO, media and media organizations
- CB HE/Jean Monnet what`s in it for?
- Best practice examples
- What to expect in new Erasmus + cycle?
- How to apply?
- How successful has been Montenegro in using Erasmus+ offered possibilities?



### WHAT IS ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME?

The biggest EU programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

#### Individuals

• Opportunities to all - students, staff, trainees, teachers, volunteers and more. It's not just about Europe or Europeans either - with Erasmus+, people from all over the world can access opportunities.

#### Organizations

• Opportunities for a wide range of organisations, including universities, education and training providers, think-tanks, research organisations, and private businesses. Organisations wanting to participate in Erasmus+ may engage in a number of development and networking activities, including strategic improvement of the professional skills of their staff, organisational capacity building, and creating transnational cooperative partnerships with organisations from other countries in order to produce innovative outputs or exchange best practices.



#### Important features and objectives of Erasmus+

#### **Objectives**

#### Erasmus+ Programme shall contribute to the achievement of:

The objectives of the Europe 2020 StrategyThe sustainable development of Partner Countries in the field of higher education;The objectives of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020)The promotion of European values;developing the European dimension in sport, in particular grassroots sport, in line with the EU work plan for sport;The overall objectives of the EU youth.
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#### Important features and objectives of Erasmus+

## Features

Recognition and validation of skills and qualifications	Dissemination and exploitation of project results	Open Access Requirement for Educational Materials	Open Access for Research and Data	International dimension	Protection and safety of participants	Equity and Inclusion	Multilingualism	
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#### **Specific issues tackled by the programme:**

- Reducing unemployment, especially among young people
- Promoting adult learning, especially for new skills and skills required by the labour market
- Encouraging young people to take part in European democracy
- Supporting innovation, cooperation and reform
- Reducing early school leaving
- Promoting cooperation and mobility with the EU's partner countries

# ERASMUS + 2014-2020 in numbers

Budget of €14.7 billion for 2014-2020 Provided opportunities for over **4 million participants** to study, train, gain experience, and volunteer abroad

Offered €1.68 billion for activities with partner countries

# ERASMUS + cycles in numbers



European Commission

Source: A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends. The Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027



# Priorities of Erasmus+ in the next programme cycle 2021-2027

- Supporting opportunities for all in acquiring and developing key competences, including basic skills
- Social inclusion
- Common values, civic engagement and participation
- Environmental and climate goals
- Innovative practices in a digital era
- Supporting educators, youth workers, educational leaders and support staff
- Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications
- Sustainable investment, quality and efficiency of education, training and youth systems:
- Social and educational value of European cultural heritage
- Skills development and inclusion through creativity and the arts





## Montenegro in Erasmus+ programme: eligible actions to participate

#### KA1

- Participant in International Credit Mobility projects;
- Partner in Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree.

#### KA2

• Partner/coordinator of projects in Capacity Building for Higher Education;

 Partner (not applicant) in Knowledge Alliances, Sectoral Skills Alliances and Strategic Partnerships;

• eTwinning network.

#### KA3

- Euro guidance network of national resource and information centers for guidance;
- Eurydice network for higher education system in Europe.

#### Jean Monnet

Eligible for all types of projects, similar to institutions from all over the world.



#### What's in for CSOs, media and media associations?

Capacity Building in Higher Education

Jean Monnet activities



## Capacity Building in Higher Education: main features

- Transnational cooperation projects, based on multilateral partnerships
- For whom?
- Primarily between higher education institutions from Programme and eligible Partner countries.
- Promoted cooperation aiming to:
  - improve the quality of higher education and its alignment with labour market needs,
  - improve the level of skills in HEIs through new education programmes,
  - strengthen the capacity of management, governance, and innovation, as well as internationalisation,
  - build the capacity of national authorities to modernise their own higher education systems, and
  - foster regional integration and cooperation across different regions of the world.
- Project duration: 2-3 years;
- Grant awarded: between 500.000 EUR 1.000.000 EUR.
- Eligible costs: staff costs, travel costs, costs of stay, equipment and sub-contracting



#### **Capacity Building in Higher Education: how does it work?**

# Partnership consortia

Min no. of partners from Programme and Partner countries

Applicant (HEIs)

Partner organizations (HEIs and nonacademic partners)

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Full partners

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Associated partners



## **Capacity Building in Higher Education: who can take part?**

Academia

Non-academia

- Any public or private **higher education institution** recognized by competent authorities
- Any public or private organization active in the fields of education training and youth such as:
- a public, private small medium or large enterprise (including social enterprises);
- a public body at local, regional or national level (including ministries);
- a social partner or other representative of working life, including chambers of commerce, craft/professional associations and trade unions;
- a research institute;
- a foundation;
- a school/institute (on any level, from pre-school to upper secondary education, including vocational education and adult education);
- a non-profit organisation, association, NGO (including national or international associations or networks of higher education institutions, students or teachers associations, etc.);
- a cultural organisation, library, museum;
- a body providing career guidance, professional counselling and information services.



#### **Capacity Building in Higher Education: priorities in Montenegro**

Curriculum development	Improving management and operation of HEI	Developing the HE sector within society at large
Education; Languages; Social and behavioral science; Business and administration; Law; Environment, Information and Communication Technologies; Engineering and engineering trades; Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary; Health.	Governance, strategic planning and management of HEIS; University services; Internationalization of HEI; Quality assurance processes and mechanisms	Development of school and vocational education at post secondary non-tertiary level; University-enterprise cooperation



#### Jean Monnet – main features

Separate activity under Erasmus+

Promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process in various disciplines

Dedicated to the memory of Jean Monnet (1888-1979)

Emphasis on the European Integration process

Managed centrally

Introduction of European integration studies in universities

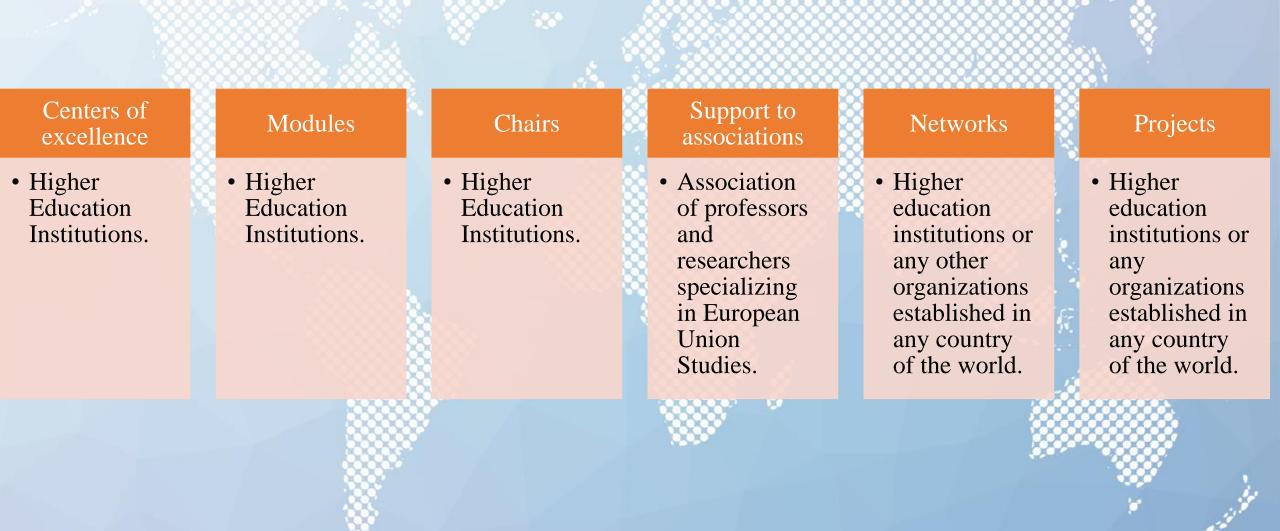


#### Jean Monnet activities: how does it work?

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Centres o excellence			Type of Activity	Amount €	Min. N° of countries	Duration
CACCITCITC			Modules	€ 30.000		
	Chairs		Chairs	€ 50.000	1	3 years
Modules	Networks	Projects	<b>Centres of Excellence</b>	€ 100.000		
			Networks	€ 300.000	3	3 years
			Projects	€ 60.000	1	12, 18, 24 months
			Support to Associations	€ 50.000	1	3 years
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#### Jean Monnet activities: who can take part?





## Best practice examples CSOs participation in Erasmus+

#### Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro

✓ Participant in 3 Erasmus+ projects (1 Tempus and 2 CB HE)

#### **Montenegrin Pan European Union**

✓ Participant in 2 Jean Monnet projects

# Erasmus+ Erasmus+ projects of Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro

1. "Inclusive tertiary education in the Western Balkans" IDEA

Project duration: 2021-2024

<u>Project partners from ME:</u> University of Donja Gorica, Udruženje mladih sa hendikepom Crne Gore <u>Project countries</u>: Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, Greece, Czech Republic, Ireland

2. "School-to-Work Transition for Higher education students with disabilities in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina" (Trans2W)

Project duration: 2015 - 2018

<u>Project partners from ME</u>: University of Montenegro, University of Donja Gorica, Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro, Employment Agency of Montenegro <u>Project countries:</u> Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Greece, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia

3. "Support and Inclusion of students with disabilities at higher education institutions in Montenegro" SINC@HE <u>Project duration</u>: 2011-2014

<u>Project partner from ME:</u> University of Donja Gorica, University Mediterranean, Institute for Educ. and Rehab. of hearing and speech disorders, Association of youth with disabilities of Montenegro, Ministry of Information society and Telecommunications

Project contries: Greece, Poland, Italy, United Kingdom, Montenegro



#### Jean Monnet projects of Montenegrin Pan European Union



- "Communicating Europe in Pan-European Societies", 2017
- "UN Agenda 2030 EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro", 2018



### **Examples of Jean Monnet activities in the field of journalism**

Networks

- "European Media and Platform Policy (EuromediApp)"
  - Applicant organization: Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria
  - Budget: 300,000€

**Projects** 

- "Media Education Mission: European Practices of Overcoming Disinformation"
  - Applicant organization: Perm State University, Russia
  - Budget: 52,418€



Application in Capacity Building in Higher Education and Jean Monnet activities



Capacity Building in Higher Education



#### Jean Monnet Action



### **Application in Capacity Building in Higher Education and Jean Monnet activities**

# Annual Calls for Proposals issued by EU

Proposals assessed by experts on basis of relevance, quality of design, quality of team, impact and dissemination

Apply directly to Executive Agency (EACEA)



## **Application in Capacity Building in Higher Education and Jean Monnet activities**

Applications must be submitted using the eForm with attachments Applicant organisation must be registered in Participant Portal and receive Participant Identification Code (PIC)

Create official electronic application form (eForm)

Fill in eForm

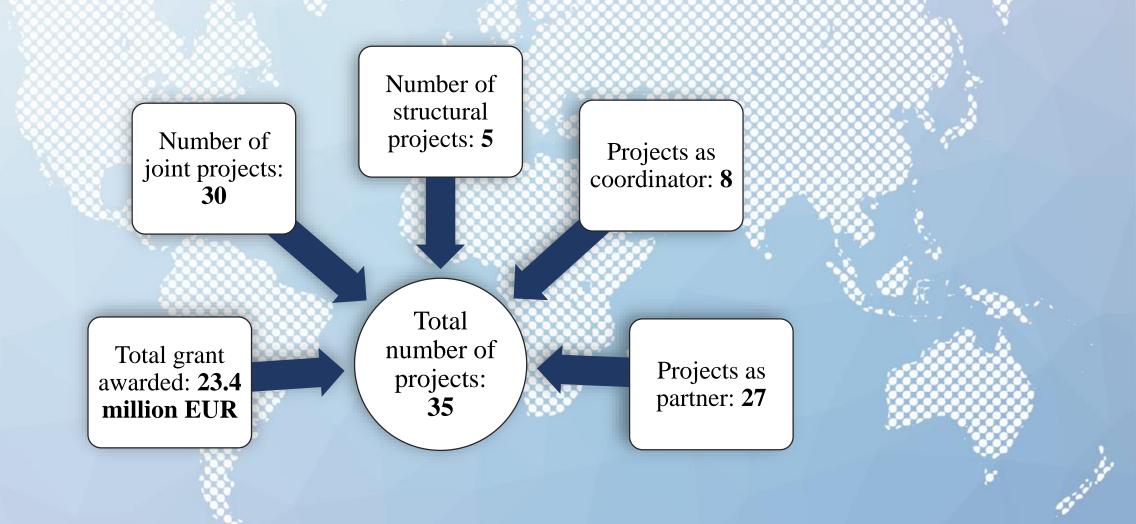
Attach completed versions of different attachments to the application/e-form



## HOW SUCCESSFUL MONTENEGRO HAS BEEN IN USING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY CB HE AND JEAN MONNET ACTION

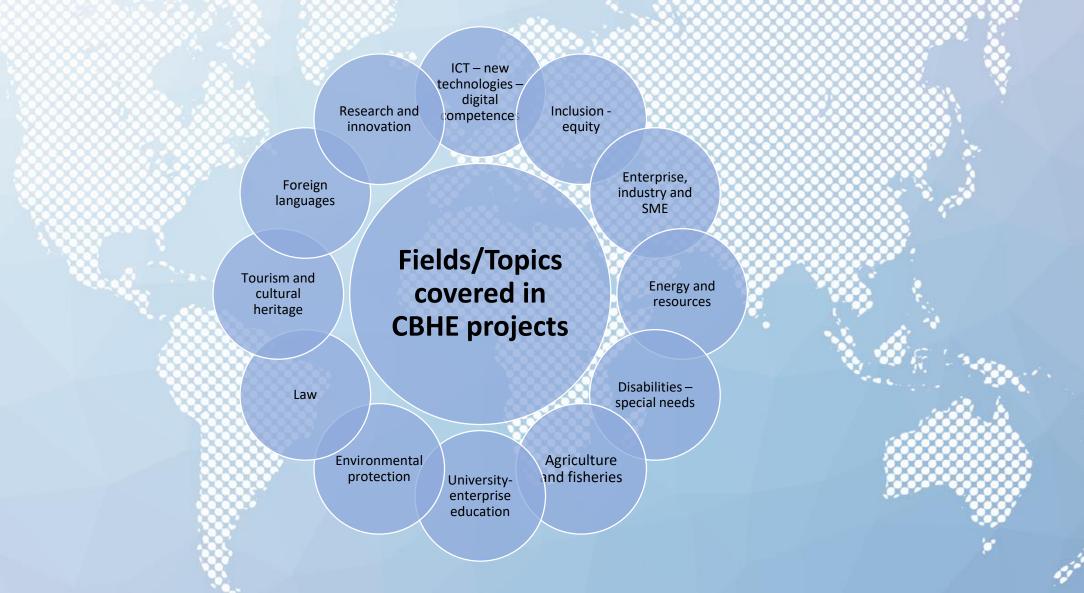


## CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECTS 2014 - 2020





#### **Topic tackled 2014-2020**





#### **Non-academic partners**

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Science
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Agency for Control and Quality Assurance of Higher Education
- Center for Training in Judiciary and State Prosecution Service
- Judicial Council
- Bar Association of Montenegro
- Center for Mediation
- National Chamber of Judicial Officers of Montenegro
- Notarska komora Crne Gore
- Supreme Court of Montenegro
- SUPREME STATE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- Institute of modern technology Montenegro
- Montenegrin Association for New Technologies MANT
- Public Health Institute of Montenegro
- Clinical Center
- Primary health care center Nikšić
- Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro

- Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro
- Telekom A.D.
- Nature and Environmental Protection Agency
- Eco Center DOLPHIN
- DRUSTVO ZA PROIZVODNJU PROMET I USLUGE EXPORT IMPORT HIPERION
- d.o.o Simsic-MontMilk za proizvodnju, promet i usluge, export
- 13 JUL PLANTAZE AD PODGORICA
- INOVACIONO PREDUZETNICKI CENTAR TEHNOPOLIS – NIKŠIĆ
- TOURISM ORGANIZATION OF KOTOR MUNCIPALITY
  - Employment Agency of Montenegro
  - Alfa Centar
- Bureau for Education Services
- NT JPU Ljubica Popović
  - Crnogorska plovidba AD Kotor
  - Voli Trade d.o.o.
  - Roaming Networks doo Podgorica
  - Hotels Group Montenegro Stars



## MONTENEGRO IN JEAN MONNET PROJECTS 2014-2020

"Communicating Europe in Pan-European Societies", 2017

"UN Agenda 2030 – EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro", 2018

"Academic network supporting EU policies towards Western Balkans with emphasis on regional cooperation based on reconciliation", 2019

The challenges of the enlargement policy: EU versus China's diplomacy in Western Balkans, 2020

Module in Law of the EU Internal market, 2020



## The success of Montenegrin participation in the last Erasmus+ Call for Proposals

#### **International Credit Mobility**

- 125 selected ICM projects;

- Total grant awarded: 4 310 955,00 €;

- Total number of planned mobilities: 1549. - 8 selected projects, out of which 2 are coordinating projects, while in 6 MNE HEIs participate as partners;
- Total grant awarded: 6 898 250, 00 €.

#### **Jean Monnet**

**Capacity Building in Higher Education** 

- Projects are

University of Montenegro;

125,382 €.

coordinated by the

Faculty of Law and

Faculty of Economy of

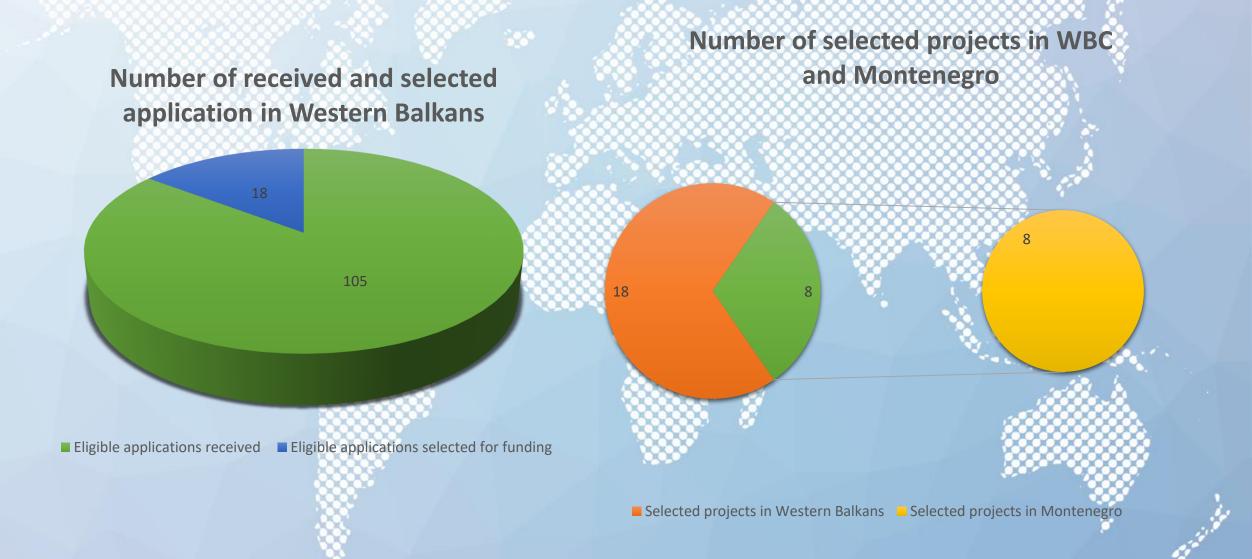
- Total grant awarded:

#### - 2 selected projects; **EMJMD**

- 4 selected EMJMD scholarships



#### **NEWLY SELECTED CBHE PROJECTS**





## LOOK INTO THE FUTURE ERASMUS+ 2021-2027

- ➡ Digital agenda
- ➡ Inclusive approach
- ➡ Green economy
- ➡ Budget almost doubled 27 billion euro



## Capacity building in HE, VET, Youth, & Sport

No Call 2021

#### CBHE

• Continuity + novelties

CB Youth

Continuity

CB VET • New action

**CB** Sport

• New action



#### **Jean Monnet activities**

Call 2021

Centres of excellence

Chairs

Projects

Modules

Networks

Jean Monnet for **Schools** (intra-European)



#### **Useful links**

- EACEA: <u>https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/</u>
- National Erasmus+ Office in Montenegro: <u>www.erasmusplus.ac.me</u>
- Erasmus+ Programme Guide: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide\_en</u>
- Erasmus+ project results: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/</u>
- Jean Monnet action: <u>https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/jean-monnet\_en</u>
- CB HE action: <u>https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices/capacity-building-projects-in-field-higher-education\_en</u>



#### Thank you for your attention!

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