

International Credit Mobility (ICM), KA107-2019
Cooperation between Polish and Partner Country Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
Information on grant awards 2019

Within the 2019 Call for proposals 138 Polish HEIs submitted applications for ICM (9 more than in 2018). Two applications were rejected due to formal reasons.

Each Partner Country within a single application was assessed separately. Thus 1 127 assessments were conducted (160 more than in 2018). The average number of Partner Countries per application was 8 (2018: 7). 21 applications envisaged cooperation with only one Partner Country (2018: 30). The highest number of Partner Countries in a single application was 40 (2018: 36).

As the result of the qualitative assessment:

- 92 proposals met the minimum quality threshold for all Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 36 proposals met the minimum quality threshold for some of the Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 6 proposals did not meet the minimum quality threshold for any of the Partner Countries (the score below 60);
- 2 HEIs met the minimum quality threshold of 60 points however due to lack of funds the score gained was too low to qualify for founding.

128 Polish HEIs (11 more than in 2018) 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 2019 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 2019 (€)	Amount requested by Polish HEIs in submitted applications (€)	Proportion between budget requested and available
Region 1 Western Balkans	IPA	2 332 029	4 929 912	211%
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	ENI East	1 612 415	22 879 242	1 419%
Region 3 South Mediterranean	ENI South	2 145 355	4 606 372	215%
Region 4 Russia	Russia	873 930	5 429 384	621%
Region 6 Asia	DCI Asia	1 837 721	11 621 195	632%
Region 7 Central Asia	DCI Central Asia	440 794	4 667 739	1 059%
Region 8 Latin America	DCI Latin America	584 882	6 607 118	1 130%
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	DCI Middle East	225 610	408 473	181%
Region 10 South Africa	DCI South Africa	168 955	404 630	239%
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	EDF	443 225	1 909 055	431%
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	PI Americas	499 222	7 953 851	1 593%
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	PI Asia	453 195	7 172 216	1 583%
Region 14 Faroe Islands, Switzerland		n/d	8 100	n/d
Total:		11 617 333	78 597 287	677%

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	81	60
Region 3 South Mediterranean	60	60
Region 4 Russia	76	60
Region 6 Asia		
a) Afganistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal	a) 60	a) 60
b) China, India	b) 80	b) 60
c) Other countries (Philippines, Korea (Republic of), Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam)	c) 70	c) 66
Region 7 Central Asia	90	60
Region 8 Latin America		
a) Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua,	a) 60	a) 60
b) Brazil, Mexico	b) 90	b) 70
c) Other countries (Argentina, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela)	c) 90	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 (USA, Canada, Chile, Uruguay)	90	73
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	90	60
Region 14: Faroe Islands, Switzerland	60	n/d

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 2019 selection results.

In project proposals all regions were represented, including 96 Partner Countries (2018: 86). No Partner Country was omitted in granted projects.

There were 25 190 **mobilities requested** in all submitted applications (2018: 21 127) including:

- 16 386 staff mobility flows (2018: 12 855);
- 8 804 student mobility flows (2017: 8 272).

Applications **accepted for funding** envisage 4 163 mobilities (2018: 4 146), including:

- 3 037 staff flows (2018: 3 178), including mobility to PL: 1 860, from PL: 1 177 (2018: to PL: 1 860, from PL: 1 318);
- 1 126 student flows (2018: 968), including mobility to PL: 935, from z PL: 191 (2018: to PL: 758, from PL: 210).

Number of awarded mobility flows in KA107-2019 projects is as follows:

	Incoming flows to Poland			Outgoing flows from Poland:			All flows (inbound and outbound)
	Students	Staff	<i>Total</i>	Students	Staff	<i>Total</i>	
Region 1 Western Balkans	249	303	552	80	206	286	838
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	148	345	493	9	176	185	678
Region 3 South Mediterranean	205	286	491	65	214	279	770
Region 4 Russia	58	170	228	17	121	138	366
Region 6 Asia	129	252	381	7	177	184	565
Region 7 Central Asia	22	98	120	0	60	60	180
Region 8 Latin America	29	102	131	0	42	42	173
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	19	36	55	5	25	30	85
Region 10 South Africa	7	23	30	2	19	21	51
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	32	70	102	0	41	41	143
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	16	92	108	2	59	61	169
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	21	83	104	0	37	37	141
Region 14: Faroe Islands, Switzerland	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
	935	1 860	2 795	191	1 177	1 368	4 163

List of Polish beneficiary HEIs is available on: <https://erasmusplus.org.pl/dokumenty/dokumenty-programu-erasmus/>

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