

International Credit Mobility (ICM), KA107-2020
Cooperation between Polish and Partner Country Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
Information on grant awards 2020

Within the 2020 Call for proposals 139 Polish HEIs submitted applications for ICM (1 more than in 2019). All applications were assessed as eligible. One applicant has resigned from the implementation of the project before the qualitative assessment started thus 138 applications were assessed.

Each Partner Country within a single application was assessed separately. Thus 1 289 assessments were conducted (162 more than in 2019). The average number of Partner Countries per application was 9,2 (2019: 8). 27 applications envisaged cooperation with only one Partner Country (2019: 21). The highest number of Partner Countries in a single application was 47 (2019: 40).

As the result of the qualitative assessment:

- 119 proposals met the minimum quality threshold for all Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 9 proposals met the minimum quality threshold for some of the Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 10 proposals did not meet the minimum quality threshold for any of the Partner Countries (the score below 60);

128 Polish HEIs (the same as in 2019) 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 2020 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 2020 (€)	Amount requested by Polish HEIs in submitted applications (€)	Proportion between budget requested and available
Region 1 Western Balkans	IPA	2 529 799	5 352 335	2,12
Region 2 Eastern Partnership (including additional “windows” for Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine)	ENI East	2 247 071	18 525 117	8,24
Region 3 South Mediterranean	ENI South	2 315 974	5 768 752	2,49
Region 4 Russia	Russia	878 739	6 134 803	6,98
Region 6 Asia	DCI Asia	1 583 564	12 646 716	7,99
Region 7 Central Asia	DCI Central Asia	378 832	4 922 296	12,99
Region 8 Latin America	DCI Latin America	503 993	6 754 818	13,40
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	DCI Middle East	194 408	385 340	1,98
Region 10 South Africa	DCI South Africa	233 8223	595 990	2,55
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	EDF	1 067 849	2 546 815	2,38
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	PI Americas	477 388	5 815 119	12,18
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	PI Asia	433 374	7 720 638	17,82
Total:		12 844 814	77 168 739	6,01

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	80	60
Region 3 South Mediterranean	65	60
Region 4 Russia	80	65
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) 80	c) 68
Region 7 Central Asia	No funds allocated	60
Region 8 Latin America		
a) Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua,	a) 86	a) 60
b) Brazil, Mexico	b) no funds allocated	b) 76
c) Other countries (Argentina, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela)	c) 95	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	70
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	94	70

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 SMS and 3 months (90 days) for SMP, 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 2020 selection results.

In project proposals all regions were represented, including 97 Partner Countries (2019: 95). As result of funds allocation funds were not allocated for cooperation with Tanzania and Libya due to too low grades received in the qualitative assessment.

There were 24 898 **mobilities requested** in all submitted applications (2019: 25 190) including:

- 16 678 staff mobility flows (2019: 16 386);
- 8 220 student mobility flows (2019: 8 804).

Applications **accepted for funding** envisage 4 763 mobilities (2019: 4 163), including:

- 3 574 staff flows (2019: 3 037), including mobility to PL: 2 108, from PL: 1 466 (2019: to PL: 1 860, from PL: 1 177);
- 1 189 student flows (2019: 1 126), including mobility to PL: 959, from z PL: 230 (2019: to PL: 935, from PL: 191).

Number of awarded mobility flows in KA107-2020 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	242	357	599	96	277	373	972
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	183	428	611	14	355	369	980
Region 3 South Mediterranean	191	374	565	78	255	333	898
Region 4 Russia	55	152	207	19	134	153	360
Region 6 Asia	110	245	355	2	134	136	491
Region 7 Central Asia	0	121	121	0	60	60	181
Region 8 Latin America	18	101	119	0	36	36	155
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	13	35	48	4	25	29	77
Region 10 South Africa	15	26	41	1	21	22	63
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	89	115	204	9	93	102	306
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	22	78	100	5	48	53	153
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	21	76	97	2	28	30	127
	959	2 108	3 067	230	1 466	1 696	4 763

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

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