

Erasmus+ UK Programme

Applications Received Statistics (Decentralised Actions)

2018 Call, Rounds 1-3

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1 Key Findings

- 1.1 1,992 applications for funding have been received in the 2018 Call.
- 1.2 The applications requested almost €301m, at a mean grant of €150,916 per application.

2. Introduction

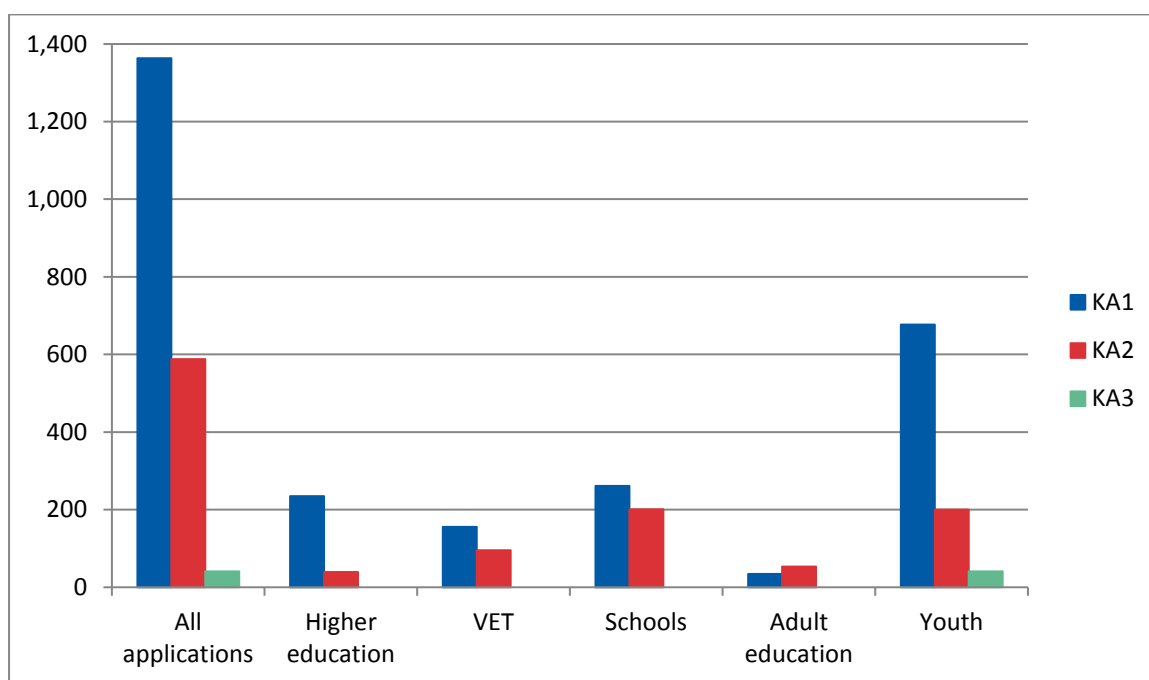
- 2.1 This report provides overall statistics about the Erasmus+ decentralised action applications received during the 2018 Call Rounds 1-3 in the United Kingdom (UK). Programme statistics reports published by the UK NA are available at www.erasmusplus.org.uk/statistics.
- 2.2 Centralised actions are managed at a European level by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) located in Brussels, Belgium. Further information is available on the EACEA website (<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>) and in Annex 1.
- 2.3 This report draws on management information for the Erasmus+ Programme. Only applications with a UK applicant institution are included in this report. The source for all data tables is the Erasmus+ UK National Agency unless stated otherwise.
- 2.4 There are no country quotas for allocating programme funds between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. However, the UK NA does monitor application data to identify areas of the UK that may be under-represented in the programme. This analysis is used to plan and implement Erasmus+ marketing and applicant support services. See Annex 1 for more information.



3. Number of Applications Received

- 3.1 The majority of applications were submitted under Key Action 1 (68%; 1,363). Under a third of applications (30%; 588) were submitted under Key Action 2 and 41 (2%) under Key Action 3.
- 3.2 Rounds 1 and 2 of the 2018 Call included a new category of youth mobility project for the first time – KA125 Youth Volunteering Projects. 74 applications were received under this sub-Action. The new KA229 School Exchange Partnerships sub-Action received 134 applications
- 3.3 KA1 applications includes 13 applications under the VET Mobility Charter (KA116) — an increase from 10 in the 2017 Call and from five in the 2016 Call.

Figure 1: Number of Erasmus+ UK decentralised applications by Programme Field and Key Action (2018 Call, Rounds 1-3)



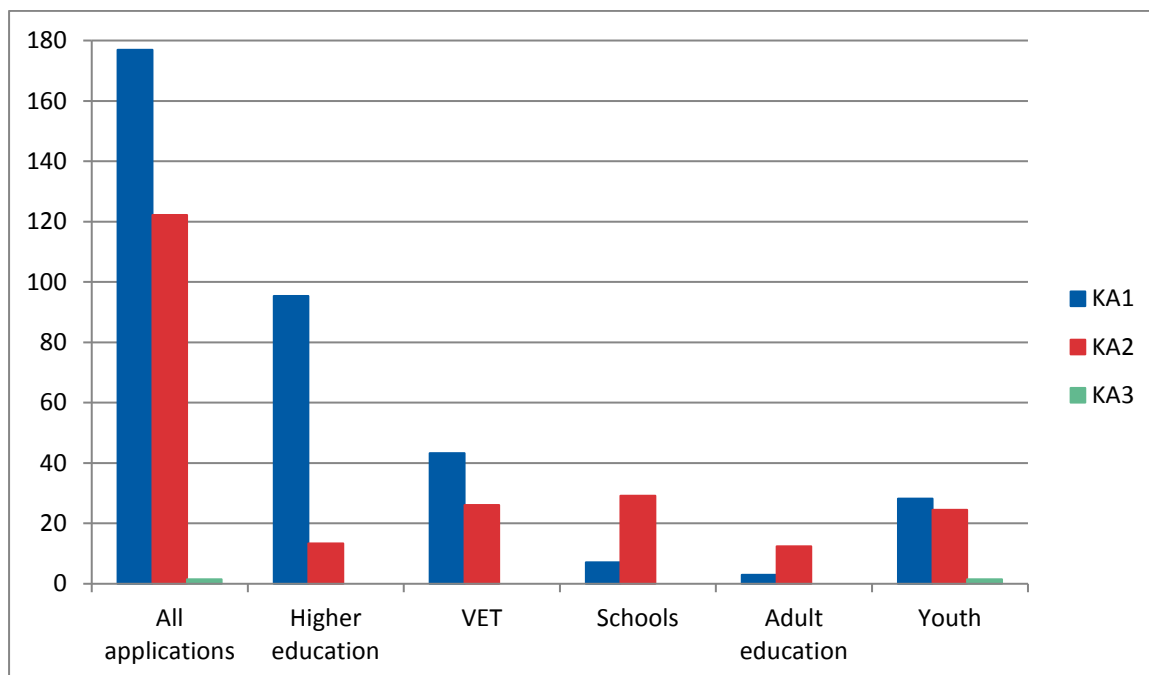
- 3.5 The majority of applications were from organisations based in England (1,494). The remaining applications were from organisations based in Northern Ireland (95), Scotland (285) and Wales (117). One application was received from a British Overseas Country or Territory (see Annex 2 for a definition).
- 3.6 Further details of the applications by country are available in the data tables accompanying this report.

4. Value of Applications Received

4.1 Overall, the applications received requested grants of almost €301m.

4.2 Almost three-fifths (59%) was requested by KA1 applicants (€177m) and just over two-fifths (41%) was requested by KA2 applicants (€122m). KA3 applicants requested €1.5m.

Figure 2: Value of Erasmus+ UK decentralised applications in €m by Programme Field (2018 Call, Rounds 1-3)



4.3 The mean grant value requested was €150,916. This varied by Key Action from €37,475 (KA3), €129,762 (KA1) to €207,860 (KA2).

4.4 The mean grant requested also varied by field. In the schools and youth fields the mean grant was low (€78,575 and €77,035 respectively) compared to higher education (€396,898). This variation is driven by a large volume of relatively small value KA1 applications in the schools and youth fields.

4.5 Further details of the grant requested by country are available in the data tables accompanying this report.

Annex 1: Notes

About Erasmus+

- 1.1 Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport.
- 1.2 Erasmus+ started on 1 January 2014 and replaced the legacy programmes run by the European Commission in the area of education, training, youth and sport. These included the Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Comenius, Leonardo, Grundtvig and Transversal), Youth in Action and others including Jean Monnet and Erasmus Mundus.
- 1.3 The Erasmus+ programme will run from 2014-2020 and supports activities in education, training, youth and sport across all sectors of lifelong learning including Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools and youth activities.
- 1.4 Activities supported through the Erasmus+ programme are supported under several Actions. Each of these Actions incorporates centralised actions that are managed at a European level by the Education, Culture and Audiovisual Executive Agency (EACEA) and decentralised actions that are managed by National Agencies in each participating country. More information is available at: www.erasmusplus.org.uk/about-erasmus.

Erasmus+ Budget

- 1.5 The Erasmus+ programme budget is divided between education and training, youth, sport, Jean Monnet Activities and other costs. The education and training budget is then further allocated between educational fields with flexibility to vary the allocations by up to 5%.
- 1.6 The amount of Erasmus+ funds available to the UK is published in the European Commission annual work programme. This figure is subject to revision based on demand across the programme as a whole and the potential reallocation of centralised funds.

Table A1: Annual Erasmus+ decentralised action budget for the UK and the EU-33 (€m)

Field	Budget (€m)				
	2014 Call	2015 Call	2016 Call	2017 Call	2018 Call
Higher education	52.7	53.3	53.5	59.7	74.3
Higher education International Credit Mobility (ICM)	-	8.5	9.8	10.7	9.5
Vocational education and training	32.0	31.9	32.3	34.4	40.9
Schools	14.8	15.6	17.1	21.7	30.9
Adult education	4.4	4.4	5.2	7.4	9.2
Youth	13.5	12.9	13.1	14.2	12.8
UK Total	117.4	126.5	130.8	148.0	177.7
Programme total (EU-33)	1,386.4	1,513.5	1,579.5	1,856.6	2,121.8

Sources: European Commission (2014¹; 2015²; 2016³; 2017⁴, 2018⁵).

Key Action 1 higher education funding

- 1.7 Under Key Action 1 staff and student mobility (KA103), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) apply for a number of mobilities rather than a specific amount of funding.
- 1.8 The NA assesses the requested number of mobilities against those awarded and delivered in previous years and the available budget. A recommendation for the number of mobilities for each HEI is made to the National Evaluation Committee. As a result, it is not possible to

¹ European Commission (2014), *Second amendment of the 2014 annual work programme for the implementation of 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport*, C(2014)3581 of 5 June 2014, p106. Available online at: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en (checked 05 February 2019).

² European Commission (2015), *Amendment of the 2015 annual work programme for the implementation of 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport*, C(2015)4197 of 25 June 2015, pp116, 118. Available online at: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en (checked 05 February 2019).

³ European Commission (2016), *Amendment of the 2016 annual work programme for the implementation of 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport*, C(2016)1122 of 26 February 2016, pp 102-3, 108. Available online at: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en (checked 05 February 2019).

⁴ European Commission (2017), *Amendment of the 2017 annual work programme for the implementation of 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport*, C(2017)705 of 10 February 2017, pp124-126, 133. Available online at: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en (checked 05 February 2019).

⁵ European Commission (2018), *Amendment of the 2018 annual work programme for the implementation of 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport* C(2018)774 of 15 February 2018, pp132-33, 138. Available online at: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en (checked 05 February 2019).

calculate a “funding requested” figure for KA103 HE applications and it is possible that HEIs are awarded funding for fewer mobilities than they asked for.

- 1.9 For the purpose of this report the value of funding requested by each HEI is considered identical to the amount awarded. Therefore, the funding amount awarded is equivalent to 100% of the funding requested in KA103 Higher Education.

Country Participation

- 1.10 In this report, applications are allocated to UK countries by the applicant address. This does not necessarily mean that all UK project activity will take place in that country or that all participants (e.g., those undertaking mobility placements) are from that particular country.
- 1.11 Office for National Statistics (ONS) population estimates in the table below are used to help assess under-representation in the programme.

Table A2: Proportion of UK population in each UK country

	2014 Call	2015 Call	2016 Call	2017 Call	2018 Call
England	84.0	84.1	84.1	84.2	84.2
Northern Ireland	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Scotland	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2
Wales	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7
UK	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ONS population estimate used	mid-2013	mid-2014	mid-2015	mid-2016	mid-2017

Source: Office for National Statistics.⁶

About this report

- 1.12 This report was prepared during January-February 2019 with support from colleagues at the British Council and Ecorys UK by: Steven Murray, Erasmus+ Impact Assessor (E: eplusimpact@ecorys.com).
- 1.13 Comments about the report are welcome and should be sent to the author.

⁶ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates> (checked 05 February 2019).

Annex 2 Definitions

Term	Definition
applicant	The organisation that submits a funding application on behalf of a group / consortium of partners. There can only be one applicant per project.
beneficiary	When a project is approved for funding, the applicant becomes the beneficiary of the Erasmus+ grant.
Call	The period when applications can be made.
Centralised Action	A funding strand or sub-strand of Erasmus+ that is managed at a European level by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) located in Brussels, Belgium.
Decentralised Action	A funding strand or sub-strand of Erasmus+ that is managed in each programme country by National Agencies that are appointed by the National Authority.
Erasmus Charter for Higher Education	Higher education institutions must hold this Charter to take part in Erasmus+.
EU-33	The 28 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey and FYR Macedonia.
Field (or Sector)	The Erasmus+ fields are higher education, vocational education and training, schools, adult education, youth and sport.
Key Action	The title of the three strands of Erasmus+ funding available.
mobility	A project where participants go to another country to study, train, volunteer etc. for a set period.
National Agency	The organisation that manages Erasmus+ in a particular country.
Overseas Country or Territory (OCT)	Special territories of European Union member states which, for historical, geographical, or political reasons, enjoy special status within or outside the European Union.
Partner Country	A country which does not participate fully in Erasmus+ but may take part in certain Actions. Partner Countries are listed in the Programme Guide.
Programme Country	EU or non-EU countries participating fully in Erasmus+. Programme Countries are listed in the Programme Guide.
project	A set of activities with pre-defined objectives, dissemination and results.
Round	The time-specific period when funding is open for applications.
Sector (or Field)	See definition of 'field'.
UK NA	United Kingdom National Agency. The Erasmus+ UK National Agency is a partnership between the British Council and Ecorys UK.
virement	The process of transferring items from one financial account to another.