

## Erasmus+ UK Programme

### Key Action 1 & 3 Outputs Funded: placements (estimates)

#### 2016 Call

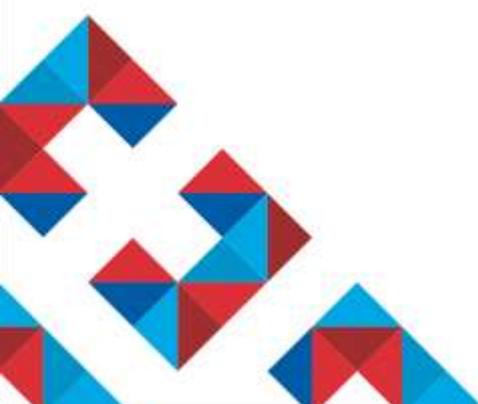
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#### 1 Key Findings

- 1.1 Funded projects supported 51,005 opportunities for placements or a period of mobility.
- 1.2 40,370 opportunities for students, learners or young people were supported. This includes around 15,244 study placements and 13,237 trainee or work placements.
- 1.3 10,635 placements for staff or professionals were funded across all programme fields. This includes 4,449 higher education staff placements and 2,804 youth worker placements.
- 1.4 Almost 4.2m days of mobility were funded during the 2016 Call. This included over 4.1m days for students, learners or young people and almost 63,000 days for education and training staff or youth workers.
- 1.5 The figures in this report are estimates based on the number of outputs contracted with beneficiary organisations.

#### 2. Introduction

- 2.1 This report provides overall statistics about the number of outputs initially contracted with Erasmus+ decentralised Key Action 1 (KA1) and Key Action 3 (KA3) projects during the 2016 Call in the United Kingdom (UK). Programme statistics reports published by the UK NA are available at [www.erasmusplus.org.uk/statistics](http://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 or from a British Overseas Country or Territory



(OCT) 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.
- 2.5 Projects supported under KA1 are intended to promote transnational mobility activities targeting learners (students, trainees, apprentices, young people and volunteers) and staff (professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers and people working organisations active in the education, training and youth fields).
- 2.6 Projects supported under KA3 are intended to promote the active participation of young people in democratic life and to foster dialogue around selected themes and priorities. This involves discussions between young people and youth policy-makers that intend to produce useful results for policy-making.

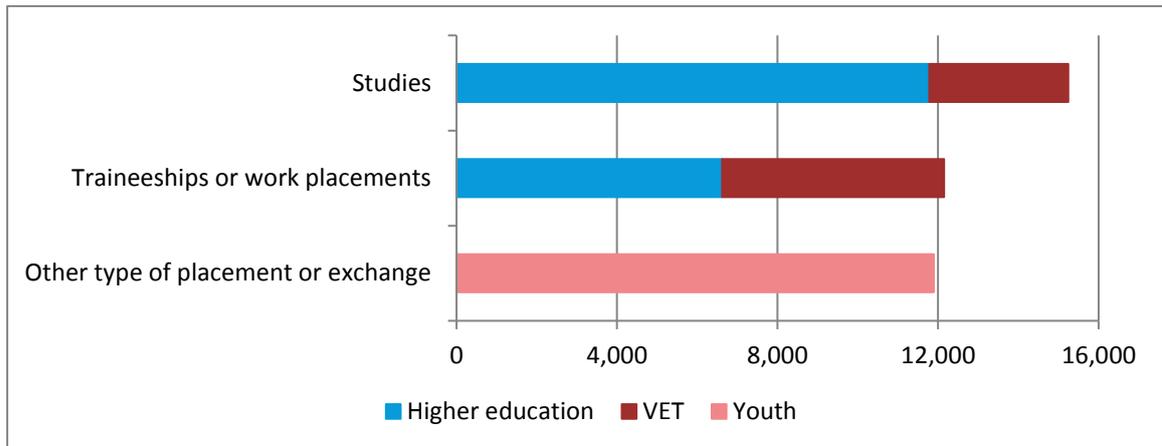
### 3. Number of Placements

- 3.1 This section looks at the total number of opportunities for placements funded in Erasmus+. This is not a count of individuals as it is possible to undertake more than one mobility within a project.
- 3.2 The majority of projects were funded for one year or less and a minority were funded for up to two years. All placements start and finish during the project funding period.

#### **Placements for Learners and Young People**

- 3.3 A total of 40,370 opportunities for a study, training or exchange placement were supported in the higher education, VET and youth fields. No opportunities for students, learners or young people are funded under the schools or adult education fields.
- 3.4 The majority of opportunities (15,244) were for a study placement in a higher education institution (11,778) or a vocational training institution (3,466). A further 11,889 opportunities were funded for youth exchanges, European Voluntary Service (EVS) (both KA1 only) or structured dialogue with policy-makers (KA3 only).

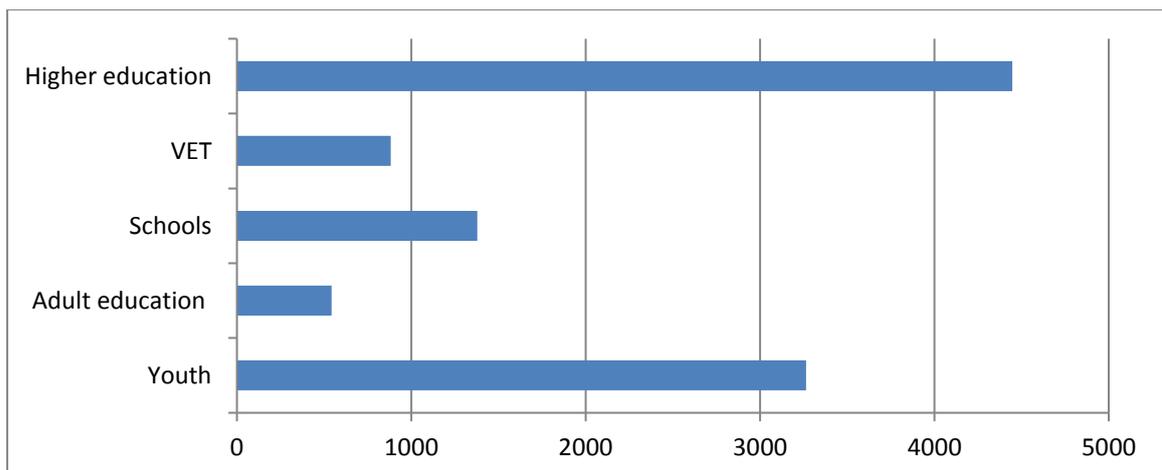
Figure 1: Number of study, training or exchange opportunities for students, learners and young people funded by Programme Field (KA1 & KA3, 2016 Call)



### Placements for Staff and Youth Workers

- 3.5 The 2016 Call also supported 10,635 staff teaching, training, job shadowing, development and exchange opportunities. These were supported across all Erasmus+ programme fields.
- 3.6 2,804 opportunities were provided to youth workers for mobility to Erasmus+ Programme or Partner countries. 4,449 opportunities were provided to higher education staff.
- 3.7 1,189 VET staff teaching or training placements were funded along with 1,792 placements for schools staff and 401 for adult education staff.

Figure 2: Number of training, development and exchange opportunities for staff and youth workers funded by Programme Field (KA1 & KA3, 2016 Call)



- 3.8 Further details of the funded opportunities to participate in the 2014-2016 Calls by sub-Action and country are available in the data tables accompanying this report.

## 4. Days of mobility Funded

- 4.1 This section looks at the total number of days of mobility funded by Erasmus+. Not all participants will go on a mobility placement abroad – some UK Youth participants will undertake mobility elsewhere in the UK. It is also possible that some days of mobility are not funded.

### Learners and Young People

- 4.2 Overall, the Erasmus+ 2016 Call funded over 4.1m days of mobility for students, learners and young people.
- 4.3 The majority (3.8m days) were in the higher education field where placements tend to be longer term covering the majority of an academic year. Each higher education placement involved a mean of 209 funded days for studies or 215 funded days for traineeships (KA103 only).
- 4.4 Almost 234,000 days of mobility were funded for VET learners. The mean number of days funded was 15 days for places in vocational institutions and 27 days for placements in companies.
- 4.5 Almost 108,000 days of mobility were funded for young people. The majority of these were for EVS placements with a mean of 225 funded days for Programme countries and 275 funded days for Partner countries.

*Table 1: Number of student, learner or young person mobility days funded in Erasmus+ UK decentralised funded projects by Programme Field (KA1 & KA3, 2016 Call)*

| Field                           | No. of days of mobility funded |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Higher education                | 3,783,541                      |
| Vocational education & training | 233,535                        |
| Youth                           | 107,982                        |
| Total                           | 4,125,058                      |

### Staff and Youth Workers

- 4.6 Overall, the Erasmus+ 2016 Call funded almost 63,000 days of mobility for education and training staff and youth workers.
- 4.7 Staff mobility placements of all types and across all fields tend to be short term and measured in weeks rather than months.

*Table 2: Total number of staff or youth worker mobility days funded in Erasmus+ UK decentralised funded projects by Programme Field (KA1 & KA3, 2016 Call)*

| <b>Field</b>                    | <b>No. of days mobility funded</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Higher education                | 32,628                             |
| Vocational education & training | 8,606                              |
| Schools                         | 13,805                             |
| Adult education                 | 2,287                              |
| Youth                           | 5,626                              |
| Total                           | 62,952                             |

## 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](http://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      |
| Higher education                                     | 52.7           | 53.3           | 53.5           |
| Higher education International Credit Mobility (ICM) | -              | 8.5            | 9.8            |
| Vocational education and training                    | 32.0           | 31.9           | 32.3           |
| Schools  | 14.8           | 15.6           | 17.1           |
| Adult education                                      | 4.4            | 4.4            | 5.2            |
| Youth  | 13.5           | 12.9           | 13.1           |
| <b>UK Total</b>                                      | <b>117.4</b>   | <b>126.5</b>   | <b>130.8</b>   |
| <b>Programme total (EU-33)</b>                       | <b>1,386.4</b> | <b>1,513.5</b> | <b>1,579.5</b> |

Sources: European Commission (2014)<sup>1</sup>; European Commission (2015)<sup>2</sup>; European Commission (2016)<sup>3</sup>

### 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 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/more\\_info/awp/docs/c\\_2014\\_3581\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/awp/docs/c_2014_3581_en.pdf) (checked 06 September 2017).

<sup>2</sup> 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: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/more\\_info/awp/docs/c\\_2015\\_4197\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/awp/docs/c_2015_4197_en.pdf) (checked 06 September 2017).

<sup>3</sup> 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: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/more\\_info/awp/docs/c\\_2016\\_1122.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/awp/docs/c_2016_1122.pdf) (checked 06 September 2017).

## 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       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| England                             | 84.0            | 84.1            | 84.1            |
| Northern Ireland                    | 2.9             | 2.8             | 2.8             |
| Scotland                            | 8.3             | 8.3             | 8.3             |
| Wales                               | 4.8             | 4.8             | 4.8             |
| <b>UK</b>                           | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b>    |
| <b>ONS population estimate used</b> | <b>mid-2013</b> | <b>mid-2014</b> | <b>mid-2015</b> |

Source: Office for National Statistics.<sup>4</sup>

## About this report

- 1.12 This report was prepared during August 2017 with support from colleagues at the British Council and Ecorys UK by: Steven Murray, Erasmus+ Impact Assessor (E: [steven.murray@ecorys.com](mailto:steven.murray@ecorys.com)).
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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates> (checked 06 September 2017).

## 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.  |