

International Credit Mobility (ICM), KA107-2017
Cooperation between Polish and Partner Country Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
Information on grant awards

Within the 2017 Call for proposals 127 Polish HEIs submitted applications for ICM (17 more than in 2016). All applications met formal eligibility criteria and were assessed against quality criteria.

Within a single application cooperation with each Partner Country was assessed individually (separately). Thus 793 assessments were conducted (192 more than in 2016). The average number of Partner Countries per application was 6 (the exact value is 6.2 against 5.5 last year). 36 applications envisaged cooperation with a single Partner Country. The highest number of Partner Countries in a single application was 32.

As the result of the qualitative assessment:

- 103 proposals met a minimum quality threshold for all Partner Countries envisaged in the application. However, due to the fact that in case of some countries the minimum score allowing to award the grant was higher than 60, only **88** proposals were granted the funds for all Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- **23** proposals met a minimum quality threshold for some of the Partner Countries envisaged in the application;
- 16 HEIs did not meet minimum quality threshold for any of the Partner Country envisaged in the application.

111 Polish HEIs (20 more than in 2016) were awarded a grant for at least one mobility.

Demand for funds to be allocated for mobilities with Partner Countries was substantially higher than funds available in 2017 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 2016 (€)	Amount requested by Polish HEIs in submitted applications (€)	Proportion between budget requested and available
Region 1 Western Balkans	IPA	1 978 201	5 256 273	2.66
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	ENI East	1 516 156	15 274 637	10.07
Region 3 South Mediterranean	ENI South	2 032 262	3 388 150	1.67
Region 4 Russia	Russia	914 435	4 818 733	5.27
Region 6 Asia	DCI Asia	1 269 057	6 658 889	5.25
Region 7 Central Asia	DCI Central Asia	369 561	3 273 874	8.86
Region 8 Latin America	DCI Latin America	412 085	4 002 406	9.71
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	DCI Middle East	175 297	299 926	1.71
Region 10 South Africa	DCI South Africa	116 101	407 664	3.51
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	EDF	395 014	462 393	1.17
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	PI Americas	411 636	3 838 224	9.32
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	PI Asia	436 594	4 797 839	10.99
Total:		10 026 400	52 479 008	5.23

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 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 at least one mobility with a given region:

Region (budgetary envelope)	Staff mobility	Student mobility
Region 1 Western Balkans	60	60
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	60	71
Region 3 South Mediterranean	60	60
Region 4 Russia	60	60
Region 6 Asia		
a) Afganistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal <i>(a minimum of 25% of the budget must be allocated for mobility with the countries)</i>	a) 60	a) 60
b) China, India <i>(a maximum of 30% of the budget can be allocated for mobility with the countries)</i>	b) 60	b) 80
c) Other countries (Philippines, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam)	c) 60	c) 78
Region 7 Central Asia	60	80
Region 8 Latin America		
a) Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, El Salvador <i>(a minimum of 25% of the budget must be allocated for mobility with the countries)</i>	a) 60	a) only Staff mobility was granted
b) Brazil, Mexico <i>(a maximum of 35% of the budget can be allocated for the mobility with the countries)</i>	b) 70	b) 80
c) Other countries (Argentina, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)	c) 70	c) 80
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	60	80
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	65	80

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 (valid for regions 6 and 8), 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 2017 selection results.

In project proposals cooperation with 82 Partner Countries belonging to all geographical regions was requested. No Partner Country was omitted in granted projects.

Region	Countries which have not been envisaged by Polish HEIs in planned mobilities.
Region 1 Western Balkans	none
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	none
Region 3 South Mediterranean	Libya
Region 4 Russia	none
Region 6 Asia	DPR Korea, Maldives, Pakistan
Region 7 Central Asia	Turkmenistan
Region 8 Latin America	Nicaragua, Venezuela
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	Yemen
Region 10 South Africa	none
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	This region comprises a large number of countries. Below are mentioned only those which are envisaged in the mobility planes of Polish HEIs: Bahama, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Cameroon, Kenia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Surinam, Zambia
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	none
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	Brunei, Macao.

There were 16 772 mobilities requested in all submitted applications including:

- 9 847 staff mobility flows (incoming to Poland: 5 190, outgoing to Partner Countries: 4 657);
- 6 925 student mobility flows (incoming to Poland: 4 825, outgoing to Partner Countries: 2 100).

Applications accepted for funding envisage 3 895 mobilities (2 444 incoming to Poland and 1 451 outgoing to Partner Countries), including:

- 2 881 staff flows (incoming to Poland: 1 694, outgoing to Partner Countries 1 187);
- 1 014 student flows (incoming to Poland: 750, outgoing to Partner Countries 264).

Number of awarded mobility flows in KA107-2017 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	167	322	489	84	239	323	812
Region 2 Eastern Partnership	129	395	464	35	237	272	736
Region 3 South Mediterranean	174	251	425	88	197	285	710
Region 4 Russia	70	145	215	38	112	150	365
Region 6 Asia	71	228	299	5	151	156	455
Region 7 Central Asia	19	79	98	0	56	56	154
Region 8 Latin America	15	97	112	1	37	38	150
Region 9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	20	6	36	3	11	14	50
Region 10 South Africa	7	16	23	3	11	14	37
Region 11 Africa, Caribbean, Pacific	33	46	79	3	40	43	122
Region 13.1 Industrialised America	20	79	99	1	54	55	154
Region 13.2 Industrialised Asia	25	80	105	3	42	45	150
	750	1694	2444	264	1187	1451	3895

List of Polish beneficiary HEIs is available on: <http://erasmusplus.org.pl/dokumenty/#wyniki>

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