

Education



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Education and Training in European Union



The European Union has responded to the challenges of the 21st century by adopting a strategy for growth and jobs entitled 'Europe 2020'. Education is an integral part and one of its key aims. In the field of education and training, the European Commission has set ambitious goals, increased funds and created a new programme whose adoption is in progress.

ERASMUS FOR ALL

Erasmus for All is the new programme for education, training, youth and sport that should start in 2014. It will significantly increase the funds allocated for the development of knowledge and skills. The programme will recognise the importance of non-formal learning and validate skills thus gained. It could raise the chances for employment for EU citizens. Erasmus for All is based on the premise that investing in education and training is the key for each and every individual, regardless of age and background, to profit from its potentials and find a job more easily.

Once adopted, the new Erasmus would bring together all seven existing programmes: Lifelong Learning, Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink and Programme for Cooperation with Industrialised Countries. Erasmus for All will be open for all EU member countries, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, as well as the candidate countries that benefit from pre-accession assistance programmes and the other Western Balkans countries. In total, five million citizens would be able to study or perfect themselves abroad with grants of Erasmus for All, programme that has been allocated in total EUR 19 billion. It is open for all who learn, through every public or private institution active in education, training, youth and sport. One of its important novelties is a proposal to establish loan system for Master studies in non-resident European country.

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TEMPUS (Trans-European Mobility Scheme for University Studies) aims to help the reform and modernisation process of higher education in the European Union's partner countries. The overall goal is to contribute to creation of a cooperation space in higher education between the EU and partner countries. As the oldest EU educational programme, TEMPUS promotes institutional cooperation between the EU and Eastern Europe, Central Asian, Western Balkans and Mediterranean countries, by financing common projects. More information can be found at: eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php. Serbia participates in the programme since the year of 2000, more information at: tempus.ac.rs.

ERASMUS MUNDUS aims at raising higher education quality and mobility of students and university professors through cooperation with partner countries. The specific goal of programme is to raise visibility of European higher education system in the world, through scholarships and academic cooperation: ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/mundus_en.htm. It offers students and teaching staff from all over the world a possibility to start postgraduate studies in EU countries and vice versa: their EU colleagues can do the same in third countries. Erasmus Mundus offers scholarships to students for graduate and Master studies, for doctoral and post-doctoral studies and scholarships for professors, researchers and other university staff. The programme is open to Serbian citizens: tempus.ac.rs/sr/erasmus-mundus/o-programu-2/. Erasmus Mundus phase II is currently under way, with a new condition that partnership should include at least three EU and two partner countries' institutions.

YOUTH IN ACTION is the programme for people aged between 15 and 28 years: it is designed to foster their sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance and to involve them more in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility of youngsters within and beyond the EU borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue and cooperation among young people regardless of their cultural, religious or other background. During the period 2007-2013, the programme supports different activities through five different actions: Youth for Europe, European Voluntary Service, Youth in the World, Youth Support Systems and Support for European cooperation in the youth field: ec.europa.eu/youth-in-action-programme/actions_en.htm. Some sub-programmes are intended for youngsters between 13 and 30. The programme is open for Serbia, for more information: mladiuakciji.rs.

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME supports the development of education and training at all levels. It finances several actions: exchanges, study visits and networking activities. Projects are intended for learners, teachers, trainers and other staff involved in education and training. The European Commission has allocated EUR 7 billion for 2007-2013 period. The projects have been implemented through four sub-programmes: COMENIUS for schools (up to high school level, inclu-

des exchange of pupils and teachers), ERASMUS for higher education (students' exchange and support to project activities), LEONARDO DA VINCI for vocational education and training (financing of international projects and cooperation) and GRUNDTVIG for adults' education (fostering lifelong learning). Serbia is entitled to participate in some of programme's centralised components managed by the European Commission: those are multilateral projects as well as multilateral and thematic networks. All educational institutions - from pre-school to university, as well as local government institutions and NGOs can participate in these components: eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp. Through the "transversal part" of the programme, several other elements of adult learning are financed – Language learning, IT Skills, Cooperation in the field of policy creation and innovation, and Dissemination of results.

JEAN MONNET sub-programme stimulates learning, research and debates on European integration in the institutions for higher education in Europe and worldwide, through three key activities:

- The Jean Monnet Action stimulates teaching, research and reflection on European integration and includes the creation of Jean Monnet Chairs, Centres of Excellence, Modules, information and research activities as well as support for academic associations of professors and researchers in European integration. Each year, these projects gather 1.500 professors and almost 500.000 students. At the end of 2012, education at Jean Monnet Chairs is the only part of the Jean Monnet sub-programme in which Serbia can participate;
- support to six European academic institutions teaching in EU integration (College of Europe, European University Institute, European Institute for Public Administration, Academy of European Law, International Centre for European Training and European Agency for Education Development);
- support to European associations active in the field of education on European integration.

More at: ec.europa.eu/education/jean-monnet.

MARIE CURIE FELLOWSHIP is intended to young European researchers regardless of their nationality and research field. Besides scholarship, researchers are given the opportunity to work outside their resident country and in a private sector, too. Scholarships are available in two basic categories: young pre-PhD researchers and researchers at postdoctoral studies: ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions. Serbia can access the programme cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html as a beneficiary of Seventh Frame Work programme (FP7). There are National Contact Points for FP7 for Serbia, available at cordis.europa.eu/national_service/home_en.html.

STUDY IN EUROPE. Should you want to study in one of 32 European countries and be informed from how to apply to which university campus to choose, EUIC advise you to visit the official website ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe and find everything you need on your path to Europe.



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