

RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ACCREDITED APPLICANTS

UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1

This document defines detailed rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants within the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National Agency	NL01
Field	VET
Call year	2024

1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation ¹ :	€ 21.662.818
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Out of the available budget, at least² the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	€ 10.831.409
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	€ 5.415.704
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	€ 50.000

2. ESTIMATING THE BUDGET REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUESTED ACTIVITIES

Based on the funding rules defined in the Programme Guide and historical data on grants for similar activities, the National Agency will estimate the budget required to implement the activities requested by each applicant. For budget categories applying unit contributions, applicants cannot be awarded a grant higher than the resulting estimated budget.

Cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs' cannot be estimated in the same way. The National Agency will assess requests for these types of costs based on description and justification included in the application. During project implementation, beneficiaries can make further requests for these types of costs by submitting a written request to the National Agency. The National Agency will process such requests in order of reception, as long as funds remain available.

2.1. Maximum grant³

The Dutch NA has not set a maximum grant for applicants in the field of VET.

¹ If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget.

² Specified amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document, or if a minor correction is required due to rounding rules.

³ Maximum grant for applicants under observation may be further limited by the specific decision on establishment of observation measures.

2.2. Competitive allocation

If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the budget required to implement their requested activities, then a competitive allocation will take place as described in section 3. However, if the total available budget is sufficient to fully address the requests of all applicants, then budget allocation rules defined in section 3 will not apply.

3. BUDGET ALLOCATION

Budget allocation will take place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget will be divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described below. For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they have received in each allocation phase (and any approved amount for cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs').

If any applicant cannot receive further funds based on the rules in this document, then any surplus funds allocated to them will be divided among other applicants using the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

In this section, references to completed projects concern projects with an end date before 1 September 2023⁴.

3.1. First phase: basic grants and financial performance

A basic grant will be provided to each applicant at the beginning of the allocation process. The purpose of the basic grant is to allow all accredited organisations to implement a minimum number of mobility activities and progress towards the objectives of their Erasmus Plan.

For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the amount of the basic grant will be linked to their past financial performance to ensure stable and reliable funding for good performers. Those applicants will receive a basic grant equal to the highest grant they have absorbed in the last three completed projects under the accreditation (and not lower than the basic grant)⁵.

Newly accredited applicants will receive the following basic grant: EUR 50.000

If sufficient funds are available, the National Agency may increase the basic grant after the submission deadline. Experienced applicants that have applied for at least one accredited project will receive a basic grant equal to their highest approved amount during the last three grant agreements under the accreditation.

Applicants that have used less than 90% of the awarded funds in their last completed accredited project will have their basic grant reduced by 20%.

If the budget available for allocation in this phase is not sufficient to perform the allocation in the above way, then the experienced applicants will receive an amount reduced at the same rate, and not lower than the basic grant for a newly accredited applicant.

⁴ Only KA121 projects linked to the accreditation code referenced in the application can be used for tracking past performance. For applicants that have completed only one or two projects, the highest absorbed grant will be determined based on those projects. In addition, for organisations that have been re-accredited through the light accreditation procedure, KA116 projects linked to the former VET Mobility Charter will be considered. The National Agency may exclude from consideration past projects that have been negatively affected by events outside of the beneficiary's control (*force majeure*).

⁵ If the budget available for allocation in this phase is not sufficient to perform the allocation in the described way, then all applicants will receive an amount reduced at the same rate, and not lower than the basic grant.

3.2. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities

The purpose of the qualitative performance criterion is to ensure that accredited applicants deliver good quality activities and gradually progress towards the objectives of their Erasmus Plan. In addition, applicants may score higher if they propose to implement priority activities.

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score.

The score of each applicant is calculated in two steps:

- a) For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of their last completed accredited project.

For applicants that have not yet completed any accredited projects, the base score will be equal to the evaluation score of their accreditation application or VET Mobility Charter application.

- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:
- Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: **+1 points per participant**
 - Implementing long-term learning mobility of learners (ErasmusPro): **+1 points per 2 participants**
 - Involvement of participants in blended mobility activities: **+1 point per 2 participants**
 - Involvement of participants in international activities: **+1 point per 2 participants**
 - Involvement of participants using green travel options: **+1 point per % of total mobilities**

*a maximum of +20 points per criteria is applicable. The overall score for each applicant will be calculated in the following way: the applicable bonus (b) will be added to the base score (a).

4. TARGETS FOR DELIVERY

If the applicant has been awarded the full estimated budget required to implement their requested activities, then the activities requested in the application will become the applicant's targets for delivery and will be included in their grant agreement. If the awarded grant is lower than the estimated budget required to implement the applicant's requested activities, then the targets for delivery will be lowered proportionally so that the awarded grant is sufficient to reach them.⁶

⁶ The National Agency can make limited modifications to the proportional adjustment to allow for a better fit between the awarded grant and target activities, to ensure coherence with the approved Erasmus Plan, to provide adequate support for priority activities, to maintain at least one participant in each activity type and category requested by the applicant, and to comply with rules defined in the Programme Guide.