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2023 Call Preliminary Results: CBHE and Jean Monnet projects winners

The results of the 2023 selection of the Erasmus+ Jean Monnet and Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) projects have been announced. The European Executive Agency for Education and Culture (EACEA) has published the results of the 2023 selection for Jean Monnet and CBHE projects. Therefore, **4 Jean Monnet** projects and a record number of **6 CBHE projects** with the participation of universities from the Republic of Moldova were proposed for financing by the European Commission.

It has to be mentioned that Erasmus+ CBHE action supports international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of higher education. It supports the relevance, quality, modernisation and responsiveness of higher education in third countries not associated to the Programme in order to support their socio-economic recovery, growth and prosperity and to enhance their capacity in reacting to recent trends, in particular globalisation but also the recent decline in human development, fragility, and rising social, economic and environmental inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Up until now the universities in the Republic of Moldova, participate in **30 CBHE projects** in consortia with universities and other institutions from European Union, as well as from other countries around the world.

On the other hand, Jean Monnet is a specific action within the Erasmus+ Programme that promotes excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide. Through this action European Commission aims to foster the dialog between the academic world and the policy-makers, especially with the intention of consolidating EU policy governance. European Union studies comprise the study of Europe in its entirety with particular emphasis on the European integration process. Institutions from Moldova have won and implemented **31 Jean Monnet** projects, therefore contributing to the enhancing and innovation of the study programmes that cover EU activity, and increasing universities' capacities to attract best students.



Reunion of Erasmus+ structural Capacity Building in Higher Education projects implemented in Moldova



In light of the promotion of the results of the Erasmus+ Programme and on the occasion of the celebration of Europe Days, the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova, in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Education and Research, has organized the Cluster Meeting dedicated to the national impact of structural Capacities Building in Higher Education projects (CBHE), implemented in the Republic of Moldova. The purpose of the event was to highlight the impact at the systemic level in the reform of higher education as a result of the implementation of eight CBHE structural projects, in a total budget of over 7.2 million euros.

The event took place on May 17, 2023, at the Moldova State University and reunited teams of 8 structural CBHE projects, implemented in Moldova.

The event was attended by the Minister of Education and Research in the Republic of Moldova, Anatolie Topală; the deputy in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and member of the Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sport and Mass Media Committee, Virgiliu Pâslariuc; the rector of the State University of Moldova, Igor Șarov, as well as the state secretary of the Ministry of Education and Research in the Republic of Moldova, Nadejda Velișco, other representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research and of the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (ANACEC). Minister Topală highly appreciated the support offered to the educational system in our country by the European programmes: "I encourage academics and universities to develop structural projects necessary for the large-scale reforms that have been launched. The Ministry of Education and Research will support and appreciate the contribution of academics who implement projects through the new changes to the "Methodology of financing higher education institutions".

The event brought together more than 50 representatives of academic and administrative staff, coordinators of Erasmus+ CBHE projects, but also beneficiaries of the Erasmus+ Programme from universities across all country.

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education projects are transnational cooperation actions based on multilateral partnerships, primarily between higher education institutions in the programme countries (27 EU member countries and 6 countries associated to the programme) and eligible partner countries (all other countries in the world , including the Republic of Moldova).

The structural capacity building projects are of particular importance and aim to have an impact on higher education systems and promote reforms at the national level in the Republic of Moldova. The international consortia of seven out of the eight CBHE structural projects, implemented in the Republic of Moldova, are coordinated by the higher education institutions from the Republic of Moldova. These consortia involved 39 universities from 16 European countries, along with 15 higher education institutions, the Council of Rectors from the Republic of Moldova, ANACEC, local enterprises and NGOs. All these projects include the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova as a partner, and pursue reform promotion objectives in very diverse areas of higher education: internationalisation (ELEVATE project), development of lifelong learning model (COMPASS), research management capabilities and open science (MINERVA), quality assurance (QFORTE), leadership and management of higher education (MHELM), dual education (COOPERA), work-based studies (WBL4JOB) and online education quality (MEDIA).

Therefore, these Erasmus+ projects have already managed to produce impact in the field of higher education, to train staff from Moldovan universities within European Union institutions, to modernise the education and research processes, but also to technically equip higher education institutions in the Republic of Moldova.

During the years 2014-2022, the Erasmus+ Programme had a major impact on the development of higher education in the Republic of Moldova through its various projects, such as: over 800 international credit mobility projects, which involved about 4000 academic exchanges of students and academic staff, 24 capacity building in higher education projects and 27 Jean Monnet projects.



Erasmus+ opportunities presented within Europe Days 2023

This year Europe Days campaign organized all over the country was held under the slogan “EU-Moldova Stronger Together”. The National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) took part, at the invitation of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, at the large scale events organised within European Village in Chişinău.

The Moldovan citizens were met at the National Erasmus+ Office corner in the main square of Chişinău with insightful information about the opportunities of the Erasmus+ Programme for each one of them. Moreover, representatives of Erasmus Student Network Chisinau and Info Center for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps have joined NEO, in order to offer in depth information on all the dimensions of the Erasmus+ Programme in Moldova.

The visitors were curious to find out about the International Credit Mobility projects while studying at our universities, but also wanted to know more about the training and volunteering opportunities within Erasmus+ Youth projects. Others wanted to know details about projects like Capacity Building in Higher Education and VET and about Jean Monnet projects and how they contribute to the reformation of the educational system in Moldova.



Lost in Chisinau – get together event of Erasmus Student Network



On May 5-7, the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova took part at the event “Lost in Chisinau”, organised by the team of the most enthusiastic young people from Erasmus Student Network Chisinau (ESN Chisinau), but also alongside with the international ESN teams from Romania, Sweden and Finland. Thus, initially NEO was happy to welcome the young volunteers to their office, in order to get to know "Lost in Chisinau" participants closely. Later, the National Erasmus+ Office representatives visited them at the Moldova State University, where during the weekend the young volunteers participated at a training on what is Erasmus Student Network: general presentations of ESN, organization of events, crisis

communication, finances, public speaking and lots of fun!

Erasmus Student Network is an international student organisation whose mission is to represent Erasmus+ students, thus providing opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development on the principle of "students helping students". The Republic of Moldova is officially a member of the Erasmus Student Network starting from 2020.





Information session: Erasmus+ opportunities for VET institutions from Moldova

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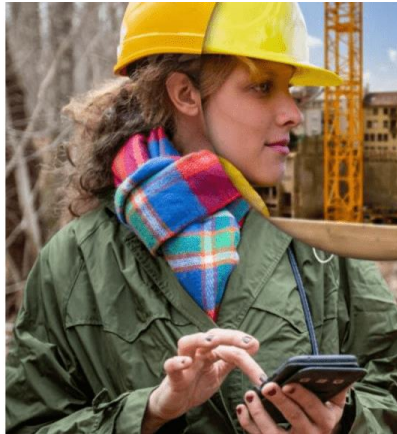
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**OPORTUNITĂȚILE
PROGRAMULUI ERASMUS+
PENTRU INSTITUȚIILE VET
DIN MOLDOVA**

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The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova, in collaboration with the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, the Ministry of Education and Research from the Republic of Moldova and the National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training from Romania (ANPCDEFPP) organised, on March 16, 2023, an online Info Session for Vocational Education and Training (VET) institutions from the Republic of Moldova on the opportunities of the Erasmus+ Programme.

The new framework of the Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027 has opened opportunities for vocational education and training institutions from the Republic of Moldova. Thus, they can participate in Capacity Building in the field of Vocational Education and Training projects (CBVET), but also in Erasmus+ International Credit Mobilities.

During the information session, the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova presented, on the one hand, general information about the international dimension of the Erasmus+ Programme and about the projects for which institutions from the Republic of Moldova are eligible, as a third country not associated with the programme. Also, the ANPCDEFPP representative, Nadia Lisac, presented the Erasmus+ opportunities for VET institutions from the Republic of Moldova, based on Romania's experience as an EU member country associated to the programme, but also the perspectives of collaboration for organisations from the two countries.

It is important to mention that the Erasmus+ call for proposals 2022 designated two winning CBVET projects, which include institutions from the Republic of Moldova in their consortia. These capacity building projects envisage international cooperation actions, based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of vocational education and training from the Programme Countries (the 27 EU member states, and 6 countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme: Iceland, North Macedonia, Turkey, Norway, Serbia and Liechtenstein) and from third countries that are not associated with the Programme, such as the Republic of Moldova. They aim to support the relevance, accessibility and adaptability of vocational education and training institutions in third countries not associated to the programme as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development.

Up until now two CBVET projects have involved institutions from the Republic of Moldova. Moreover, another VET provider from our country participates in an Erasmus+ Center of Excellence project, which involves in its consortia mostly organisations from European Union countries.

Information days at Moldovan universities

During May and March, 2023, the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova organised special information events at the request of two HEIs from the Republic in Moldova: State University of Taraclia "Grigore Țamblac", and the University of European Studies in Moldova. Therefore, students and academic staff from both institutions learned in depth about the opportunities of the Erasmus+ Programme available for them. More than 80 participants were present at the two information sessions organised by the National Erasmus+ Office. Thus, students found out how they can benefit from Erasmus+ academic mobilities at universities in Europe. Academics, on the other hand, were informed about the Erasmus+ projects available for them: international credit mobilities, Jean Monnet actions, but also capacity building projects in higher education and VET, etc.





NEO at Moldova Youth Forum

On June 30, the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova took part at the Moldova Youth Forum 2023 — the largest forum dedicated to young people in the Republic of Moldova, organised this year in Comrat city by the International Republican Institute, USAID, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, British Embassy Chisinau, UKAid and UNDP.

During the forum, Maia Sandu, the President of the country, addressed a speech to young people. "Beyond borders: what it would mean for Moldova to be a member of the EU" was the theme of the discussion panel, which brought together on stage Natalia Gavrița, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova; Iulian Groza,

executive director of IPRE; Claudia Melinte, coordinator of the Erasmus+ Moldova National Office, and Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, former prime minister of Poland.

Erasmus+ is one of the most successful programmes of the European Union, which brings change in education at the individual, institutional and national level, being accessible to young people and academic staff from the Republic of Moldova. NEO coordinator told to the about 200 active young people from all over the country present at the event about the Erasmus+ opportunities for them, and urged them to have the courage to apply to the programme, in order to open up new perspectives that will help them build a better world.

Erasmus+ Capacity Building actions for Youth and Sport open to Neighbourhood East Countries

On June 15, 2023, the European Commission took a significant decision to extend the Erasmus+ capacity building action for youth and sports in the Neighbourhood East countries, including the Republic of Moldova.

Therefore, starting from 2024, this initiative will contribute to the promotion of cultural exchange, the improvement of educational opportunities and the promotion of cooperation on the dimension of youth and sports with the European Union.

In particular, through Erasmus+ capacity building actions, youth and sports organizations from the Republic of Moldova will have access to a wider range of training, learning and networking opportunities, giving them the chance to bring change to their communities.



Capacity Building in the field of Youth and Sport for Neighborhood East countries

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