EEA Grants 2014-2021
Educational Programme in Romania

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Launching conference, 5th of December, 2017

New EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway-
cooperate closely with the EU under
the Agreement on the European
Economic Area (EEA)

EEA Grants Mechanism - subsequent
to this Agreement

Present phase: 2014-2021
Budget: 1.5 billions Euro, allocated
by IS, LI, NO=Donor States (DS)
New EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

BENEFICIARY STATES (BS): Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

GENERAL AIM: Reducing disparities, strengthening cooperation

New EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

ROMANIA: the 1st Beneficiary State that signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Donor States, in October 2016

ANPCDEFP: designated as Programme Operator (PO) for a Programme within the educational area
New EEA granted Educational Programme in Romania

AREA OF SUPPORT (no. 3): Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship

BUDGET: 14,117,647€, out of which 12,000,000€ from Donor States 2,117,647 from the Romanian State Budget

DESIGNING THE NEW PROGRAMME: Stakeholders consultations during September-December 2016
RESULTS: a Programme designed in complementarity with Erasmus+
FOCUS of the Programme in Romania: Education
DEVELOPING THE PROGRAMME: January-October 2017
On 24th of October the Romanian Educational Programme was approved (the 1st Programme approved)
Institutional framework

Programme Operator: ANPCDEFP
National Focal Point: Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds
Donor Programme Partners:
SIU-Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education
AIBA-National Agency for International Education Affairs
Period of implementation: 2017-2024

Romanian Educational Programme Description

EDUCATIONAL SECTORS ADDRESSED:
Higher education
School education
VET
Inclusion of Roma pupils in schools
In addition: the Programme aims at strengthening the bilateral relations between Romania and Donor States, through institutions and staff cooperation
Higher Education-Mobility projects

OUTCOME:
Improved skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education (HE)

BUDGET ALLOCATED:
5 500 000€

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:
- 600 mobile students, out of which 70 master students from Research projects
- 400 teaching and non-teaching staff participating in mobility

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CALLS: 6
Eligible applicants:
Romanian Higher Education Institutions (HEI) possessing an ERASMUS University Charter (ECHE)

Eligible project partners:
- Legal entities established in the Donor States (DS)
- Swiss universities, with respect to the students of Liechtenstein nationality

PARTICIPANTS IN MOBILITY:
Students in any study cycle (*) (bachelor, master, PhD) and recent graduates
Staff of a HEI (teaching or non-teaching staff)

(*) for study mobility, the students should be enrolled at least in the 2nd year of the 1st cycle
Higher Education-Mobility projects

Types of activities in projects:

- Learning mobility of the students, for study and/or traineeships
- Staff mobility: teaching assignment or training mobility

Duration of the learning activities:
Students mobility for study: from 3 to 12 months
Students mobility for traineeships: from 2 to 12 months
Teaching mobility: from 2 consecutive working days to 2 weeks
Training mobility: from 2 consecutive working days to 2 weeks


**Higher Education-Mobility projects**

**Types of costs:**
- Travel
- Individual support (subsistence)
- Organisation of Mobility support (both for the sending and hosting institution)

*NB: all of the above are scales of unit costs-lump sum*

- Special needs support-real costs

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**Higher Education-Mobility projects**

**Project grant rate:**
100% of eligible costs

**Budget per project:**
Min 1 500 Euro
Max 500 000 Euro
Higher Education-Cooperation projects

**Outcome:** Strengthened institutional cooperation in HE area based on common needs

**Budget:** 2,850,000 €; 5 Calls

**Expected outputs:**
- 20 joint events organized (intensive programmes, seminars, workshops, conferences, training courses, etc.)
- 5 joint articles submitted to peer review publications
- 20 joint intellectual outputs
- 500 participants (students and staff) at joint events

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Eligible Applicants:

RO HEIs (with ECHE) apply to PO on behalf of a consortium composed by at least 2 institutions, including at least one legal entity from a DS

Eligible Partners:

Legal entities established in the DS and/or the Beneficiary States (BS)
VET institutions in Switzerland with a specific cooperation agreement with Liechtenstein.
Higher Education-Cooperation projects

**TYPE OF PROJECTS:**

- Strategic cooperation projects that seek to modernize or innovate the curricula (with intellectual outputs)
- Small size cooperation projects (without intellectual outputs)

**DURATION:** 6 - 24 months

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**Types of activities in projects:**

1) Developing a new or modernized curriculum, by creating “intellectual outputs” such as:
   - Curricula, Open Educational Resources, new IT teaching/learning or assessing tools, analyses, studies, new methodologies, policy recommendations etc.
   - Integrated/joint modules/ programmes for students
   - Study programmes or modules for continuous training of professionals
**Higher Education-Cooperation projects**

**Types of activities in projects:**
2) short term mobility activities of individuals, if they are relevant for the objectives of the project:
- Project management meetings
- Short term mobility of students
- Intensive Study Programmes (“Summer Schools”)
- Short-term joint staff training events
- Multiplier events

**TYPE OF COSTS:**
- Project management and implementation
- Travel (for mobility activities)
- Individual support (for mobility activities)
- Developing the intellectual outputs
- Multiplier events

*NB: All of the above are allocated as scales of unit costs – lump sum*

- Exceptional costs-real costs
- Special needs support-real costs
**Higher Education-Cooperation projects**

**PROJECT GRANT RATE:**
100% of the eligible costs

**BUDGET PER PROJECT:**
Min. 20 000 Euro
Max 200 000 Euro

**School education**

**OUTCOME:**
Improved skills and competences of educational staff from institutions that assist and support the schools (school inspectors, school counsellors, teacher trainers)

**BUDGET ALLOCATED:**
980 000 €; 5 Calls
School education

EXPECTED OUTPUT:
350 Romanian educational experts participating in mobility projects for learning purposes until the end of 2024

DURATION OF A PROJECT:
12-24 months

Eligible Applicants (from RO):
- County School Inspectorates (ISJ)
- Teacher Training Houses (CCD)
- County Centres for Resources and Educational Assistance (CJRAE)

Eligible Partners from DS:
- Training Institutes and Centres
- (almost) similar hosting institutions (at the county level)
Types of projects:
- School education

Types of projects:
- Mobility projects

Participants in mobility:
- School inspectors from the County School Inspectorates
- Teacher trainers from the Teacher Training Houses
- Counsellors from the County Centres for Resources and Educational Assistance

Types of Activities in Projects

1) Learning mobility:
- Job shadowing
- Study visits
- Attending training courses (with a focus on democracy, citizenship, human rights education and social inclusion)
- Attending seminars in DS

Duration of a learning activity:
3-10 working days
School education

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES IN PROJECTS

2) Local activities:
- preparation of the mobility (selection of the participants, linguistic preparation, documentary analysis, etc.)
- follow-up: dissemination and transfer of the learning outcomes (including developing and delivering new courses at county level), practising new skills acquired and reflection upon it

School education

TYPES OF COSTS:
- Travel
- Individual support
- Linguistic support
- Organisation of Mobility Support - both for the sending and the hosting institution
- Course fees (for attending structured courses)

NB:
all the above are scales of unit costs – lump sum

- Special needs support - real costs
School education

**PROJECT GRANT RATE:**
100% of the eligible costs

**BUDGET PER PROJECT:**
Min. 1 500 EURO
Max. 27 000 EURO

Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

**OUTCOME:**
Improved quality of work-based learning in Romanian VET schools

**BUDGET ALLOCATED:**
2 087 647 € ; 5 Calls
Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:
- 20 local school curricula redesigned to match the needs of the local labour market
- 75 partnerships concluded, complying with the ECVET requirements
- 300 VET schools staff and tutors in companies participating at study visits in DS

Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

TYPES OF PROJECTS:

Partnership cooperation projects

DURATION OF A PROJECT: 12 months
Eligible Applicants: RO VET schools
Eligible project partners in RO:
RO companies having an agreement with the applicant for the students traineeships
Eligible hosting institutions for the Study Visit:
Legal entities established in DS
- As a general rule, VET institutions (comprising some similar VET profiles as the applicant) from DS or VET institutions in Switzerland, with a specific cooperation agreement with Liechtenstein

Types of activities: national activities (I)
- Activities that strengthen the cooperation and networking between RO partner institutions and DS host institutions;
- Testing and/or implementation of innovative practices in the field of work based learning;
Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

Types of activities: national activities (II)
- Designing, testing and using new documents and tools for the improvement of work-based learning of students (memorandum of understanding, training agreements, assessment tools and guidelines for traineeship tutors, updated curriculum, etc.);

- Activities that facilitate the recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and attitudes of the students acquired through the work-based learning;

Types of activities: national activities (III)
- Providing incentives and training to company staff acting as traineeship tutors;

- Activities to support learners with disabilities/special needs to complete education cycles and facilitate their transition into the labour market;

- Raising awareness activities for the staff, focusing equity, diversity and inclusion;

- Dissemination and transfer of results activities.
**Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)**

**Mobility activity (compulsory):**
**Study visit** in DS, carried out by teams made of VET school staff and company staff (3-5 working days)

Activities during the mobility: visiting the hosting institution and companies that organize traineeships for students, discussions with peers, presentations and exchange of experience, debates, job shadowing, documents analysis

**TYPES OF COSTS:**
- Project management and implementation (for RO school and company)
- Organisation of mobility support - for the host
- Travel - for mobility
- Individual support - for mobility
- Linguistic support - for mobility

**NB: all the above are scales of unit costs - lump sum**

- Exceptional costs and special needs - real costs
Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

PROJECT GRANT RATE
100% of the eligible costs

BUDGET PER PROJECT:
Min. 24 000 Euro
Max 35 000 Euro

Roma inclusion component

OUTCOME:
Increased institutional capacity of schools to ensure an effective inclusion of Roma children

BUDGET:
1 411 765 €; 4 Calls
Roma inclusion component

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:
- 350 teachers trained and 10 000 pupils (Roma and non-Roma) benefiting in general from improved skills of the teachers
- 30 new optional curricula and teaching materials developed
- 400 Roma and Romanian parents participating in joint activities
- 1 000 Roma and Romanian pupils participating in joint extra-curricular activities

TYPES OF PROJECTS:
National partnership cooperation projects

DURATION OF A PROJECT:
12-24 months
Roma inclusion component

Eligible Applicants: one NGO or public institution active in the field of Roma children inclusion, on behalf of a consortium

Eligible partners:
RO schools with minimum 20% of enrolled Roma children (focus on disadvantaged communities)

Size of the consortium: normally, the consortium should comprise 5-6 schools

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES IN PROJECTS:
- Training of teachers in areas such as: teaching - centered on pupils, inclusive school and teaching in a multicultural environment, democracy, tolerance, anti-discrimination, human/pupils rights etc.
- Elaboration of new optional curricula and teaching material on inclusiveness and multicultural environment
Roma inclusion component

**TYPES OF ACTIVITIES IN PROJECTS:**
- Learning activities on anti-discrimination issues for Roma and non-Roma parents together
- Extra-curricular awareness raising activities on inclusion for Roma and non-Roma children together, to foster social inclusion and competences

**TYPES OF COSTS:**
- Project management and implementation (for coordinator and partners)
- Training/learning /extra-curricular activities (costs for trainers)
- Travel (in case where extra-curricular activities take place outside the school)
- Organisational costs for extra-curricular activities with children

*NB: all the above are scales of unit costs-lump sum*
Roma inclusion component

TYPES OF COSTS:
- Exceptional costs-real costs
- Special needs support-real costs

PROJECT GRANT RATE:
In case the coordinator is an NGO, the grant will cover 90% of the eligible costs (Regulation on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 - 2021, art. 6.4.3)
If the coordinator is a public institution, the grant rate is of 100%.

BUDGET PER PROJECT:
60 000-200 000 Euro
Preparatory Visits (funded from the Bilateral Fund)

OBJECTIVE:
To enhance collaboration between Romanian and DS institutions in order to conclude new inter-institutional agreements for mobility in higher education or develop new projects in HE, School Education or VET fields.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
- Accredited universities from Romania which hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education;
- County school inspectorates, Teacher Training Houses, County Centers for Resources and Educational Assistance from Romania;
- VET schools from Romania;
- Any public or private entity of DS with a potential interest in a future cooperation with a Romanian eligible applicant for all types of transnational projects.
Preparatory Visits (funded from the Bilateral Fund)

**TYPE OF PROJECTS:** Mobility projects

**PARTICIPANTS IN MOBILITY:**
- Employees of a HEI (teaching or non-teaching staff)
- Educational experts and managers from County School inspectorates, Teacher Training Houses, County Centres for Resources and Educational Assistance
- Teaching staff (for VET disciplines) and eligible VET schools or company managers
- Staff of private or public DS entities

**TYPE OF ACTIVITIES:**
- Visiting one or more potential partners or hosting institutions;
- Attending a “contact seminar” to identify potential partners

**DURATION OF THE VISIT:**
Minimum duration: 1 day of activity
Maximum duration: 5 days of activity
**Preparatory Visits**
(funded from the Bilateral Fund)

**TYPE OF COSTS:**
- Travel
- Individual support (subsistence)

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- Special needs support: real costs

**BUDGET (EURO) per project:**
Min. 425, Max 3 860

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**Calls 2017 and deadlines**

The Call for Preparatory Visits: is already open; the application process is ongoing

The Call for Mobility projects in HE: will be open today-5\(^{th}\) of December

Deadline: 05.02.2018, 22.00 h
Calls 2017 and deadlines

The Calls for Cooperation projects in HE and for VET cooperation projects: estimated to be open until the end of 2017
Probable deadline: 27.04.2018, 22.00h

The Calls for School Education mobility projects and cooperation projects for Roma children inclusion: estimated to be open by the end of January 2018, with deadline in May 2018

How to find partners?

For Projects in HE:
- Use contacts already established in the former phase of EEA Grants or Erasmus+ partnerships

For projects in School Education:
- Find structured training courses held in DS, through School Education Gateway

For projects in VET field:
- Use contacts already established in DS through Erasmus+ or former Leonardo da Vinci projects
Possible Contact Seminars for VET and SE-March 2018
For all Areas-Support provided by DPPs-ask the PO!!!
Why involving in EEA granted cooperation projects?

YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO:

* Meet new people from different cultures
* Share views, methods, experiences
* Experience peer learning
* Improve your competences
* Develop new training/teaching materials
* Contribute to improving the quality of the education
* Open the door for new projects (financed under Erasmus+ or other funds)

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