

**EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND YOUTH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME IN ROMANIA**

FINANCED THROUGH EEA GRANTS 2014-2021

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS
MOBILITY PROJECTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
2020**

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

1. **FUNDING SOURCES:** the EEA Financial Mechanism (EEA) 2014-2021 and the Romanian Government
2. **DONOR STATES:** Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein
3. **BENEFICIARY STATE:** Romania
4. **PROGRAMME OPERATOR:** National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training (Agenția Națională pentru Programe Comunitare în Domeniul Educației și Formării Profesionale, ANPCDEF)
5. **DONOR PROGRAMME PARTNERS:** The Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education - **DIKU** and The National Agency for International Education Affairs – **AIBA**.
6. **SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME:** Contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and strengthening the bilateral relations between the EEA states and Romania.
7. **GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Improving the skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education
8. **AREA OF SUPPORT:**
 - Enhancing student learning mobility and staff mobility between Romania and Donor States
 - Cooperation and partnerships between education and the world of work
9. **Programme results framework** could be found [here](#).
10. **TOTAL BUDGET: 14 117 647 EURO (out of which 12 000 000 Euro from Donor States and 2 117 647 Euro from the national budget)**

PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR MOBILITY PROJECTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION:

Please read this document in connection with the [Applicants Guide 2020](#), which is an official part of this Call.

1. BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE CALL: 1 000 000 Euro

The minimum allocated grant per project is 1500 Euro and the maximum allocated grant is 500 000 Euro.

2. TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED:

MOBILITY PROJECTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The main objective of the Mobility projects in higher education is **to improve the skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education, through enhancing students and staff mobility between Romania and DS.**

(for more details, see [Applicants Guide 2020](#), published on www.eea4edu.ro)

Synergy

RO HEI's can include in the application form also master students that are involved in research projects submitted through EEA Grants - Collaborative Research Projects. Those mobilities will be financed only if the respective project is approved by the relevant Programme Operator.

Priorities

In the selection process, the HEIs will give priority (through bonus points) for Roma students and staff, for people with special needs, for socio-economic disadvantaged students and master students involved in approved research projects and financed through EEA Grants 2014-2021.

3. PROJECT RESULTS

The projects submitted under this Call for Proposals should contribute to the achievement of the following direct results (outputs) and indirect results (outcomes):

Number	Programme results	Indicators
Outcome I	Improved skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education (HE)	12000 ECTS credits received by the students in the mobility projects
		95% of staff declare improved skills/ competencies in their field

Output I.I	Facilitated learning mobility in HE (students and staff) between BS and DS	550 out of which 70 master students from Research projects will benefit of exchanges from RO towards DS
		50 students will benefit of exchanges from DS towards RO
		300 academic and non-academic staff will benefit of exchanges from RO towards DS
		100 academic and non-academic staff will benefit of exchanges from DS towards RO

4. WHO CAN APPLY

For Mobility Projects, applicants must be accredited higher education institutions (universities) from Romania which hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). Individuals can apply for grants only via an eligible institution.

5.CO-FUNDING

For Mobility projects in Higher Education the grant will cover 100% of the eligible costs.

6.APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

6.1 The application form and annexes relevant for the type of the project:

Application Form		Formal eligibility checklist
Mobility projects	Click here	Download

Annexes of mobility projects applications:

- a) copies of the inter-institutional agreements (bilateral agreements) concluded with the partner HEIs for the exchanges (for study mobility of students and teaching mobility for staff);
- b) table with the detailed requested budget;
- c) declaration of honour of the legal representative of the applicant institution (this document will be printed, signed and scanned).

d) communication plan

If the applicant is a non-public institution, the documents mentioned at 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 must be also attached to the application form, besides the documents mentioned at 6.1.

6.2 Only for Romanian non-public institutions: copy of the registration in the Register of Commerce and the Ministry of Public Finances;

6.3 Only for Romanian non-public institutions: the fiscal certificate, proving the lack of unpaid debts to the State budget;

6.4 Only for Romanian non-public institutions and if the requested grant is higher than 60.000 Euro: copy of the most recent yearly financial statement submitted to the Ministry of Public Finances

7. HOW TO APPLY?

The completed application, in English, has to be sent online using the submission tool available at www.eea4edu.ro. The compulsory annexes will be uploaded.

8. DEADLINE: 15.01.2021 at 13.00 hours (Romanian time)

Any application sent after the above-mentioned date will be declared ineligible.

9.CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT:

After the online submission of application, the applicant will receive an automatic confirmation.

10. PUBLICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS:

Results will be published on the website www.eea4edu.ro, no later than 15.02.2021.

11. CONCERNING DOUBLE FUNDING:

According to the principles of correct and sound financial management, double funding is strictly forbidden.

Thus costs for the same activity cannot be covered from two different funding sources, with the exception of the case where complementarity can be clearly proven.

Funding for the one and the same project cannot be granted more than once.

Also, if identical applications (in content) will be identified or if applications will contain paragraphs similar or identical to other applications (no matter if submitted under the same deadline or not and no matter if submitted by the same candidate or different candidates, for the EEA grant programme or for another programme managed by ANPCDEFP), these applications will be REJECTED.

In the case where double funding is discovered after the respective applications have already been approved and funded, the grant beneficiaries will have to give back to ANPCDEFP all the amounts already received for the implementation of the project.

12. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

The Programme Operator reserves the right to carry out a financial analysis and institutional capacity check for Project Promoters who are NOT public institutions and - either have approved a project with a grant of more than 60,000 Euro or not exceeding a grant of 60,000 Euro / project, exceeds EUR 100,000 / year, cumulated from several projects, when the internal risk analysis, based on the management of previous projects, leads to this conclusion and therefore take the decision to award the contract under special conditions .

Contracting of the projects received from the candidates with whom the ANPCDEFP is in dispute for debts recovery and which have a score to be financed will be made only under special conditions: with 0(zero) advance and the return of eligible costs after approval of the final report.

13. OTHER INFORMATION:

Please find all the necessary details regarding eligible activities, duration of projects/activities, levels of allocated grants according to various types of activities, types of funding, evaluation criteria and reporting in the [Applicants Guide 2020](#). We strongly recommend careful reading of this document before submitting an application together with the legal basis:

- [Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism \(EEA\) 2014-2021 and Annex 3 on Information and Communication Requirements](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the Romanian Government concerning the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021](#)
- [Guideline for Educational Programmes – Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under programme Area 3 “Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship”](#)
- [Government Ordinance no 34/2017 concerning the institutional framework for the coordination, implementation and management of financial support granted to Romania through the EEA and Norway Financial Mechanism 2014-2021](#)

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