

# EEA Grants 2014-2021 Educational Programme in Romania

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Beneficiary State that signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Donor States, in October 2016

**ANPCDEFPP:** 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**

## **New EEA granted Educational Programme in Romania**

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> of October the Romanian Educational  
Programme was approved (the 1<sup>st</sup> Programme  
approved)**

## Institutional framework

**Programme Operator:** ANPCDEFPP

**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€

## Higher Education-Mobility projects

### 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

## Higher Education-Mobility projects

### 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

## Higher Education-Mobility projects

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Higher Education-Mobility projects

### 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

## 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

## Higher Education-Cooperation projects

**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

## Higher Education-Cooperation projects

### 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

## Higher Education-Cooperation projects

### 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

## School education

### 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)

## 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

## School education

### 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

## Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

**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

## Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

**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;

## Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

### 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**

## Vocational Education and Training sector (VET)

### **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

## Roma inclusion component

### 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

## Roma inclusion component

**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

## Roma inclusion component

### **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

## Roma inclusion component

### 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

## **Preparatory Visits (funded from the Bilateral Fund)**

### **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

## **Preparatory Visits (funded from the Bilateral Fund)**

**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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lump sum*

- Special needs support: real costs

### BUDGET (EURO) per project:

Min. 425, Max 3 860

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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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