

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

**FINANCED THROUGH THE EEA GRANTS 2014-2021**

**2018 CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
COOPERATION PROJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION AREA**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

1. **FUNDING SOURCES:** the EEA Grants –Financial Mechanism (EEA) 2014-2021 and the Romanian Government
2. **DONOR STATES:** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway
3. **BENEFICIARY STATE:** Romania
4. **PROGRAMME OPERATOR:** National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training (Agentia Nationala pentru Programe Comunitare in Domeniul Educatiei si Formarii Profesionale, ANPCDEFP)
5. **DONOR PROGRAMME PARTNERS:** The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education - **SIU** 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:** Enhancing the human capital and knowledge base in Romania
8. **AREAS OF SUPPORT:**
  - *Cooperation and partnerships between education and the world of work*
  - *Higher education short term student learning mobility and staff mobility between donor and beneficiary countries*
9. **TOTAL BUDGET: 14 117 647 EUR (out of which 12 000 000 EUR from Donor States and 2 117 647 EUR from the national budget)**

**PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
COOPERATION PROJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION AREA**

Please read this document in connection with the [Guidelines for applicants 2018](#), which is an official part of this Call.

## 1. BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE CALL: 570 000 EUR

The minimum allocated grant per project is 20 000 Euro and the maximum allocated grant is 200000 Euro.

## 2. TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED:

- **Strategic cooperation projects**
- **Small size cooperation projects**

The main objectives of the Cooperation Projects in The Higher Education Area are to modernise/innovate the curricula, to exchange good practices in the field of teaching methodologies and to organise short term exchanges for students and teachers.

**NB: Projects that address: a) the topics of Social inclusion of vulnerable groups (with a focus on Roma), b) Democracy and Citizenship or c) that ensure synergies with the programmes: Research, Business Development, Innovation and SMEs, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency or Energy Security will be encouraged through additional priority points (maximum 10 points awarded for each priority a, b or c). For more details, see [Guidelines for applicants 2018](#).**

## 3. WHO COULD APPLY

For Strategic cooperation projects and small size cooperation projects, applicants must be accredited higher education institutions (universities) from Romania which hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).

## 4. CO-FUNDING

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

## 5. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

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

	<b>Application Form</b>	<b>Formal eligibility checklist</b>	<b>Quality assessment form</b>
<b>Cooperation projects in The Higher Education Area</b>	<a href="#">A model is available here <sup>1)</sup></a>	<a href="#">download</a>	<a href="#">download</a>

### 5.1 Annexes of the applications for Cooperation projects in The Higher Education Area:

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<sup>1)</sup> The model is published here in order to help the applicants to get acquainted to it and to prepare the content. The final version (web-based) will be available after the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2018.

- a) Table of detailed requested budget;
- b) Timeline of activities;
- c) Declaration of honour of the legal representative of the applicant institution (this document will be printed, signed and then scanned and uploaded);
- d) In the case of a VET partner from Switzerland, the copy of the cooperation agreement with Liechtenstein.

If the applicant is a non-public institution, the documents mentioned in 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 must also be attached to the application form, besides the documents mentioned in 5.1.

- 5.2 Only for Romanian non-public institutions:** copy of the registration in the Register of Commerce and the Ministry of Public Finances;
- 5.3 Only for Romanian non-public institutions:** the fiscal certificate, proving the lack of unpaid debts to the State budget;
- 5.4 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

## **6. HOW TO APPLY?**

**The completed application, in English, has to be sent online using the submission tool available at [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro). The compulsory annexes will be uploaded.**

## **7. DEADLINE**

**The applications for Cooperation Projects in The Higher Education Area have to be sent no later than 27.04.2018, 22.00 hours.**

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

## **8. CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT**

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

## **9. PUBLICATION OF THE SELECTION RESULTS**

Results will be published on the website [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro) within 60 days from the deadline.

## **10. NB: 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 cases where complementarity can be clearly proven.

Funding for 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 Grants –Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 or for another programme managed by ANPCDEFPP), 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 return to ANPCDEFPP all the amounts already received for the implementation of the project.

## **11. OTHER INFORMATION**

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 requirements can be found in the Guidelines for applicants 2018. 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](#)
- [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](#)
- [Guideline for Educational Programmes – Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under programme Area 3 “Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship”](#)

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