Erasmus

Education and Culture DG

The European Commission: Policy

European
Commission

Education and Culture

- Political and budgetary priority-setting
- Programme definition
- Adoption of project selection
- Impact Analysis, programme evaluation
- Supervision of the Executive Agency

The Executive Agency: Programme Implementation

Executive Agency

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Education, Audiovisual & Culture
Executive Agency
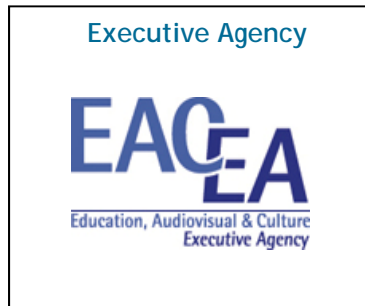
- Management of actions
- Calls, selections, contracts
- Monitoring, acceptance, payments
- Clustering and dissemination
- Results & feedback

LLP programme
Call 2010

Education & Training 2020

EU 2020

Updated strategic framework for European co-operation in education and training E&T2020

Lifelong learning + mobility

Quality and efficiency

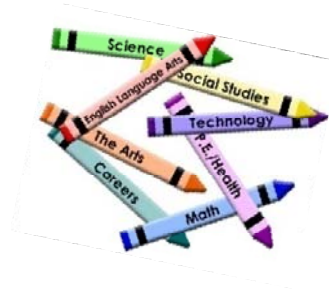**Equity + social cohesion**

Creativity+ innovation

Higher education and research are high on the EU agenda. Reforms are needed to allow universities to play their full part in reaching policy objectives

Modernisation Agenda: Three big reform areas

- Curricular reform (Bologna)

- Governance reform (autonomy and accountability)

- Funding reform (public and private funding, enterprises, student fees)

Bologna process – Leuven Ministerial 2009

5 main issues:
- *Mobility*
- *Data collection and reporting*
- *Widening access*
- *Transparency tools*
- *Global dimension*

7 working groups for 2012:
- *There are seven working groups:*
- *Implementation*
- *Mobility*
- *Social Dimension*
- *Qualifications Frameworks*
- *International Openness - the EHEA in a Global Context*
- *Recognition*
- *Monitoring transparency tools*

Youth on the Move

- *An EU "flagship initiative" to respond to the challenges young people face and to help them succeed in the knowledge economy – adopted 15 September 2010*

- *An integrated strategy for young people, embracing both education/training and employment*

- *Regarding Higher Education:*

  – *Communication on modernising HE: a new agenda on employability, mobility, transparency on study and research, internationalisation…*

  – *Results of study on multi-dimensional global university ranking*

 – *Multiannual Strategic Innovation Agenda: role of EIT, HE priorities…*

The Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013

Comenius	Erasmus	Leonardo da Vinci	Grundtvig
School education	Higher education & advanced training	Vocational education and training	Adult education

Transversal Programme

4 key activities – Policy Cooperation; Languages; ICT; Dissemination and exploitation of results (valorisation)

Jean Monnet Programme

3 key activities – Jean Monnet Action; European Institutions; European associations

The Erasmus programme in a nutshell
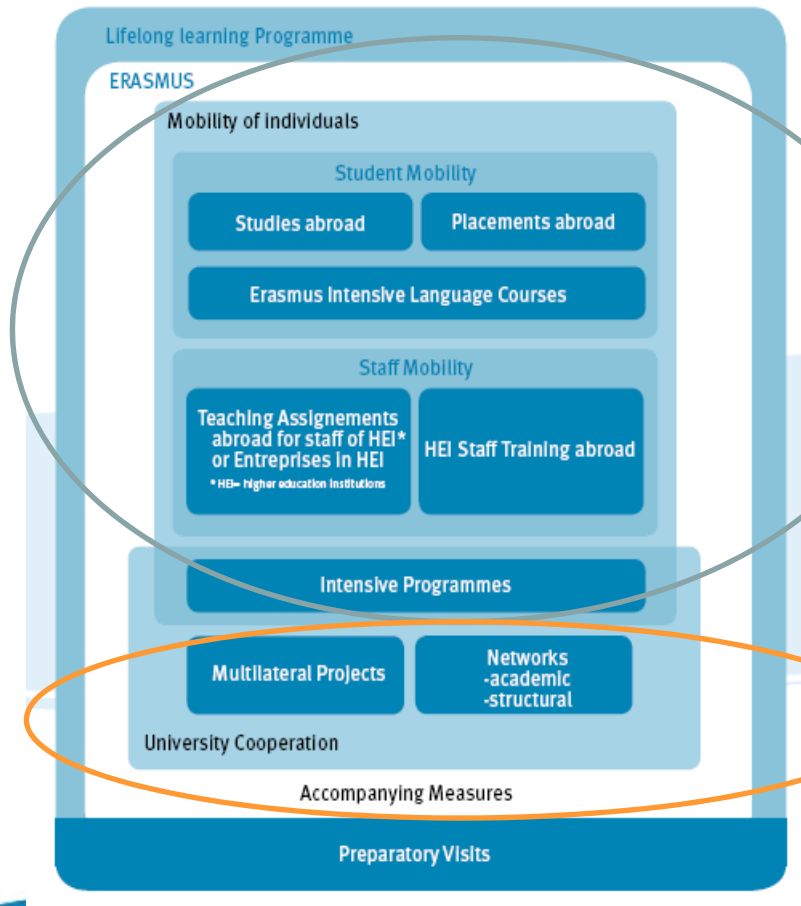
Student & staff mobility

→Decentralised actions
managed by National Agencies
Budget 464 million

Cooperation projects

→Centralised actions
managed by the Executive Agency
Budget 19.7 million

Erasmus centralised actions
Call for proposals 2011

(1) What can be funded?

(2) How do I apply?

(3)What can I learn from past calls?

Erasmus centralised actions
Call for proposals 2011

(1) What can be funded?

There are important changes for the Erasmus programme in 2011

➢2 new priorities: 'Social inclusion' and 'Fostering excellence and innovation in HE'

➢1 partially new priority: 'Mobility strategies'

➢1 merged priority: 'Support to the modernisation agenda'

➢No more Structural Networks

Erasmus Multilateral projects

'Preference will be given to innovative projects focusing on subject areas and themes not sufficiently covered by projects already being funded under this action'

Project compendia available at:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results_projects/project_compendia_en.php

Erasmus Multilateral Projects

Encourage trans-national cooperation between HEI or with other relevant stakeholders :

Co-operation between higher education institutions and enterprises

Social inclusion in higher education

Mobility strategies and removal of barriers to mobility in higher education

Support to modernisation agenda of Higher Education (curriculum, governance, funding reforms)

Fostering the excellence and innovation in higher education

Social inclusion in higher education

Preference given to:

➢Widening access for underrepresented groups and non-traditional learners

➢Developing flexible provision

➢Developing policies to increase completion rates

➢Developing the social responsibility of HEIs

New in 2011

Fostering excellence and innovation in HE

Supporting activities addressing the knowledge triangle of education-research-innovation

Preference given to:

➢ Linking teaching and ongoing research

➢ Providing opportunities for students to work in research settings

➢ Stimulating innovative and enterpreneurial mindsets for students

New in 2011

Mobility strategies and removal of barriers to mobility in higher education

Preference given to:

➢ Developing strategies to boost learning mobility

➢ Analysing and tackling barriers to mobility

➢ Facilitating availability of information

➢ Providing open educational resources for virtual campuses

➢ Strengthening virtual mobility

New in 2011 – incorporates Erasmus Virtual Campuses

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Cooperation between HEI and Enterprises

Supports activities bringing together HEI and partners from outside academia

Preference given to:

➢Developing educational services

➢Reinforcing link between educational activities and employment needs

Support to the modernisation agenda of higher education

Projects must address at least one of:

(1) Curriculum reform

(*including curriculum development*)

(2) Governance reform

(3) Funding reform

Support to the modernisation agenda of higher education (1)

Curriculum reform

Preference given to:

➢ Initiatives and tools to assess and promote graduate employability

➢ Designing integrated programmes

Support to the modernisation agenda of higher education (1)

Curriculum reform

Designing integrated programmes should cover one of:

(1) a complete cycle of study (bachelor, master or doctoral level) and leading to a recognised double or joint degree

(2) curricula and modules for continuing education

(3) teaching modules in highly interdisciplinary areas or inter-sectoral approaches.

Support to the modernisation agenda of higher education (2)

Governance reform

Preference given to:

- ➢ Facilitating European cooperation in quality assurance
- ➢ Enhancing autonomy and accountability for HEIs
- ➢ Promoting transparency

Support to the modernisation agenda of higher education (3)

Funding reform

Preference given to:

➢ Developing strategies to increase efficiency

➢ Promoting funding diversification

➢ Assessing and promoting HE return to investment

Erasmus academic networks

Projects under this Erasmus priority should aim at gathering the widest and most advanced set of specific competencies in a given subject area

Main focus of academic networks:

➢Sharing knowledge

➢Discussing methodologies

➢Disseminating good practice

➢Producing and promoting creativity and innovation

Erasmus academic networks

Preference given to:

➢Innovative networks focusing on subject areas and themes not sufficiently covered by networks already being funded under this action

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Erasmus accompanying measures

Aim to support innovative, self-standing projects which would otherwise not be eligible under the main Erasmus programme

Projects should:

➢Have clear relevance to the modernisation agenda

➢Enhance the implementation of Erasmus mobility

➢Focus on dissemination of project results

➢Enhance trans-sectoral synergies

➢Implement activities concerning transversal policies

➢Carry out other activities as relevant…

Erasmus accompanying measures

Activities supported can include:

➤Organisation of conferences, seminars and training activities

➤Studies and analyses

➤Awareness-raising activities

➤Information and communication activities (promoting and improving visibility of programme and results

Erasmus centralised actions

Call for proposals 2011

(2) How do I apply?

- Requirements (eligibility rules)
- The LLP E-form (application form)

Requirements

Erasmus Centralised Actions	Maximum EU Grant (75% of total project costs)	Minimum/ Maximum project duration	Minimum member of partner organisations
Multilateral projects	300.000 €	Min: 2 years Max: 3 years	3 institutions from at least 3 LLP countries (of which at least one must be an EU member state)
Multilateral networks	600.000 €	Min and max: 3 years	*New in 2011 !* Minimum 25 partners from 25 countries
Accompanying Measures	150.000 €	Min and max: 1 year	One or several institutions from LLP countries

Who can apply?

Action	Type of applicant organisations
Erasmus multilateral projects	- Higher education institutions holding a full duration Erasmus University Charter - Enterprises (in particular SMEs), professional organisations, chambers of commerce, social partners and local/regional/national bodies - Associations and other relevant organisations active in relation to higher education
Erasmus multilateral networks	- Higher education institutions holding a full duration Erasmus University Charter - Public bodies, enterprises, associations and other relevant organisations active in relation to higher education
Erasmus accompanying measures	- Higher education institutions holding a full duration Erasmus University Charter - Associations, networks or consortia of higher education institutions and other relevant organisations active in relation to higher education

Application deadline is 28 February 2011!

Applications must be submitted using the e-form

eForm

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eforms/documents/llp/llp_eform_2011_v1_en.pdf

A. Identification of the applicant an

B. B. Description of the project

B.1 Summary of the project

B.2 Lifelong Learning Programme Objectives and Priorities addressed

   B.3 Dates and languages

B.4 Summary budget

Attachments

Detailed description of the project
C. Organisations and activities
D. Description of the project
E. Impact, dissemination and exploitation, sustainability
F. Action or programme specific information
G. Workplan in workpackages
Third country participation (*optional*)
List of Associated Partners (*optional*)

Declaration of Honour

Legal Entity Form

Budget tables

Key documents

CALL DOCUMENTATION

- **Legal Base (2007-2013)**: Decision 1720/2006/EC of the Parliament and of the Council of November 15 2006 (OJ L 327 of 24.11.06, p.45)
- **Official announcement of the Call for Proposals**
- **Strategic Priorities**
- **LLP Guide 2011 : Part I - General provisions**
- **LLP Guide 2011 : Part IIa - Sub-Programmes and Actions**
- **LLP Guide 2011 : Part IIb - Explanations by action**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- Instructions for completing the application form and its attachments
- eForm users' guide
- Frequently asked questions

Erasmus centralised actions

Call for proposals 2011

(3) What can I learn from past calls?

Overall success rates

2007

- 153 applications received
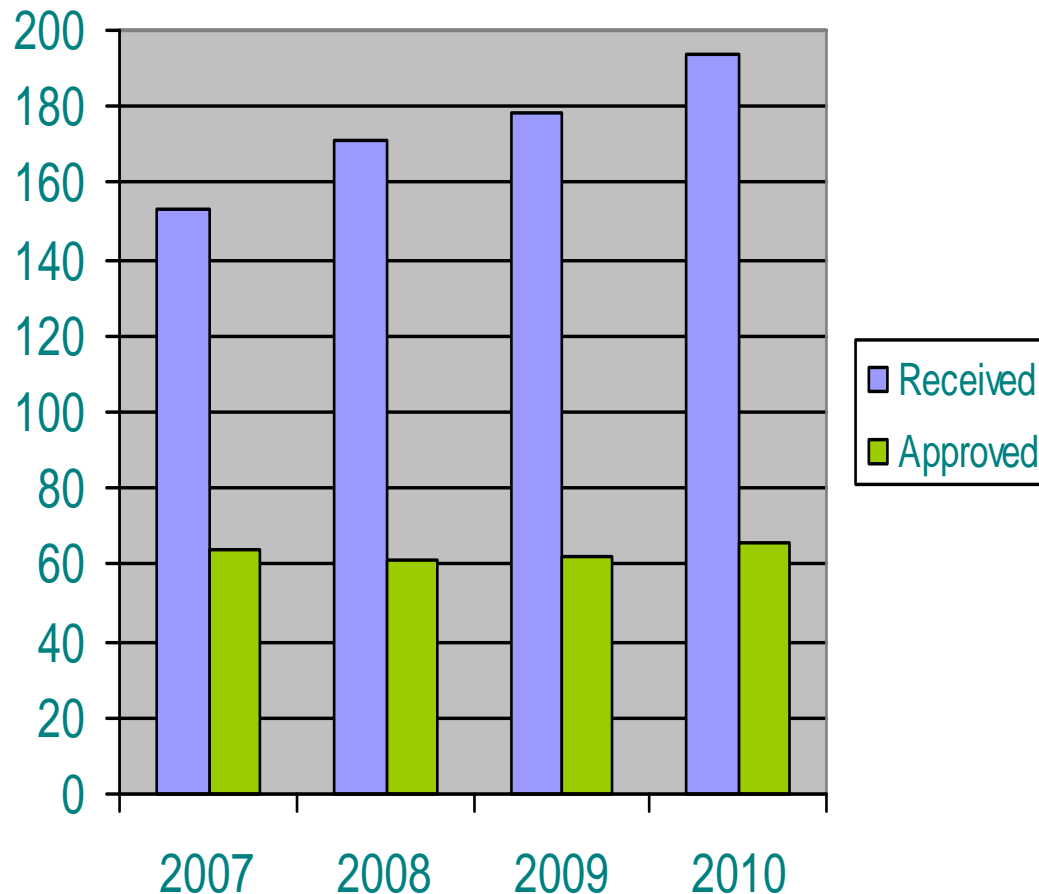- 64 approved
- **41.8%**

2008

- 171 applications received
- 61 approved
- **35.6%**

2009

- 178 applications received
- 62 approved
- **34.8%**

2010

- 194 applications received
- 66 approved
- **34%**

N° of Erasmus applications received
Evolution 2007-2010
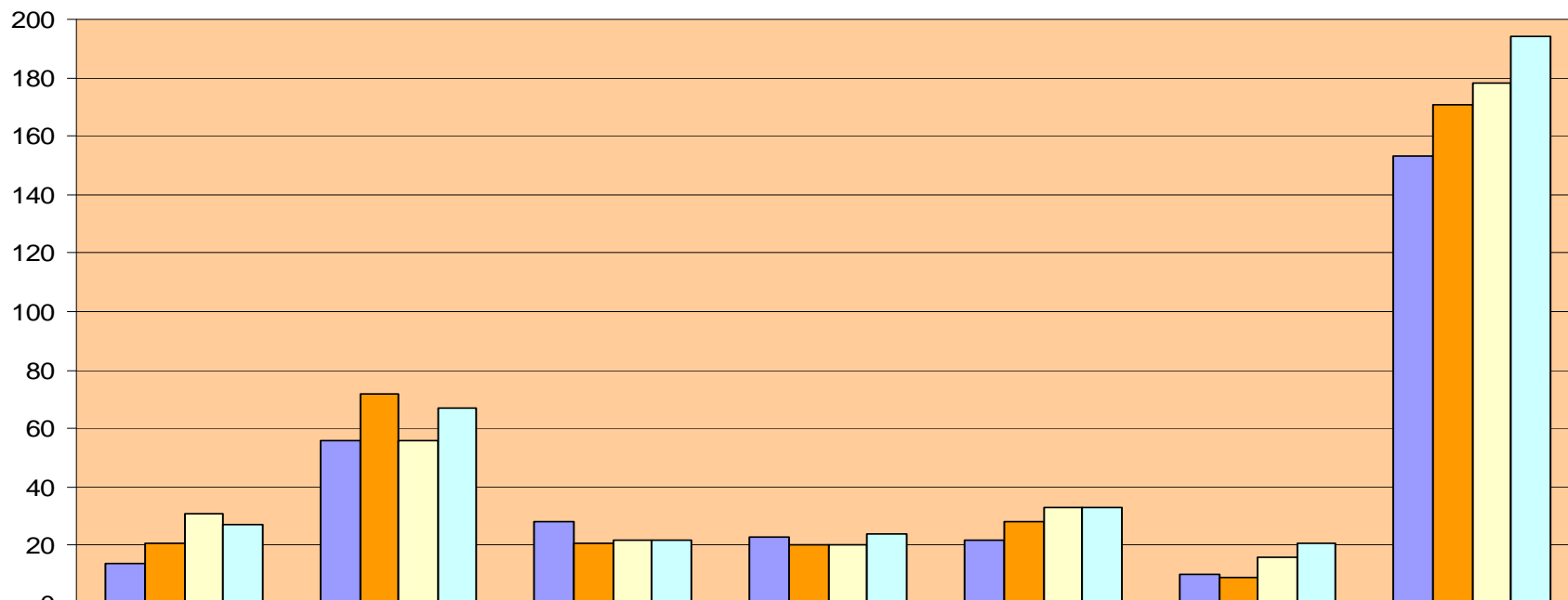
	Networks	Curriculum development	Virtual Campuses	Modernisation of Higher Education	Cooperation University-Enterprise	Accompanying Measures	TOTAL
2007	14	56	28	23	22	10	153
2008	21	72	21	20	28	9	171
2009	31	56	22	20	33	16	178
2010	27	67	22	24	33	21	194

N° of Erasmus applications selected
Evolution 2007-2010
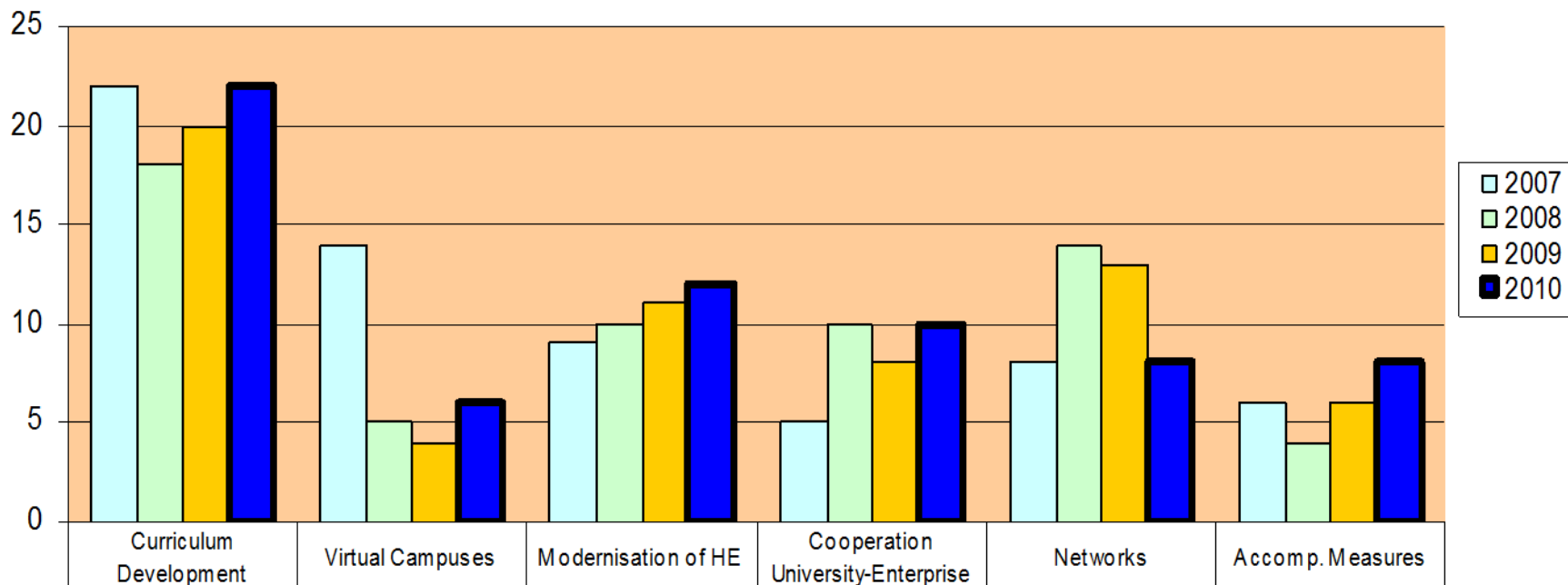
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2007	22	14	9	5	8	6
2008	18	5	10	10	14	4
2009	20	4	11	8	13	6
2010	22	6	12	10	8	8

Centralised Erasmus actions
Success rate per coordinating country
2007-2010

Lifelong Learning Programme — Info Days

Legend: □ Submitted □ Selected

	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	ES	FI	FR	GR	HU	IE	IS	IT	LI	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK	TR	UK
Submitted	35	88	11	2	15	50	6	6	52	63	36	26	15	4	0	66	0	15	2	0	1	57	5	14	20	14	10	19	12	5	53
Selected	8	46	2	1	2	15	1	1	19	17	12	11	2	3	0	24	0	1	2	0	0	33	2	5	7	6	3	5	4	0	21
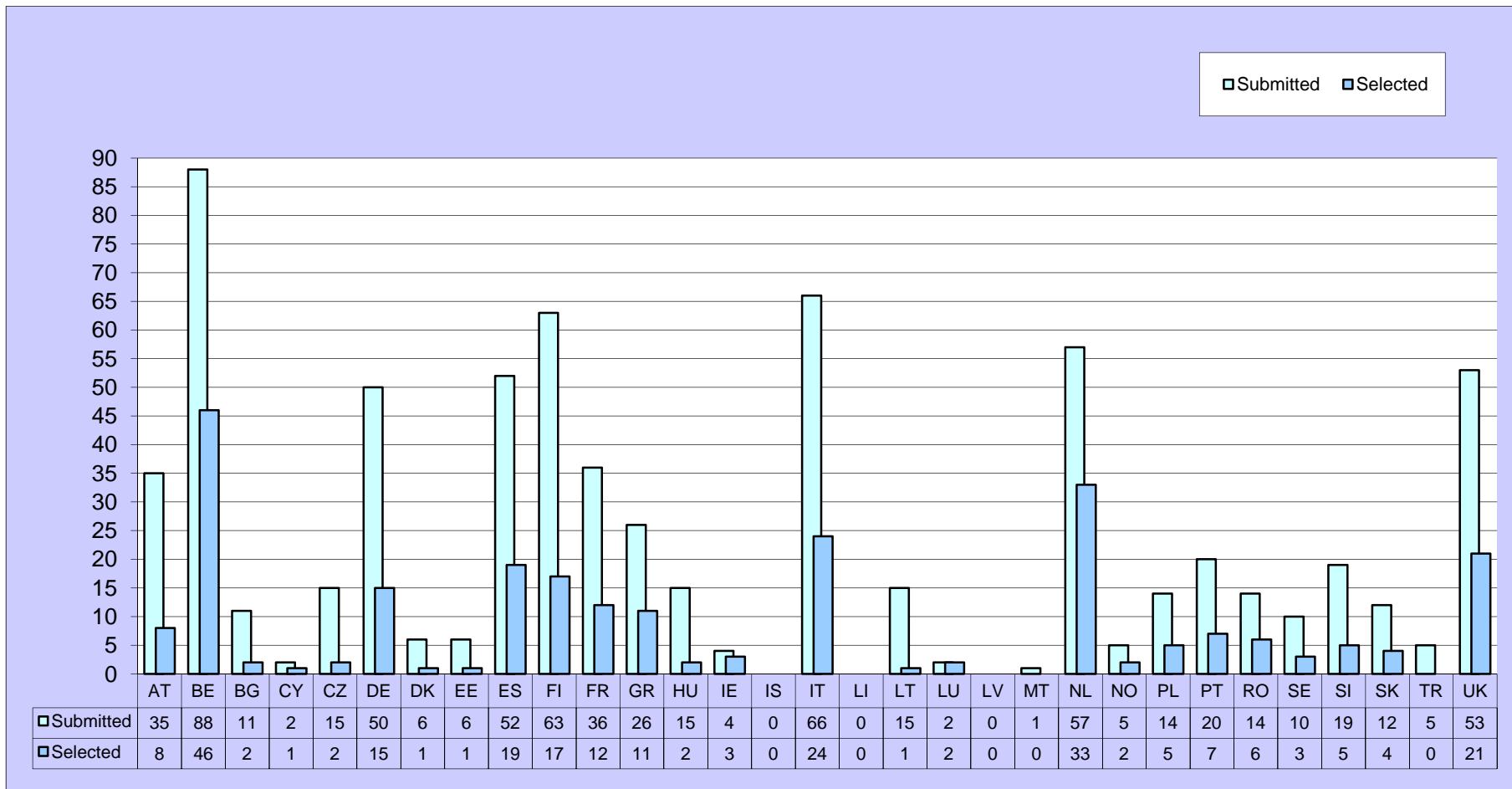
Centralised Erasmus actions
Participation of 19 third countries
Selection 2010

Erasmus Call 2010, Third countries participation per type of Action

Legend:
- Multilateral
- Networks

	AL	AR	AU	BR	CA	CH	DZ	HR	IL	IQ	KR	MA	MK	NZ	PS	RS	RU	UA	US
Networks	1	1	1	1	1			2		1	1		2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Multilateral						2	1	2	1			1	1			1	2		2
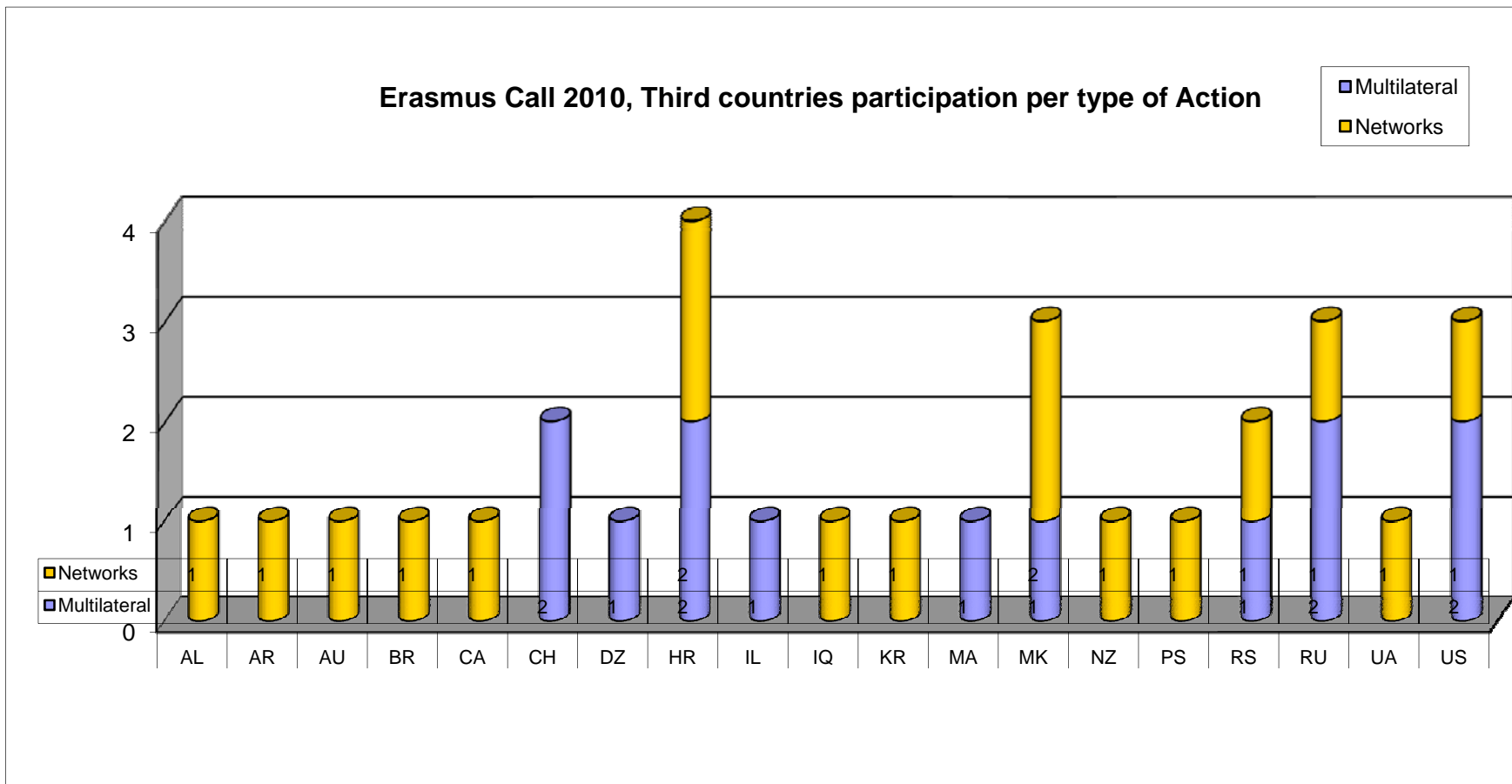
Award Criteria

1. Relevance
2. Quality of the work programme
3. Innovative character
4. Quality of the Consortium
5. European added value
6. The cost-benefit ratio
7. Impact
8. Quality of the Valorisation plan (dissemination and exploitation of results)
9. Participation of organisations from third countries (*optional for Multilateral and Networks only*)

Success Factors
A strong proposal is:

- **Coherent** (issues, solutions, target groups, activities, budget)

- **Evidence-based** (needs analysis, state of the art)

- **Clear** (objectives, solutions, outputs)

- **Rigorous** in its planning (what activities, when, for how long, and with what resources)

- **Explicit** (no information should be taken for granted, if it is not in your proposal it cannot be taken into account)

- **Circumscribed** (your proposal should focus on a specific issue)

Participation of organisations from Third countries

You must show what real added value partners from outside the eligible countries of the LLP can bring to your project

Preparing a proposal:
a coordinator's experience

1. What were the **main steps in oerder to put** together an Erasmus proposal?
2. What **challenges** to be encontered?
3. How ensure that the **award criteria** are properly addressed?
4. How much **time** it need?

A decision will be made to finance the projects receiving the highest scores based on their <u>quality</u> as reflected in the standard award criteria and achieving a <u>balanced coverage of the priorities</u> as explicitly stressed in the Call for proposals (pages 8-9 of the Strategic priorities).

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Useful links

LLP – Erasmus Programme – Executive Agency (EACEA) Website
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/erasmus/erasmus_en.htm

LLP – Erasmus Programme – Directory project compendia
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/erasmus/erasmus_compendia_en.html

Relevance

➤ Your needs analysis must be robust: thorough, clear and up-to-date

➤ You must show how your proposal builds on previous EU-funded work in the field

Innovation

A proposal can present:

➢Innovative products
➢Innovative processes (including project management)

In both cases, you must clearly demonstrate that there is real added value for the project

Quality of the consortium

You must show that you have put together an effective consortium:

➢All partners should make an active and identifiable contribution to the project

➢You must demonstrate what each partner brings to the project (e.g. in terms of expertise, complementarity, etc.)

Cost-benefit ratio

➢ Costs should be listed under the correct budget headings

➢Staff days should be appropriately distributed between workpackages and between partners

➢Budget should be clearly related to workpackages

- *Feasibility for the creation of an EU student loan facility to facilitate mobility (with the EIB)*

- *Review all EU programmes on education and training, including a public consultation (15/9-30/11), for post-2013*

- *Maximise the potential of the European Social Fund*

- *Argument for increased EU resources post 2013!*

- *Who's responsible?*

  - *EU plays facilitating, agenda-setting, supporting and benchmarking*

  - *EU programmes: support mobility + joint projects in support of Youth on the Move objectives + Member State activities*

Erasmus decentralised actions

Student mobility (180 000 students p.a.)

- ➢ Study mobility

- ➢ Placement mobility

- ➢ Erasmus intensive language courses

Staff mobility (32 000 staff p.a.)

- ➢ Teaching assignments

- ➢ Staff training

Intensive programmes