

**Erasmus+ Youth Accreditation**  
**RULES FOR BUDGET ALLOCATION**  
**Call 2024**

This document defines detailed rules for budget allocation to Erasmus+ accredited organisations in line with the frameworks established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guides. The process presented here is applicable for Erasmus +Programme

As specified in the Programme Guide, at budget allocation stage there is no quality assessment. All eligible grant requests should receive funding. The awarded grant amount will depend on a number of elements:

- the total budget available for allocation
- the estimated budget required to implement the requested activities
- the minimum and maximum grant
- the following allocation criteria: qualitative performance, policy priorities and thematic areas addressed by the activities applied for
- optionally for Erasmus+, geographical balance.

The NAs are required to publish the rules of allocation on their websites before the relevant deadline for applications. The NAs may translate the information provided in this document, as appropriate.

**1. AVAILABLE BUDGET**

The NAs will publish the total budget available for allocation<sup>1</sup>, as approved by EAC in the NA Work Programme.

<b>Total budget available for allocation</b>	At least <b>5925137 EUR</b>
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A specific amount will be reserved for budget categories based on reimbursement of real costs (exceptional costs, inclusion support for participants). Beneficiaries can make requests for these types of costs during the implementation of the grant agreement, by submitting a written request to the National Agency. In case of need, the National Agency may further increase the reserved amount.

Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	<b>50000 EUR</b>
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<sup>1</sup> If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget.

The rest of the available budget will be apportioned between the following applicable allocation components as follows<sup>2</sup>:

Minimum grants	At least <b>1960000 EUR</b>
Qualitative performance and policy priorities and thematic areas	At least <b>3915137 EUR</b>
Geographical balance (E+ only)	n/a

At least 5% of the total budget should be allocated for minimum grant, at least 40% to qualitative performance and policy priorities and, if applicable, between 5-20% for geographical balance. The total of the specified amounts for each of the above criteria must correspond to the total budget available, excluding the amount reserved for inclusion support and exceptional costs.

## **2. ESTIMATING THE BUDGET REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUESTED ACTIVITIES**

The National Agency will calculate the budget required to implement activities requested by each applicant, on the basis of unit costs defined in the Programme Guide and historical data on grants for similar activities.

A standardised estimation cannot be performed for costs that are highly dependent on each specific case, namely exceptional costs. Requests for these types of costs will be assessed based on the description, justification and estimated amount provided by the applicant as part of the application.

In all cases, the awarded grant shall not be higher than the estimated budget required to implement all activities requested by the applicant. As an exception, exceptional costs/inclusion for participants costs will not count towards the maximum awarded grant amount.

## **3. BUDGET ALLOCATION RULES**

If the total budget available for allocation is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the budget required to implement their requested activities, then a competitive allocation will take place as described below. However, if the total available budget is sufficient to fully address requests of all applicants, then the budget allocation rules described in this section will not apply.

The budget allocation will take place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget will be divided between eligible applicants based on their score on the relevant criterion. Applicants that receive the full budget required to implement their requested activities (or that reach their maximum grant amount) will

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<sup>2</sup> Exceptionally, the specified amounts may be lowered if the budget required for exceptional costs is higher than originally foreseen; if all applicants have already been allocated the requested amounts according to the rules set out in this document; or if a minor correction is required due to rounding rules.

not participate in further allocation. Available funds will be allocated to applicants based on the corresponding allocation rules. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

### **3.1 SETTING THE MINIMUM GRANT**

A minimum grant will be provided to each applicant.

The purpose of the minimum grant is to allow all organisations to implement a sufficient number of activities and progress towards the objectives set in their Activity Plan.

The National Agency will establish a method for determining a single minimum grant amount, which will be applicable for all applicants. This can be determined based on data from previous selection rounds and absorption rates. The minimum amount to be awarded to each applicant and the method should be published on the NA website.

Grant requests which are estimated to be lower than minimum grant will be fully awarded.

**The NA has decided to set a single minimum grant amount of 40000 €. The decision is made based on the size of an average past grant for similar activities (both standard and accredited projects) and it took into consideration also the increase of unit costs in 2024.**

If sufficient funds are available, the National Agency may increase the minimum grant amount after the submission deadline. This information will be published on the NA website.

The NAs should advise applicants that, in view of future calls, they should make sure to request an appropriate number of activities according to what they are able to implement. Failing to use up the awarded funds during the duration of the grant agreement (maximum 24 months) can lead to low past performance and therefore a lower grant in future calls.

### **3.2 SETTING THE MAXIMUM GRANT**

The National Agency will establish a method for determining a single maximum grant amount, which will be applicable for all applicants. This will act as a funding ceiling and could be determined based on data from previous selection rounds i.e amounts granted to recurrent beneficiaries for a given call year. The maximum grant and the method should be published on the NA website.

**The NA has decided to set a maximum grant of 130 000 euro for all applicants, taking into consideration historical data: an average past number of granted mobilities, an average past grant and the increase of unit cost in 2024.**

The National Agency may also further limit the awarded grant amount for applicants under observation in accordance with the specific decision on establishment of observation measures.

The National Agency may also limit the grant awarded to applicants who deviate considerably from the annual targets set in their Activity Plans.

In all cases, the awarded grant shall not be higher than the estimated budget required to implement all activities requested by the applicant. As an exception, exceptional costs /inclusion support for participants costs will not count towards the limits set by the rules on maximum grant.

### **3.3 QUALITATIVE PERFORMANCE, POLICY PRIORITIES AND THEMATIC AREAS**

The National Agency will allocate the budget according to the assessment of the qualitative performance and the policy priorities and thematic areas addressed by the activities applied for. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that the budget is allocated to applicants that deliver good quality activities, while also enhancing them to gradually progress towards the objectives of their Activity Plan.

The NA will calculate per applicant a score by taking into account the parameters below. The NAs are free to define the exact weighting for each before publishing the information on their websites.

- the evaluation score of the applicant's accreditation application (**20% of the score**)
- the policy priorities score, calculated based on the number of policy priorities that the applicant will tackle through each activity (**10% of the score**). The proportion of young people with fewer opportunities taking part in activities has to be factored in for this calculation. This ensures that the inclusive dimension of the programme is reflected in the budget allocation criteria.
- average or the arithmetic mean of the progress report score (KA150) and the beneficiary final report evaluation score of the last completed accredited project (KA151), if available (**70% of the score**). If neither progress report nor final report are available, the NA may give more weight to the evaluation score of the applicant's accreditation application.

The total score for qualitative performance and policy priorities will be calculated per activity and averaged per project.

After this assessment, the budget will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their total score. The calculation will take into account the total estimated budget required to implement the requested activities<sup>3</sup>, the minimum and the maximum grant amounts available. This ensures that the calculated grant is proportional to the size of the budget requested by each applicant.

### **3.4 GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE (ERASMUS+ ONLY, OPTIONALLY)**

**The NA has decided not to apply the geographical balance criterion.**

The available budget for the geographical balance criterion will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their geographical balance score.

The NA must define a methodology applicable in their country, based on the principle of equal participation opportunities in the Programme. To ensure that an impartial approach is used, quantitative

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<sup>3</sup> Excluding the scores that would equal zero for a specific applicant.

indicators must be used and applicable geographical areas must be clearly defined in a way that allows applicants to know which area their organisation belongs to. The methodology may take into consideration factors such as: past number of participants from each region, past grants to applicants in each region, GDP per capita etc.

#### **4 TOTAL AWARDED GRANT AND TARGETS FOR DELIVERY**

For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they have received in each allocation phase. If any requests for exceptional costs have been approved by the National Agency, these amounts will be added to the total awarded grant.

Before issuing a grant agreement, the National Agency will calculate appropriate targets for delivery. If the applicant has been awarded the full budget required to implement their requested activities, then the activities requested in the application will become the targets for delivery. If the awarded grant is lower than the full budget required to implement the requested activities, then the targets will also be lowered proportionally to ensure that the applicant is able to deliver them.

The National Agency has to ensure that the awarded grant amount corresponds to the number of units. In any case, at least one participant in each activity type requested by the applicant shall be maintained.

Beneficiaries are able to implement the target activities with a wide flexibility, while remaining within the scope of their approved Activity Plan and Programme Guide rules. Delivery of agreed activities and targets will be evaluated at the final report stage.