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## ALLED – Aligning Higher Education with Labour Market Needs

### Task 1.4.1. B: Provision of opportunities for academic mobility and training

#### INFORMATION PAPER ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF/STUDENT MOBILITY FROM KOSOVO

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## Introduction

This document complements the capacity building measures which were carried out in ALLED under component 1. Capacity building measures included study visits of staff from the Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Prishtina “Hasan Prishtina” to Zagreb and Ljubljana on 14-17 March 2016 as accompanying measure for the revision of curricula. The negotiations on study visits have confirmed, that although there are opportunities for mobility of staff and students (young researchers) available, it is hard to get an overview about different programmes that are relevant for Kosovo. Thus, the document at hand lists opportunities and challenges for staff and students in Kosovo to learn and research abroad. The list is, naturally, non-exhaustive but covers opportunities that are relevant for Kosovo in present and near future (e.g. no programmes which have not launched a call in a long time).

Further programmes (specific for certain study areas and target groups) can be found at websites of **universities**, **embassies** and at **centralised databases**:

- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Kosovo: <http://masht.rks-gov.net/en/bursat-e-sheffieldit>
- European Union: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships_en); [http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/planning-studies/scholarships-costs\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/planning-studies/scholarships-costs_en)
- Scholarships for Development: <http://www.scholars4dev.com/tag/scholarships-for-kosovo-people/>
- Austrian database for Scholarships and Research Grants (OeAD): <http://www.grants.at/home/EN/>
- German database for Scholarships and Grants (DAAD): <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=&page=1&back=1>
- Dutch database for Scholarships (NUFFIC): <https://www.studyinholland.nl/scholarships/find-a-scholarship>
- Study in Japan: [http://www.at.emb-japan.go.jp/kosovo/en/30\\_culture/010\\_study/index.html](http://www.at.emb-japan.go.jp/kosovo/en/30_culture/010_study/index.html)
- Study in Switzerland: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/kosovo/en/home/services/scholarships.html>
- Study in the UK: <https://kosovo.britishcouncil.org/en/study-uk/scholarships-funding>; <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support>
- Study in the USA: <https://xk.usembassy.gov/education-culture/exchange-programs/fulbright-scholar-program/>; <https://xk.usembassy.gov/education-culture/>
- Study in Turkey: <https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/en/turkiye-burslari/burs-olanaklari/>
- Study in Czech Republic: [http://www.mzv.cz/pristina/en/development\\_cooperation/scholarship\\_in\\_the\\_czech\\_republic\\_for.html](http://www.mzv.cz/pristina/en/development_cooperation/scholarship_in_the_czech_republic_for.html)
- Study in France: <http://www.european-funding-guide.eu/scholarship/6984-french-government-scholarships-master-and-doctorate>

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- Study in Norway: <http://www.norway-kosovo.no/immigration/study/>

## ERASMUS + - EU programme for education, training, youth and sport

Kosovo can take part as partner country neighbouring the EU (Western Balkans Region1) in the following actions under ERASMUS +:

KA 1 Joint Master Degrees	Can be included only in the role of partner	Can participate
KA 1 Credit Mobility	Can be included only in the role of partner	Can participate
KA 2 Capacity building in Higher Education	Can be included in the role of the applicant and partner	Can participate
Possibility of mobility strand (KA 2 Capacity Building)	n/a	Can participate
KA 2 Knowledge alliances, sector skills alliances	Can be included only in the role of partner	Can participate partly
KA 2 Strategic partnerships in education, training and youth	Can be included only in the role of partner	Can participate partly
Jean Monnet	Can be included in the role of the applicant and partner	Can participate
KA 1 Youth Mobility Projects	Can be included only in the role of partner	Can participate
KA 2 Capacity building in the youth field	Can be included in the role of the applicant and partner	Can participate
KA 3 Structured dialogue youth	Can be included only in the role of partner	Can participate
Sport Collaborative Partnerships	Can be included only in the role of partner	Cannot participate

Source: Kosovo ERASMUS + Office; <http://www.erasmuspluskosovo.org/kosovo-as-a-beneficiary#>; last view: 21.02.2017.

One of the best known programmes for staff and student mobility is the recently merged ERASMUS + programme which is in fact an umbrella for several strands of sub-programmes covering different actions, countries and target groups. The following **sub-programmes** are included under the name ERASMUS +:

- "Erasmus+: Comenius", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively related to the field of school education;
- "Erasmus+: Erasmus", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively related to the field of higher education and targeting Programme Countries;
- "Erasmus+: Erasmus Mundus", in relation to the Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Degrees;
- "Erasmus+: Leonardo da Vinci", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively related to the field of vocational education and training;
- "Erasmus+: Grundtvig", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively related to



the field of adult learning;

- "Erasmus+: Youth in Action", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively related to the field of youth non-formal and informal learning;
- "Erasmus+: Jean Monnet", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively associated with the field of European Union studies;
- "Erasmus+: Sports", in relation to the activities of the Programme exclusively related to the field of sport.

These sub-programmes are subsumed under **key actions** as follows:

- Key Action 1 – Mobility of individuals
- Key Action 2 – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
- Key Action 3 – Support for policy reform
- Jean Monnet Activities
- Sport

With regards to content Erasmus+ includes a strong international dimension (i.e. cooperation with Partner Countries) notably in the fields of higher education and youth. In the field of higher education, Erasmus+ supports the following main Actions targeting cooperation with Partner Countries:

- International credit mobility of individuals and Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (under Key Action 1) promoting the mobility of learners and staff from and to Partner Countries;
- Capacity-building projects in higher education (under Key Action 2) promoting cooperation and partnerships that have an impact on the modernisation and internationalisation of higher education institutions and systems in Partner Countries, with a special focus on Partner Countries neighbouring the EU;
- Support to policy dialogue (under Key Action 3) through the network of Higher Education Reform Experts in Partner Countries neighbouring the EU, the international alumni association, policy dialogue with Partner Countries and international attractiveness and promotion events;
- Jean Monnet activities with the aim of stimulating teaching, research and reflection in the field of European Union studies worldwide.

#### LINKS:

- ERASMUS +: [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en)
- Kosovo ERASMUS + Office: <http://www.erasmuspluskosovo.org/>
- ERASMUS + Programme Guide 2017: [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/files/resources/erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/files/resources/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf)

## Euraxess - Researchers in Motion

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union and its Member States, it supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world. For individuals EURAXESS offers searching for jobs and funding opportunities as well as information on and assistance in moving/settling to a European hosting country.

### LINKS:

- EURAXESS: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) provide grants for all stages of researchers' careers - be they doctoral candidates or highly experienced researchers - and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. The MSCA enable research-focused organisations (universities, research centres, and companies) to host talented foreign researchers and to create strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide.

The MSCA aim to equip researchers with the necessary skills and international experience for a successful career, either in the public or the private sector. The programme responds to the challenges sometimes faced by researchers, offering them attractive working conditions and the opportunity to move between academic and other settings.

The MSCA are open to all domains of research and innovation, from fundamental research to market take-up and innovation services. Research and innovation fields are chosen freely by the applicants (individuals and/or organisations) in a fully 'bottom-up' manner.

### Types of MSCA:

- Research networks (ITN): support for Innovative Training Networks
  - Individual fellowships (IF): support for experienced researchers undertaking mobility between countries, optionally to the non-academic sector
- Fellowships are either European Fellowships or Global Fellowships. European Fellowships are held in EU Member States or Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the European Fellowship is held. Global Fellowships are based on a secondment to a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the Global Fellowship secondment takes place, not for the country of the return phase.

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- International and inter-sectoral cooperation through the Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges (RISE)
- Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes that finance fellowships involving mobility to or from another country
- The European Researchers' Night (NIGHT)

#### LINKS:

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/marie-skłodowska-curie-actions>
- MSCA Work Programme: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014\\_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-msca\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-msca_en.pdf)

## Horizon 2020 SME Innovation Associate

Under 'Horizon 2020', the European Union's Research and Innovation Programme, this new funding will support 90 SMEs or start-ups hire a researcher as the brain who will bring their brilliant idea to life. It has been created to facilitate the matchmaking between talented researchers and European SMEs to support turning an innovative idea into a research or innovation project, for one year. The programme will assist researchers in:

- Finding the SMEs who need grey material to turn their ideas into innovations;
- Providing the selected researchers with a full tailored-made training and coaching package in order to guarantee a smooth integration in the company.

Researchers from all over the world who met the following criteria:

- PhD holder or equivalent (Recognised Researcher R2 level minimum);
- Demonstrated expertise in line with the job advertisement;
- Transnational mobility as defined in the mobility rule of the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA): "at the time of recruitment, researchers must have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country where the SME is established for no more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the reference date. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account".

#### LINKS:

- Horizon 2020 SME Innovation Associate: <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/horizon-2020-sme-innovation-associate-researchers>
- Infographic: <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/sites/easme-site/files/h2020-sme-innovation-associate.pdf>

## CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies) grant

CEEPUS is an acronym for "Central European Exchange Program for University Studies". Current member countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia. Prishtina/Kosovo is also participating.

The main objectives are:

- Focus on joint PhD programs.
- Promote cooperation in the framework of the EUSDR.

### LINKS:

- CEEPUS: <http://www.ceepus.info/#nbb>
- CEEPUS Kosovo: [https://www.ceepus.info/public/nco/ncoinformation\\_main.aspx?Country=XZ#nbb](https://www.ceepus.info/public/nco/ncoinformation_main.aspx?Country=XZ#nbb)

## Ernst Mach Grant – worldwide

The Ernst Mach Grant program is financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BWF). Students from foreign universities are invited to apply for The Ernst Mach Grants to come to Austria for a study stay at the Austrian universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen). The topics of the study programmes can roughly be summarized as follows: Economics/Business, Tourism, Economics and Technology, Technology/Biotechnology, Media and Design as well as Health and Social Matters.

The Ernst Mach Grant for studying at an Austrian University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule) is open to graduates and undergraduates who are studying at a university outside Europe and who are participating in a master program or have successfully completed at least four semesters of their studies within a bachelor- or diploma program at the time of taking up the grant. The grant provides:

- Monthly grant rate
- Accident and health insurance, accommodation
- Recipients of grants are exempted from paying tuition fees.
- Recipients of grants from non-European developing countries will receive a travel costs subsidy of 1.000 EUR maximum upon presentation of original documents. Travel expenses to Austrian representative authorities outside the home country are also refundable.

### LINKS:

- Ernst Mach Grant/at OeAD website: <http://oead.grants.at/out/default.aspx?TemplateGroupID=34&PageMode=5&GrainEntryID=16963&HZGID=17963&LangID=2>

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## Scholarships for the European Forum Alpbach

Young participants are an integral part of the European Forum Alpbach

(<https://www.alpbach.org/en/>) . Each year, the Forum welcomes more than 700 students and graduates whose attendance is enabled by our extensive scholarship programme. Aside from their critical spirit and contributions to discussions, they also organise an entertaining and challenging social programme and are involved in the bodies and advisory boards of the Forum via the Forum Alpbach Network. Two different routes can take students to an Alpbach scholarship - you can apply directly via the European Forum Alpbach Foundation or via the Forum Alpbach Network.

- The European Forum Alpbach awards scholarships via its eponymous Foundation and partner organisations. The Foundation's scholarship programme is aimed at international applicants and will start on February 20 with an online tool (all Austrian applicants please refer to the members of the Forum Alpbach Network).
- The Clubs and Initiative Groups of the Forum Alpbach Network award scholarships to applicants from Austria and all countries in which they are active. Most Clubs already opened their call for applications.

### LINKS:

- Scholarship via Foundation and partner organisations:  
<https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/scholarships-of-the-european-forum-alpbach-foundation-and-partner-organisations/>
- Scholarship via Clubs and Initiative Groups:  
<https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/scholarships-of-the-forum-alpbach-network/>

## Entry Scholarships to The University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College for students from Kosovo (announced at MEST website)

The University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo are offering sixty two (62) scholarships to students from Kosovo for Bachelors, Masters (full time), MBA (part time) and Research Degrees (full time / part time PhD) studies (Admission year: 2016-2017). Under this initiative, CITY College aims at supporting tuition of exceptional students who wish to study at the International Faculty of the University of Sheffield, CITY College in Thessaloniki, Greece and pursue a globally recognized degree from the University of Sheffield. The studies will be offered at the campus of the University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College in Thessaloniki, Greece.

**LINKS:**

- Sheffield City College: [http://citycollege.sheffield.eu/frontend/index.php?chlang=GR\\_EN](http://citycollege.sheffield.eu/frontend/index.php?chlang=GR_EN)
- MEST: <http://masht.rks-gov.net/en/bursat-e-sheffieldit>

## Programme of Hungarian scholarships “Stipendium Hungaricum” for Kosovar students

Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo and Ministry for Human Capacities of Hungary have signed the agreement of the “Programme for Scientific and Educational Cooperation” for the years 2016-2018. The Government of Hungary offers altogether 30 scholarships for Kosovo students per year to pursue studies in Hungary in Hungarian or other foreign languages. Altogether 27 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme for the 2016/2017 academic year with a total of 420 study programmes. Study programmes are generally available in English and Hungarian languages, with some programmes offered in German and French as well.

**LINK:**

- Stipendium Hungaricum Programme: <http://www.tka.hu/international-programmes/2966/stipendium-hungaricum/>
- MEST: <http://masht.rks-gov.net/en/bursat-e-sheffieldit>

## Chevening in Kosovo

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to outstanding emerging leaders to pursue a one-year master’s at any UK university. The scholarship programme provides a unique opportunity for future leaders, influencers, and decision-makers from all over the world to develop professionally and academically, network extensively, experience UK culture, and build lasting positive relationships with the UK. A Chevening Scholarship offers financial support along with the opportunity to become part of the highly regarded and influential Chevening global network. Applicants can choose any course of study at any UK higher education institution.

**LINKS:**

- Chevening: <http://www.chevening.org/kosovo/>