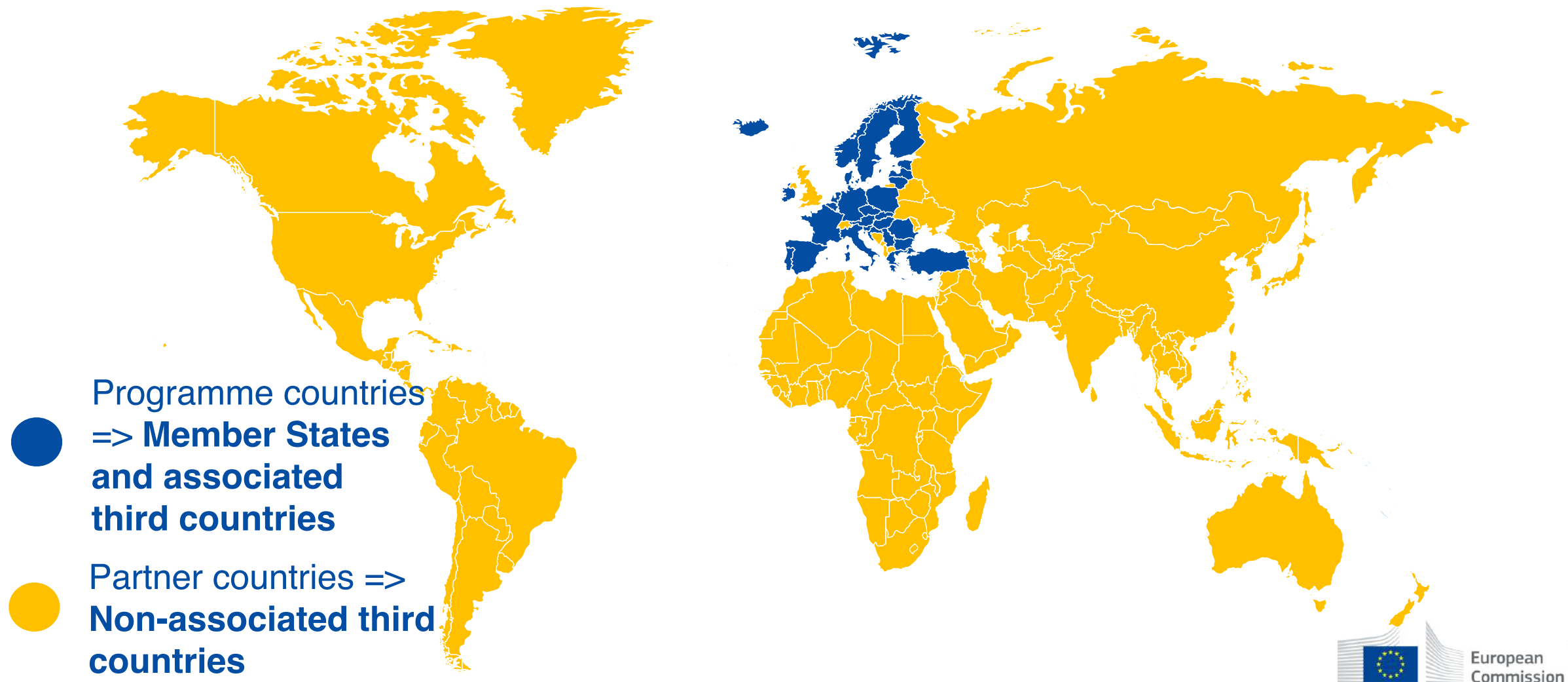




International credit mobility in the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027

Unit C3 - International Cooperation
DG EAC

International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



What is ICM?

- This Erasmus+ action funds **short-term mobility of students and staff between Programme and Partner countries**
- Manifold benefits for individuals and institutions:
 - Key skills & competences, professional development, enhanced employability, teaching methods, etc.
 - Increased capacities, attractiveness & internationalisation; improved quality of higher education

How does it work?

- **Decentralised action** managed by the 34 Erasmus+ National Agencies based in the programme countries
- **Global action:** the world is divided into regions, which have different budgets allocated per year
- Four prioritised regions are Sub Saharan Africa (26 %), Western Balkans (19 %), South Mediterranean (17 %) and Eastern Partnership (12 %)

**~EUR 1,064
billion**

Regions eligible under ICM

Region	
Region 1- Western Balkans	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro
Region 2 - Neighborhood East	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine as recognised by international law
Region 3 – South Mediterranean	Algeria, Egypt, Israel*, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, Syria*, Tunisia
Region 4 – Territory of Russia	Territory of Russia as recognised by international law, and only eligible under certain mobility actions
Region 5 - Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam
Region 6 - Central Asia	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Region 7 - Middle East	Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
Region 8 - Pacific	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Region 9 – Sub-Saharan Africa	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Region 10 - Latin America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela
Region 11 - Caribbean	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago
Region 12 - US & Canada	United States of America, Canada

Activities supported (I)

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- Also supports traineeships for students and training for staff
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months
- Blended mobility (physical mobility of 5 – 30 days + virtual component)

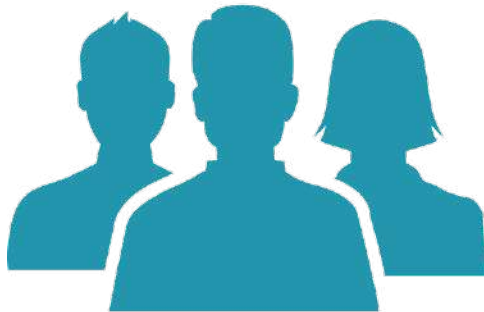
Activities supported (II)

- All partners in an ICM project can **send and host students and staff** as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For certain countries, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from third countries to Europe – this means third country universities **can send but not host**. These students can receive grants from other Erasmus+ actions.
- Countries with this restriction can be found in this list (Region 1 – Western Balkans is exempted from restriction): <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2024-25-flows.pdf>
- European partners may use a part of their intra-European mobility budget to fund their students mobility to restricted countries under ICM.



Organisational support

managed by the European applicant university



Individual support

for mobile students and staff

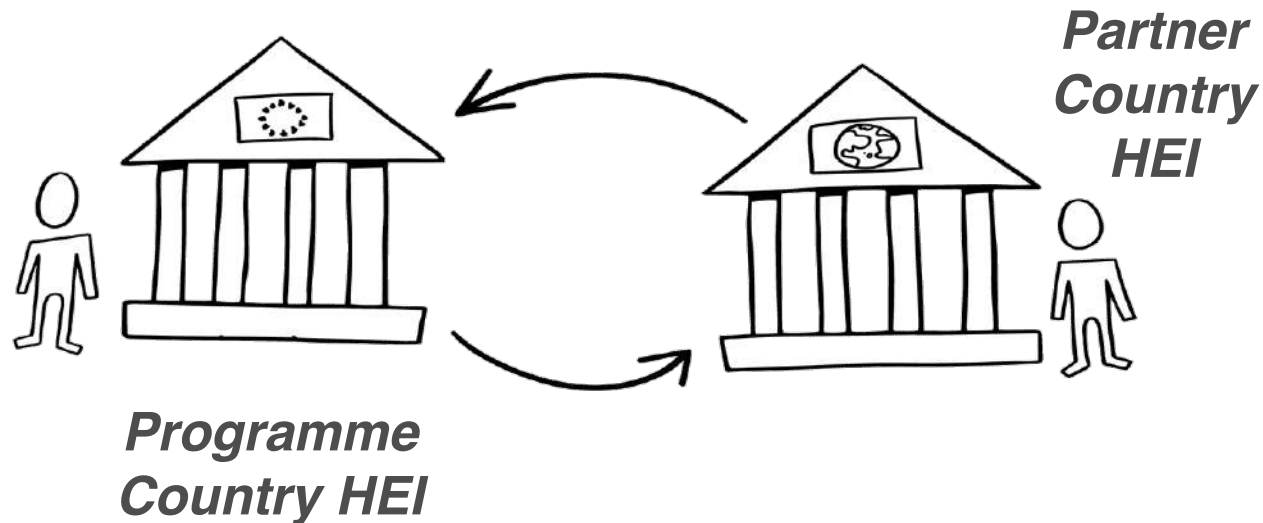


Contribution to travel costs

depending on distance travelled

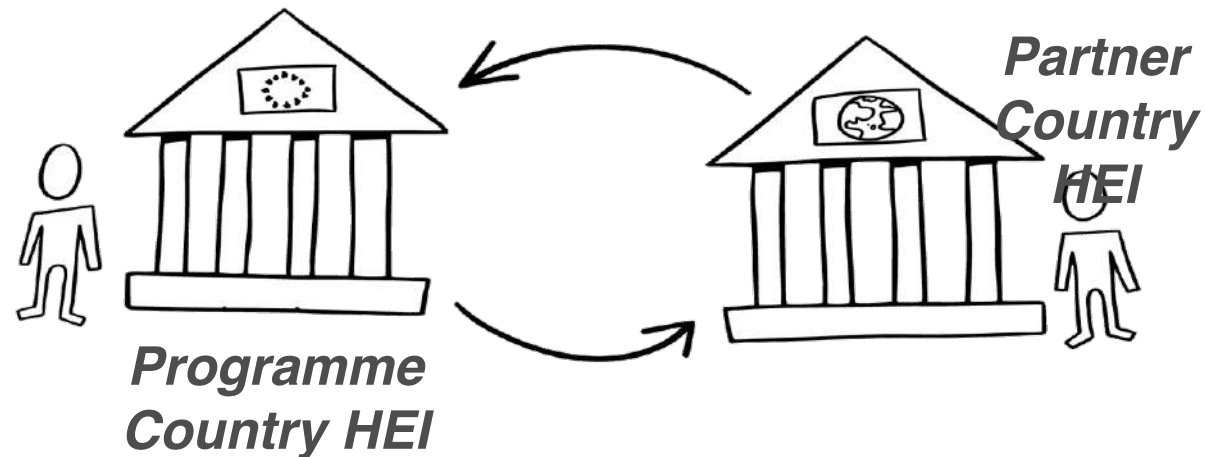
Who can apply and how? (I)

- **Higher Education Institutions in the Programme countries** apply to their corresponding National Agency.
- The **ICM project in their application** contains the countries and partner universities they intend to cooperate with, as well as their **cooperation plan in each region**

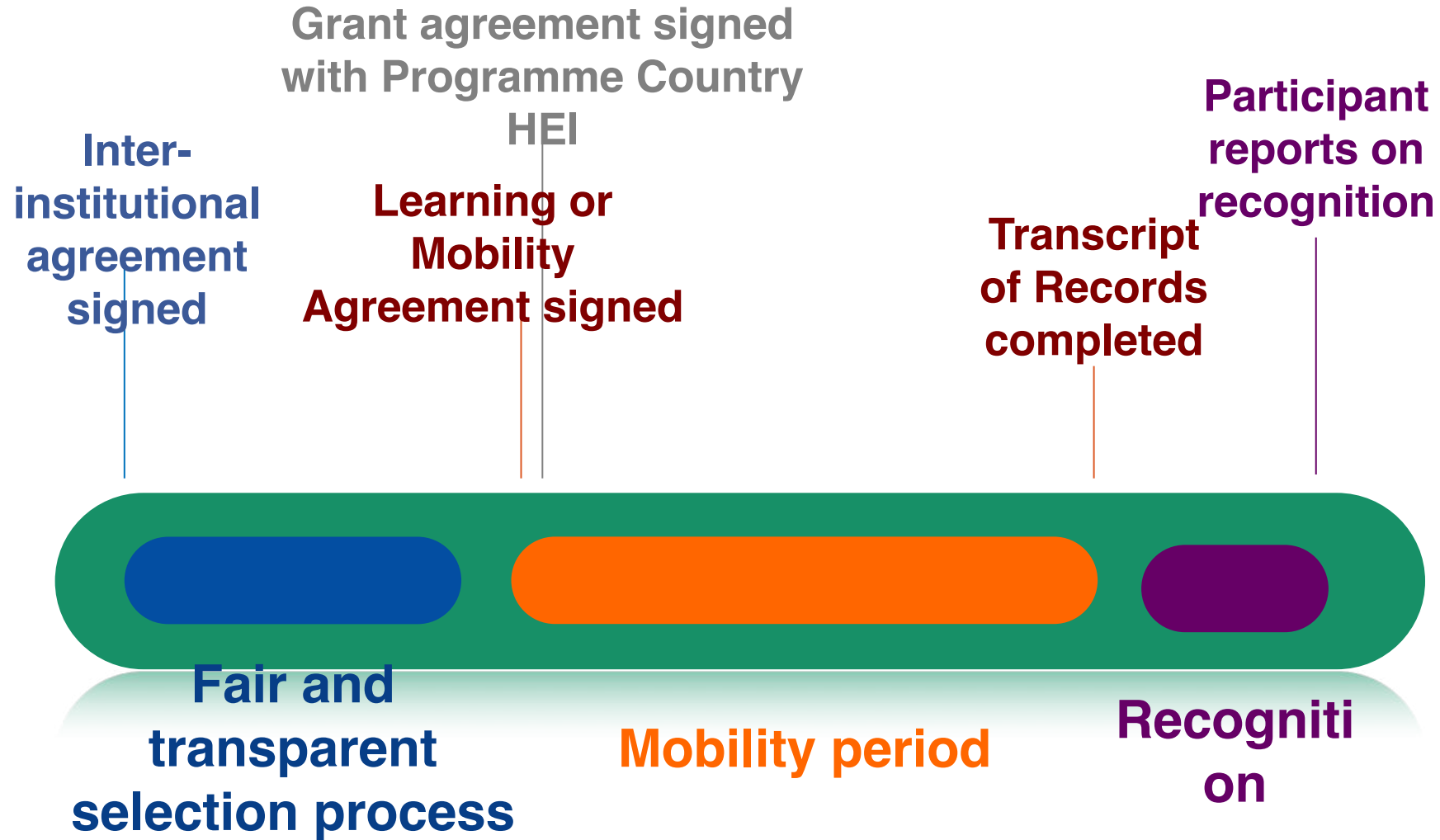


Who can apply and how? (II)

- Upon successfully passing the established quality criteria, the European beneficiary will be allocated an **ICM grant spread in different regional envelopes**, for a project duration of 24/36 months.
- For every partnership with a secured budget, an **Inter-Institutional Agreement** is needed between the main applicant in Europe and every partner university in third countries before mobilities can start.



ICM project implementation



Indicative Timeline of annual ICM Calls



Q & A

