

## RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ACCREDITED APPLICANTS UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1

This document defines the rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants within the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National Agency	DK01, Denmark – Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science
Field	Vocational Education and Training - VET
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### 1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation:	13.950.983
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Out of the available budget, at least the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	4.800.000
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	5.630.000
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	50.000

If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget. The indicated amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document.

### 2. BUDGET ALLOCATION

#### 2.1. General provisions

The National Agency will estimate the budget required to implement the activities requested by each applicant, as described in the Programme Guide. If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the estimated 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 the requests of all applicants, then the funding will be allocated in that way.

A competitive budget allocation takes place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget is divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described below. For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they receive in each allocation phase (and any separately approved amount for cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs'). If any applicant cannot receive further funds based on the rules in this document, then any surplus funds allocated to them will be divided among other applicants using the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

For the purpose of budget allocation, completed projects are those with end date before 1. September 2025. Only KA121 and KA116 projects linked to the accreditation code referenced in the application can be taken into account for the budget allocation. The National Agency may exclude from consideration past projects that have been negatively affected by events outside of the beneficiary's control (*force majeure*).

## **2.2. Maximum grant**

The maximum grant awarded to beneficiaries will be determined by the size of the applicant organisation or consortia.

For applicant organisations or consortia with a total enrolment of students in EUD/EUX, HHX and HTX programmes above 4.000 individuals (per September 2024) – based on enrolment data provided by Danish Ministry of Children and Education) the maximum grant will be 600.000 EUR. For applicant organisations or consortia with enrolment below this threshold the maximum grant will be 450.000 EUR.

Enrolment date is published together with the Rules of budget allocation.

The maximum grants will be applied only in situations where funding applied for exceeds total budget available.

Cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs' will not count towards the maximum grant.

## **2.3. First phase: basic grants and financial performance**

All applicants will receive at least the following basic grant: 20.000 EUR for mono beneficiaries and 60.000 EUR for consortia

If sufficient funds are available, the NA can increase the basic grant after the submission deadline.

For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the amount of the basic grant will be linked to their past financial performance to ensure stable and reliable funding for good performers. Those applicants will receive a basic grant equal the highest grant they have absorbed in the last three completed projects under the accreditation, and not lower than the amount defined above.

Applicants that have used less than 95%, but not less than 90% of the awarded funds in their last completed and finalized accredited project will have their basic grant reduced by 10%. Applicants that have used less than 90%, the awarded funds in their last completed and finalized accredited project will have their basic grant reduced by 20%.

Applicants penalised due to low budget absorption may receive a basic grant lower than the one defined at the beginning of this section.

## **2.4. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities**

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score.

The score of each applicant is calculated in two steps:

- a) For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of their last completed accredited project.

For applicants that have not yet completed any accredited projects, the base score will be equal to the evaluation score of their accreditation application (or VET Mobility Charter application).

Applicants that have scored less than 80 points in their last Erasmus quality standards report or Erasmus Plan progress report will have their base score reduced by 10 points. This penalty will be applied twice per report (two consecutive applications rounds)

- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:
  - Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities:  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  points per percentage of participants with fewer opportunities out of total number of participants – maximum 5 points
  - Implementing long-term learning mobility of learners (ErasmusPro): +1 points per each 180 days of total duration – maximum 10 points