

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	IE01
Field	Vocational Education and Training
Call year	2025

1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation:	11,566,000.00
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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	4,140,000.00 EUR
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	5,541,000.00 EUR
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	150,000.00 EUR

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 2024. Only KA121 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 NA set the maximum grant at 650,000.00 EUR based on the review of highest grant requests received in 2024, increased KA121 allocation and increased number and type of accreditations in the sector. The maximum grant rules may apply only if the total demand for budget surpasses the total available funds as defined in section 1.

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: 90,000.00 EUR.

Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score and the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities.

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.

- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:
 - Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: 1 bonus point for each 10% of participants (that participants of fewer opportunities represent out of the total number of participants requested in the project)
 - Implementing long-term mobility of VET learners - ErasmusPRO: 1 bonus point per 10% of participants taking part in ErasmusPRO (out of a total number of learner participants in the project).

A maximum bonus points that can be awarded per project: 10.