



# Our partnership in higher education



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# Policy objectives



More and better opportunities for young people

Facilitate mobility and exchanges

Enhance recognition of academic qualifications

Relevant, inclusive and quality higher education

Inclusive, entrepreneurial and innovative higher education sector

Necessary knowledge, skills and competences

Staff & students = vectors for internationalisation & cooperation

Synergies between teaching, research and societal challenges

# Responding to SDGs



**New EU Consensus for Development: holistic approach to education, links HE/research/innovation and emphasizes the need to invest in "youth"**

**Erasmus+  
Global approach and adapted to specific needs of LDCs and LICs + a balanced mix of mobility and cooperation**

**Better evaluation, data and evidence**

**Harmonisation of higher education**

**CESA 2016-2025**

**Knowledge triangle: the university as an agent for change, integrating results of research into programmes and innovation**

**Support potential for regional innovation and development/regeneration : links with public/ private bodies**

# EU Priorities in our Partnership with Africa

We need a stronger political partnership to



**STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS**



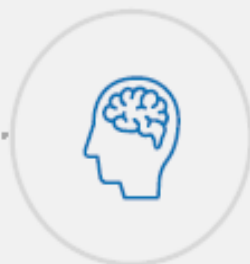
**PREVENT CONFLICTS, ADDRESS CRISES AND BUILD PEACE**



**ENERGISE AFRICA**



**ATTRACT RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT**



**ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**



**MANAGE MIGRATION & MOBILITY**



**TRANSFORM AFRICAN AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES**

# EU and Africa: did you know?

- EUR 1.34 billion funding for primary and secondary education and VET programmes in Africa for 2014-2020, in addition to EUR 375 million foreseen to support global initiatives such as the GPE
- African countries participate in the Erasmus+ programme, which supports mobility of staff and students and modernisation of higher education
- The EU supports the harmonisation and an improved quality of higher education across the African continent (Tuning and HAQAA)
- High Level Policy Dialogue on science, technology and innovation
- Connectivity on the African continent (Africa Connect)

# Tuning Africa <http://tuningafrica.org/en>

- Collaborative process: review through consultation the competences and skills that are required for a given discipline and define revised study programmes
- Define student workload and design an African credit transfer system
- Agriculture, Applied Geology, Civil Engineering, Economics, Higher Education Management, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine and Teacher Education
- 42 countries, 107 universities, 124 representatives, regional bodies in charge of higher education and students

# HAQAA <http://www.aau.org/haqaa/>

Development of a harmonised quality assurance and accreditation system at institutional level, national, regional and Pan-African continental level

Support the Pan African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)

- Develop a common understanding on QA in Africa
- Develop African Standards and Guidelines for quality assurance and reinforce institutional (internal) QA
- Consolidate Quality Culture in Africa
- Further development of PAQAF

# A renewed impetus of the Africa-EU partnership

- *strong focus on education and youth*
- *aims to launch new, or boost existing, initiatives including:*
  - more African participation in the Erasmus+ programme: mobility of staff and students and academic cooperation to improve students' skills and education quality and relevance and innovation on higher education
  - Further support to the harmonisation of higher education in Africa
  - new pilot projects to extend Erasmus+ VET mobility schemes to Africa
  - developing the capacities of organisations that support young peoples' mobility and active participation in society
  - support for alumni networks and activities in Africa





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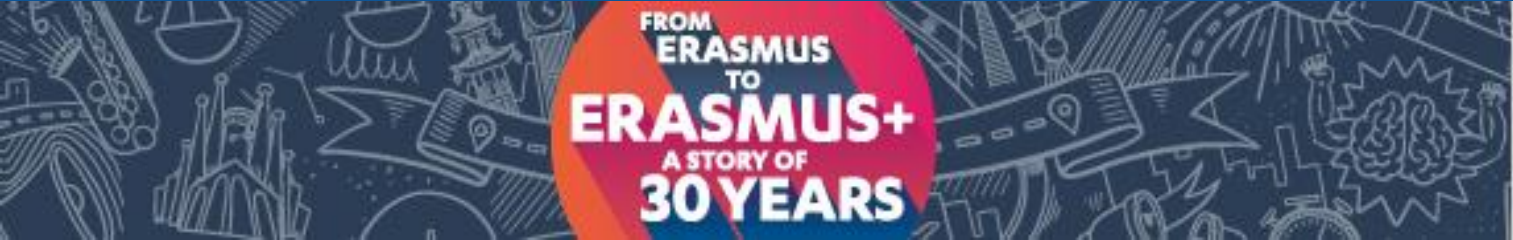
# International opportunities



- International Credit Mobility
- Capacity Building for Higher Education
- Joint Master Degrees
- Jean Monnet activities
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)
- Capacity Building for Youth



# Thank you!

A banner celebrating the 30th anniversary of Erasmus+. It features a dark background with white line-art illustrations of various symbols: a sailboat, a cathedral, a location pin, a brain, a gear, and a graduation cap. A central graphic consists of overlapping red and blue circles. The text "FROM ERASMUS TO ERASMUS+ A STORY OF 30 YEARS" is written in white and red.

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