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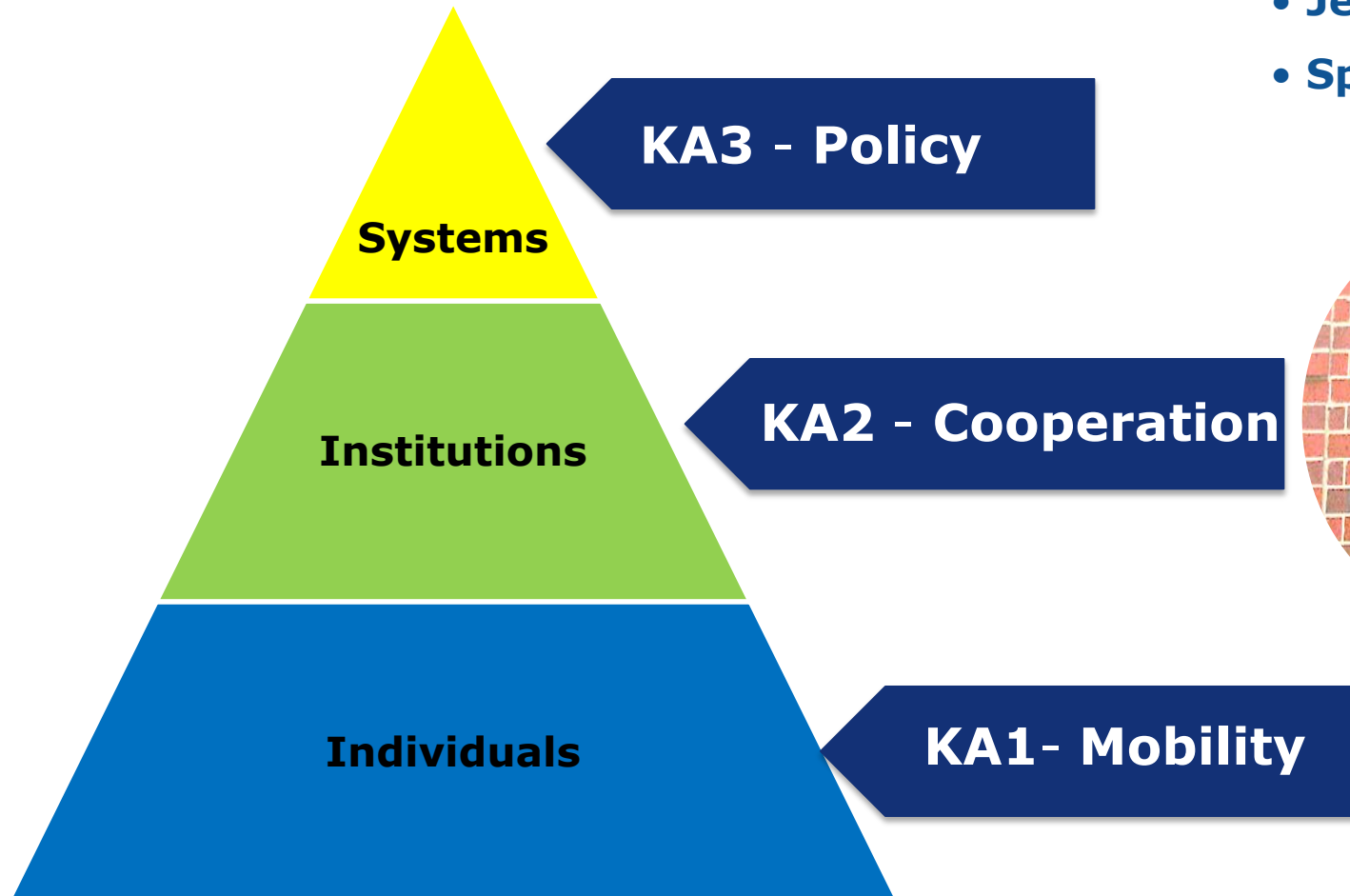## 2018 Call for Proposals

Capacity Building
in the field of
Higher Education

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Specific activities:
- **Jean Monnet**
- **Sport**

KA3 - Policy

KA2 - Cooperation

KA1- Mobility

Systems

Institutions

Individuals

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CBHE Programme and Partner Countries

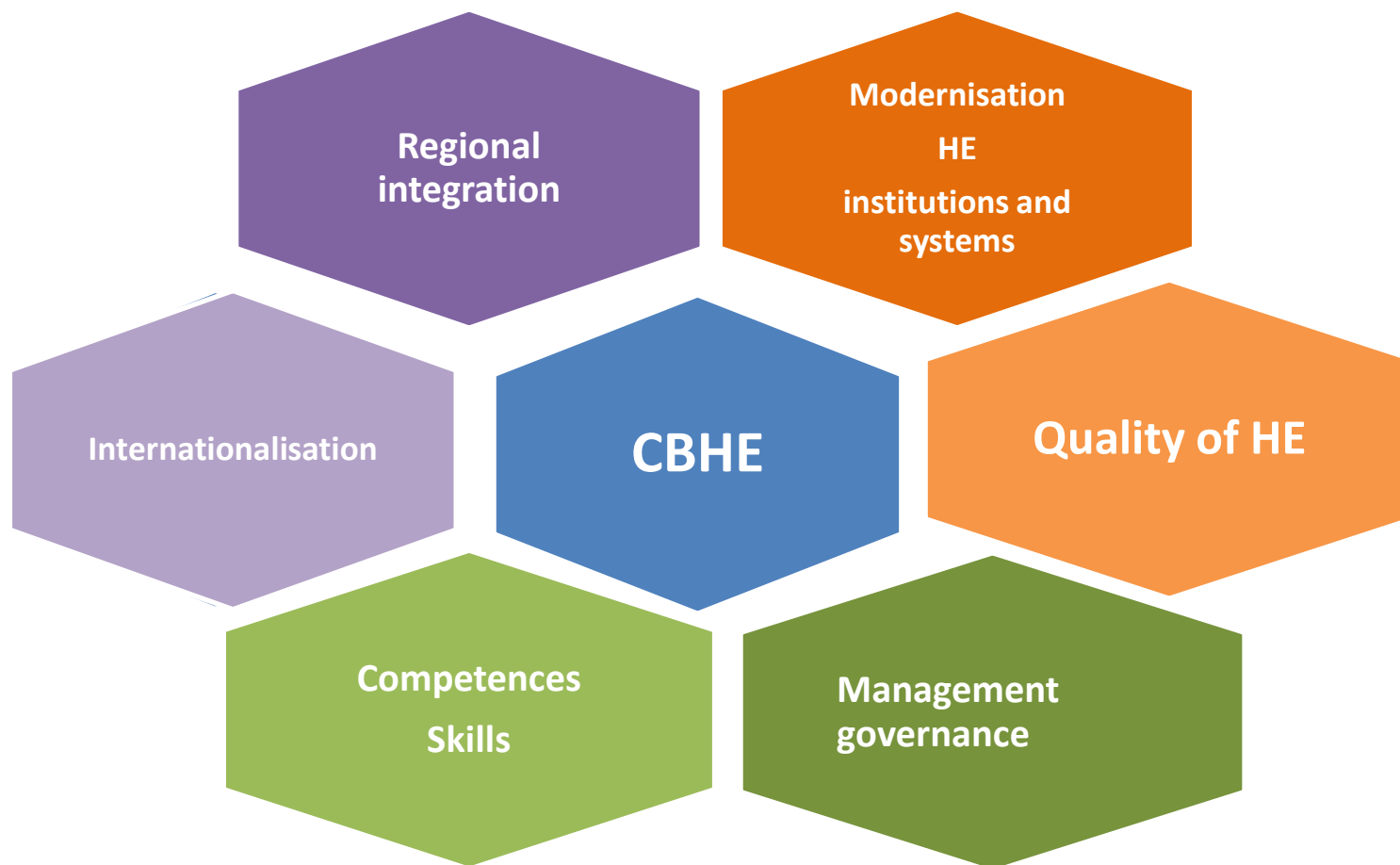| Programme Countries (33 countries paying a contribution to E+)	CBHE Eligible Partner Countries (> 150 countries)
28 EU Member States: **Other programme countries:** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.	Regions: 1: Western Balkans 2: Eastern Partnership 3: South-Mediterranean 4: Russian Federation 6: Asia 7: Central Asia 8: Latin America 9: Iran, Iraq, Yemen 10: South Africa 11: African, Caribbean and Pacific

Ineligible Partner countries:
Regions 5, 12 and 13

Consortium structure

National Projects
(1 Partner Country only + min.
2 Programme Countries)

STRUCTURAL
PROJECTS:
Partner
Country
Ministries for
HE must
participate

Multi-Country Projects
(≥ 2 Partner Countries+ min.
2 Programme Countries)

Min.1 HEI from each
Programme Country

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Min.3 HEIs from the Partner
Country

Min.2 HEIs from each Partner
Country

Exception
Syria,
Libya, Russia,
Latin America

At least as many
Partner Country HEIs as
Programme Country HEIs

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Country HEIs

How? - Types of projects

Joint Projects: => Impact Institutions

- curriculum development
- university governance & management
- Links between HE **institutions** and the wider economic and social environment

Structural Projects: => Impact Systems

- modernisation of policies, governance and management of higher education systems
- Links between HE **systems** and the wider economic and social environment

Priorities & Types of projects

National Projects

Defined by the **Ministries of Education** in close consultation with the EU Delegations

Must address

National priorities set for Partner Country in Regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 10

Regional priorities for the regions where no national priorities are established: Regions 4, 6, 8, 9,11

Multi-Country Projects

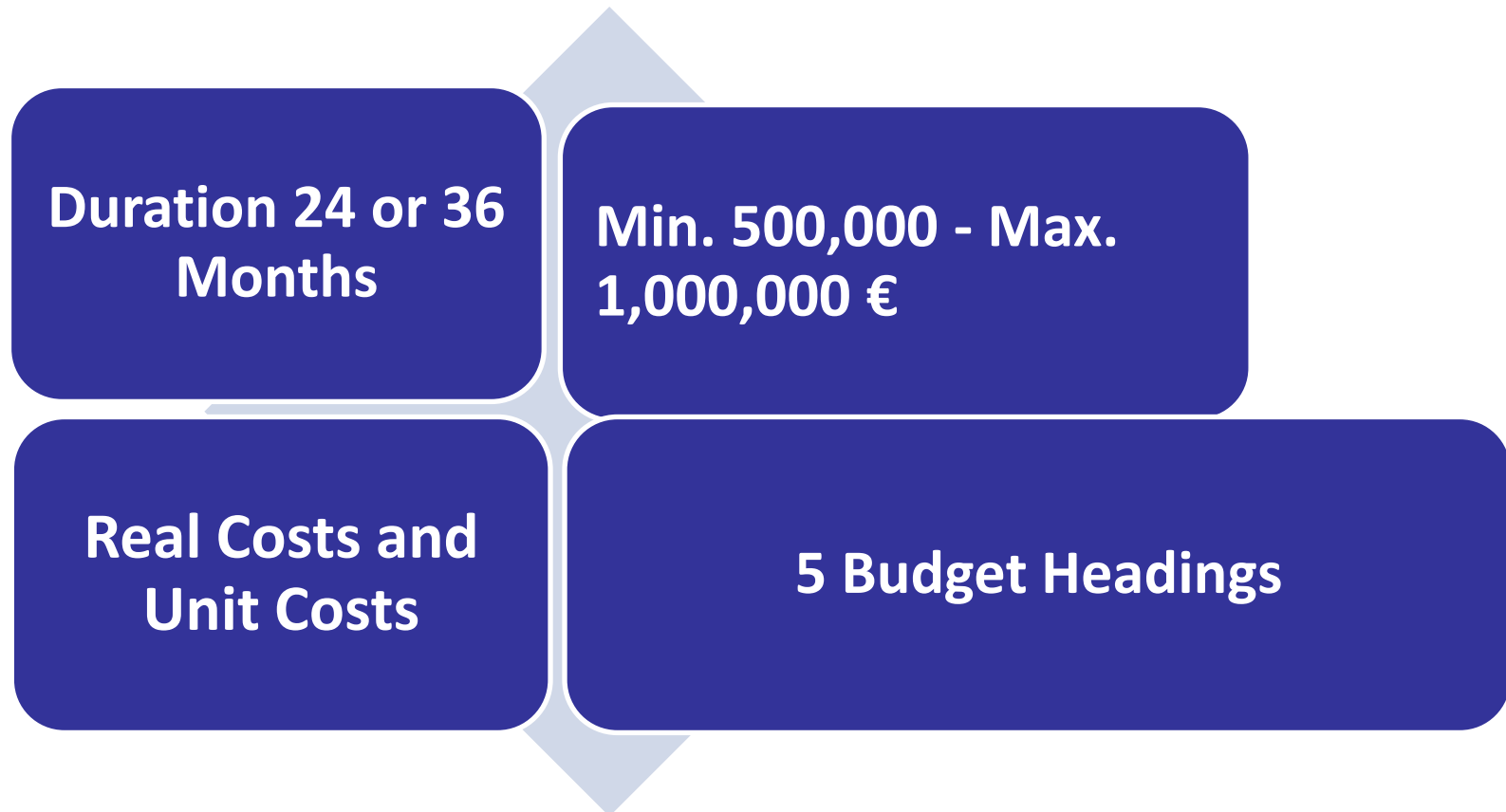Defined by the **Commission** and based on EU's external policy priorities

Must address

the **regional priorities** for countries in the same region (regional projects)

or

common to different regions (cross-regional projects)

CBHE Priorities

Types of Activities / Categories of Priorities	Curriculum Development	Governance and Management	Higher Education and Society
1. Subject Areas	Modernisation of curriculum by developing new and innovative courses and methodologies		
2. Improving Management and operation of HEIs		Modernisation of governance, management and functioning of higher education	
3. Developing the HE sector within society at large			Strengthening of relations between higher education and the wider economic and social environment

Only 1 choice per type of project is possible

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Budget and Duration-Overview

Duration 24 or 36 Months

Min. 500,000 - Max. 1,000,000 €

Real Costs and Unit Costs

5 Budget Headings

Budget Categories

Staff costs (max 40%)	**4 Staff Categories** (Manager/Researcher, Teacher, Trainer / Technician/Administrator)
Travel costs	**Students/staff from partners** from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return. Activities and related travels must be carried out in **countries** involved in the **project.**
Costs of stay	Subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport, personal or optional health insurance.
Equipment (max 30%)	**Exclusively** for the benefit of HEIs in the Partner Countries
Sub-contracting (max 10%)	For services /competences that can't be found in the consortia

Budget allocation and justification

5 Budget Categories

- **Staff   -   UC**
- **Travel   –   UC**
- **Cost of Stay – UC**
- **Equipment – RC**
- **Sub-contracting – RC**

2 Allocation / Justification Methods

- **Real Costs (RC)**
- **Unit Costs (UC)**

Other types of costs (ex.: dissemination, publishing, overheads costs, etc.) are not considered for the calculation of the grant.
>>> Expected to be **covered by co-funding.**

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The types of costs
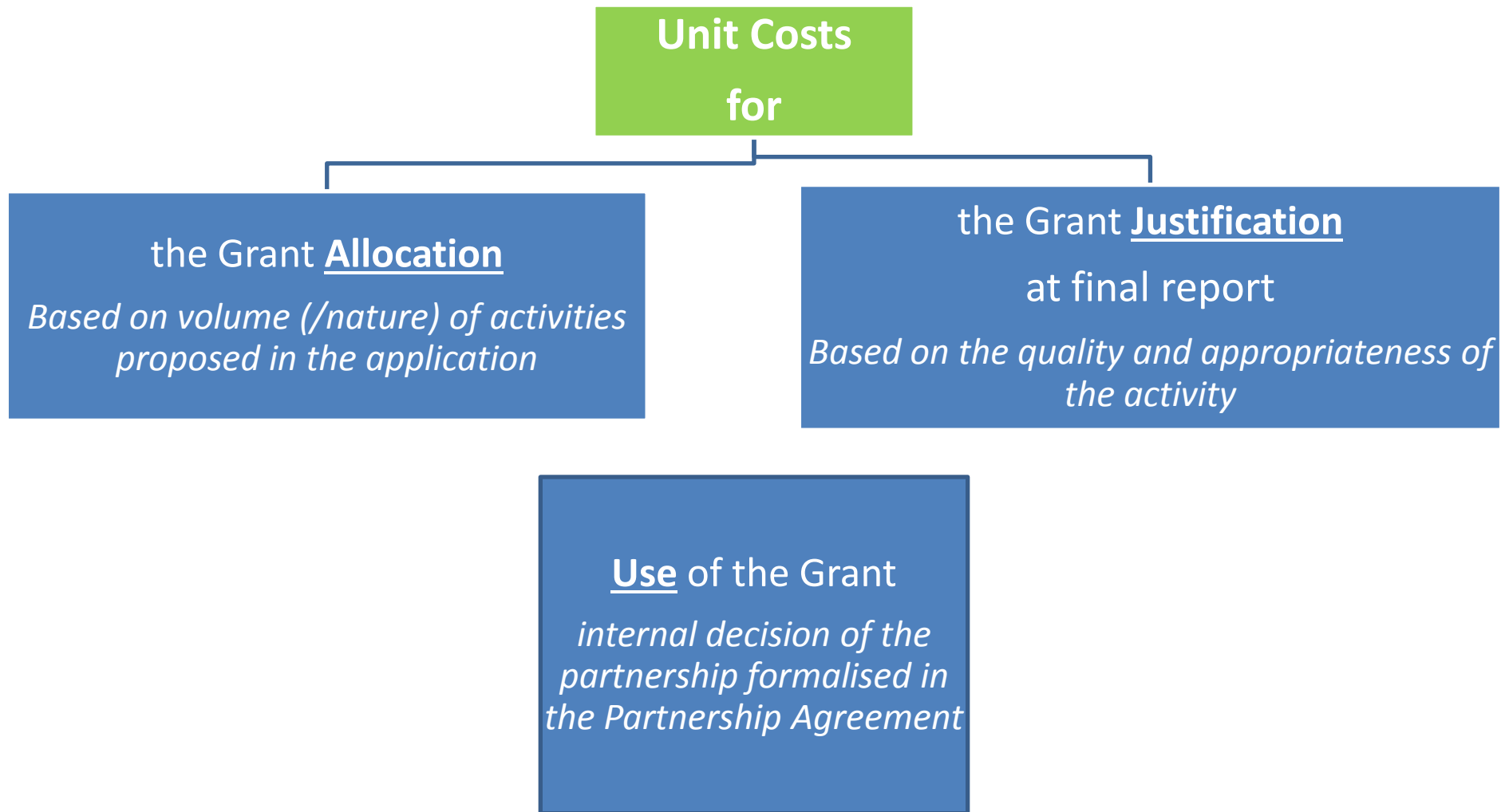
- **Real costs**: How did you **use** the grant ?
    => **input** based
    =>Expenses incurred, supporting documents

- **Unit costs**: what did you **achieve** with the grant ? =>**output** based
    =>- No need to prove the actual expenditure
    Need to prove that the activity was justified and properly implemented (e.g. teaching, training)

*A unit cost is a **fixed contribution** calculated on the basis of the **principle** of*
***no profit & co-funding** and aimed at contributing to the **implementation** of a*
specific activity or task.

How to calculate the budget

- **Real costs**:
  Estimate the real costs bearing in mind the eligibility rules and the maximum amounts (/percentages)

- **Unit costs**:
  Automatic calculation in the budget form based on the unit costs identified in the Programme Guide

How to calculate the budget

Unit Costs for

the Grant **Allocation**

Based on volume (/nature) of activities proposed in the application

the Grant **Justification**

at final report

Based on the quality and appropriateness of the activity

Use of the Grant

internal decision of the partnership formalised in the Partnership Agreement

How to calculate the budget – Staff costs

Financing mechanism for staff costs	Amount	
Unit costs **Subdivided in 4 categories and country groups** **(4 groups for Programme and 4 groups for Partner Countries)**	per manager involved per day	**Max. 40% of the total grant**
	per researcher/ teacher/trainer involved per day	
	per technician involved per day	
	per administrative staff involved per day	

How to calculate the budget - Travel/Cost of Stay

Costs of Stay

DAYS	STAFF	STUDENTS
1-14	120€	55€
15-60	70€	-
15-90	-	40€
61 – 90	50€	n.a.

Travel Costs

Distance Bands (one way)	Unit Cost (return trip)
10- 99 km	20€
100-499 km	180€
500-1999 km	275€
2000-2999 km	360€
3000-3999 km	530€
4000-7999 km	820€
8000 km and more	1.500€

Partnership Agreement

- **Mandatory**
- **To be submitted to the Agency within 6 months of the signature of grant contract (Signed by the legal rep.)**
- **Joint** (one doc signed by all partners) **or Bilateral** (partner A + coordinating inst.)
- **Template** available to be adapted to specific needs of partnership
- **Comprehensive** : covering **all aspects** of the project:
  - The partners role and responsibilities;
  - Financial Management;
  - Project Management;
  - Project Quality Assurance;
  - Student issues
  - Decision/Conflict resolution mechanisms

What is assessed?

Eligibility criteria

Exclusion and selection criteria
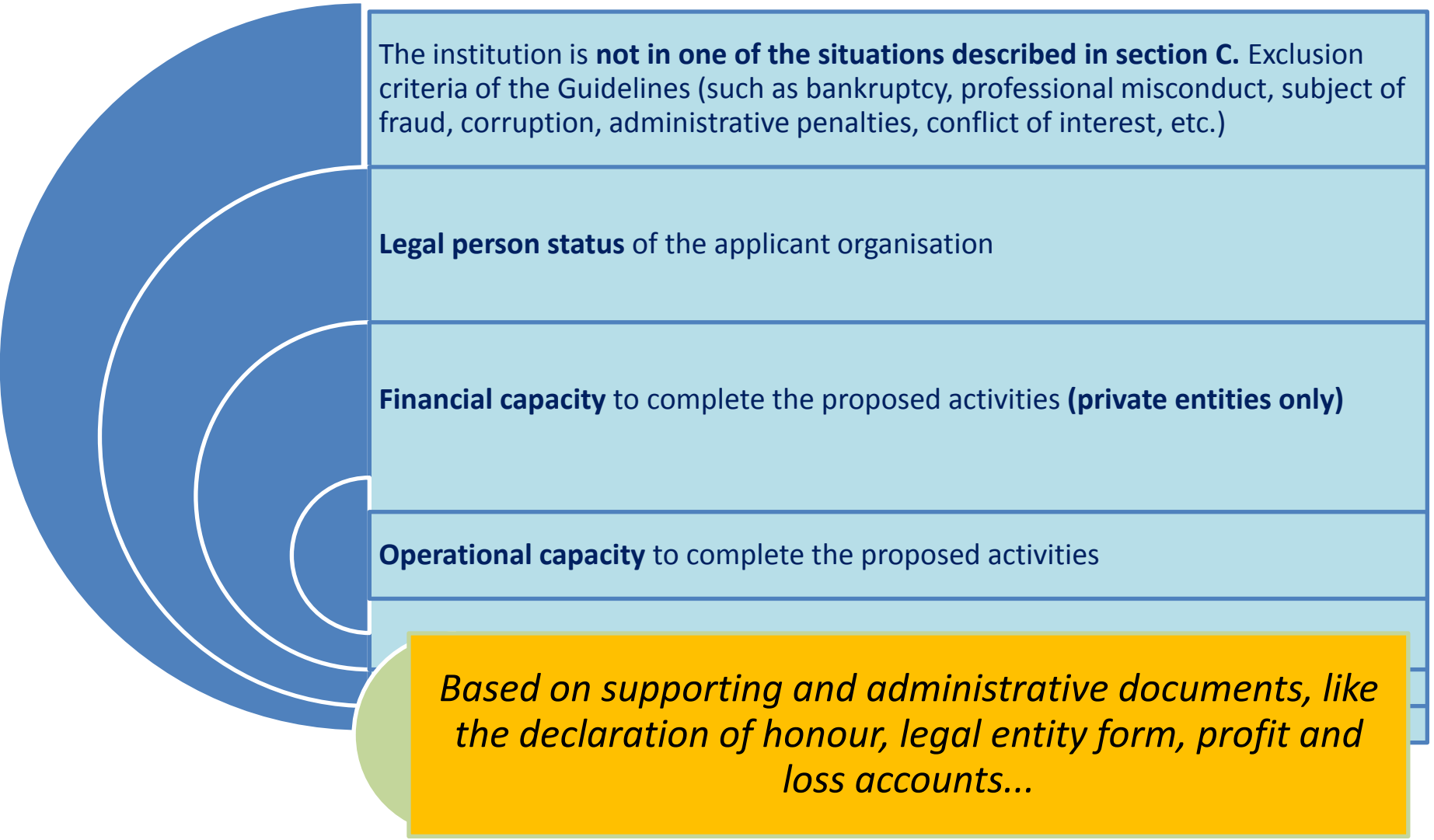
Award criteria

Eligibility Criteria

Formal submission requirements

Grant size and duration

(max. 1,000,000 €; 24-36 months)

Applicant, Partners and Partnership requirements (number of partners, status of the grant applicant & partners, etc.)

Exclusion and Selection Criteria

The institution is **not in one of the situations described in section C.** Exclusion criteria of the Guidelines (such as bankruptcy, professional misconduct, subject of fraud, corruption, administrative penalties, conflict of interest, etc.)
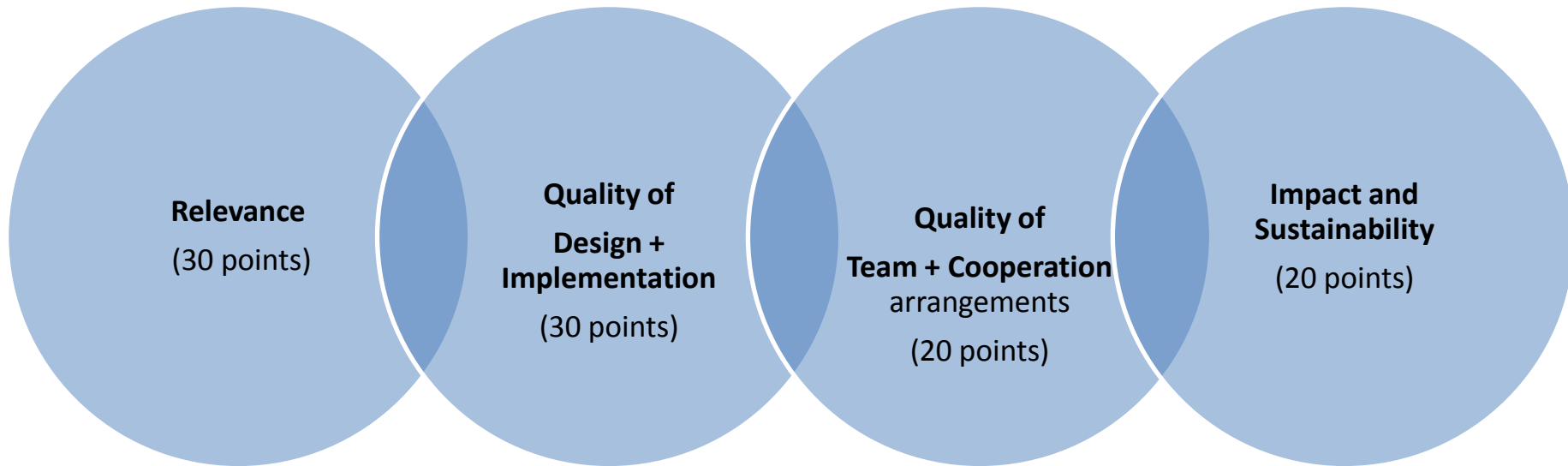
Legal person status of the applicant organisation

Financial capacity to complete the proposed activities **(private entities only)**

Operational capacity to complete the proposed activities

Based on supporting and administrative documents, like the declaration of honour, legal entity form, profit and loss accounts...

Award Criteria

Relevance

(30 points)

Quality of
Design +
Implementation

(30 points)

Quality of
Team + Cooperation
arrangements

(20 points)

Impact and
Sustainability

(20 points)

To be considered for funding, proposals must score
at least 60 points in total and - out of these points at least 15 points for "Relevance"

Award Criterion 1 – Relevance

DEFINITION

- *The project contributes to the achievement of the policy objectives of the participating partners*

- *It is based on and addresses real needs & problems of the target groups*

CONTENT

- How clearly the project addresses the Programme **objectives** and **priorities (annual, thematic, geographical priorities)**
- **Needs analysis** and presentation of **specific problems** addressed
- Definition of **target groups**
- What is **innovative** or complementary to other initiatives
- How the **project was prepared**

Award Criterion 2 - Quality of Design and Implementation

DEFINITION

- *The activities proposed are appropriate to achieve the specific and wider objectives*
- *It uses the most appropriate methodology*
- *It demonstrates a logical and sound planning capacity*

CONTENT

Description of the project as a whole, including:

- **specific objectives**
- **activities**, expected **outcomes**, wider and specific objectives
- academic **content** and pedagogical **approach**
- **involvement** of academics, students and stakeholders at large
- **quality control** processes

Award Criterion 3 - Quality Team and Cooperation

DEFINITION

- *The partnership includes all the skills, recognised expertise and competences required*

- *Suitable distribution of tasks*

- *Sound communication and coordination*

CONTENT

- Presentation of the **partners competences** and **roles** in the project
- Description of any **complementary skills**, expertise and competences directly relating to the planned project activities
- ensure **regional dimension**
- Planned measures to ensure effective **communication**

Award Criterion 4 - Impact and Sustainability

DEFINITION

- *Information/outcomes of the project are made available to groups not directly involved (multiplier effect)*
- *Optimal use of the results during & beyond the project lifetime*
- *Expected impact will be substantial and sustainable in the long term (financial, institutional and policy level)*

CONTENT

- Expected **impact** at different levels
- **Dissemination strategy**: outputs to be disseminated, target groups, dissemination tools & activities
- **Measures** planned to ensure the sustainability of project outcomes and outputs at **three levels**: financial, institutional and political
- **Evidence of impact** on HE at institutional / national level in PCs

EACEA takes decision based on:

Evaluation Committee's recommendation, taking into account:

- *ranking list on quality established by independent + the results from the consultation process*

- *consultation process with EU Delegations*

- *the budget available for each region*

- *the need to achieve a geographical balance within a region*

- *sufficient coverage of the priorities*

CBHE Selection results 2017

Stage	1 Western Balkans	2 Eastern Partn	3 South Med	4 Russian Federa-tion	6 Asia	7 Central Asia	8 Latin America	9 Iran, Iraq, Yemen	10 South Africa	11 ACP	Total*
Reception	135	243	196	108	120	121	98	12	12	50	833
Eligible >60 points	102	167	151	68	76	84	80	6	8	36	609
Sent to Consultation	36	58	74	34	76	37	30	5	8	23	295
Proposed for funding	16	17	37	11	45	14	15	3	4	7	149

Success rate in 2017	12%	7%	19%	10%	37,5%	19%	15%	25%	33%	14%	18%
Success rate in 2016	16,5%	10%	21%	20,5%	68%	19%	18%	50%	36%	17%	20%

Figures cannot be added as cross-regional applications are counted in one or two regions

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Indicative budget for 2018

Region	Budget allocated 2016 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2017 (in Mio €)	Budget allocated 2018 (Indicative) (in Mio €)	Indicative number of selected projects**
REGION 1 - Western Balkans	13,17	13,82	14,57	16
REGION 2 - Eastern Partnership countries	13,86	13,51	12,88	15
REGION 3 - South-Mediterranean countries	28,57	27,84	26,55	31
*Additional allocation for Tunisia**	*0*	*3,00*	*0*	*0*
REGION 4 - Russian Federation	6,89	6,72	6,41	7
REGION 6 - Asia	35,38	39,55	41,44	47
REGION 7 - Central Asia	9,2	8,80	8,80	10
REGION 8 - Latin America	13,1	13,20	13,20	15
REGION 9 – Middle East (Iran, Iraq, Yemen)	1,9	2,00	2,10	3
Specific allocation for Iran	0,69	0,69	*0*	*0*
REGION 10 - South Africa	3,42	3,91	4,20	7
REGION 11 - ACP countries	5,29	5,64	6,00	7
TOTAL	131,47	138,68	136,15	156

An additional allocation for Tunisia might become available subject to the relevant Commission decisions being taken.

*** Calculated on the average grant/project recorded in 2016.*

News in the 2018 Call for proposals

➢ **No Special Mobility Strand Subject**

➢ **Only 3 thematic priority areas**

➢ **Only 2 Programme Countries needed**

➢ **Start of the eligibility period:**

      - 15 November 2018 or

      - 15 January 2019

Key messages for 2018

➢ **Encouraging the cooperation with Asian countries**

➢ **Attention to eligibility criteria**

➢ **Diversification of projects in terms of objectives activities, target groups and consortium composition**

➢ **New national and regional priorities**

➢ **Relevance of cross-regional applications?**

Indicative Roadmap for 2018 CBHE Call

Steps	Dates
Publication Erasmus+ CBHE Call for Proposals	October 2017
Deadline for submission of applications	**8 February 2018**
Verification of eligibility of project proposals	February – March 2018
Assessment of projects by experts (remotely)	March – May 2018
Consultation procedure	June 2018
Evaluation Committee for selection of projects	July 2018
Sending for signature of Award decision by Agency AO	July 2018
Notification of applicants & publication of results	July 2018
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August-September 2018
Start of eligibility period	15 November 2018 or 15 January 2019

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CBHE Information sources

Erasmus+ website - EACEA

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices/capacity-0_en

Erasmus+ website – EU Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

Erasmus+ e-tutorials:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/introduction-international-dimension-erasmus-plus_en

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