



# Erasmus+

learn / experience / explore

2015 to 2017  
an overview

## Introduction

Thirty years ago, the European Union gave birth to one of its most successful and far-reaching projects. The introduction of a student study abroad programme hadn't been easy but it eventually cleared all hurdles and in 1987, the then Irish Commissioner for Competition Peter Sutherland, had the honour of launching Erasmus. The name was coined by Commission official Alan Smith who conceived the idea of linking the project with Erasmus of Rotterdam, the Dutch Renaissance humanist, Catholic priest, social critic, teacher, and theologian. Ireland has been a participant from the outset and in that first year 1987/88, 112 students embarked on a pioneering educational journey that was totally new to students in this country.

Since then the programme has expanded to embrace not only study periods but student traineeship periods (placements), staff visits, joint projects, capacity building measures and since 2015 student and staff mobilities to all parts of the world.

To date over 60,000 students and staff from Ireland have travelled to one of the other 32 eligible destinations (EU28, Norway, Iceland, Turkey, Liechtenstein, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). This number has been augmented since 2015 when student and staff mobilities to and from other regions in the world have been introduced. Since 2015, a further 1,000 mobilities to and from Ireland have been funded involving students and staff on all continents. Over the period 1987-2017, in the region of 100,000 learners have come to Ireland generating an estimated 500,000 visitors drawn from family and friends.

The Erasmus Programme has had a profound impact on the internationalisation of Irish higher education. It led to the creation of international departments in our higher education institutions charged with managing the programme. These offices have grown since then and have been heavily active in furthering the global reach and engagement of the higher education sector.

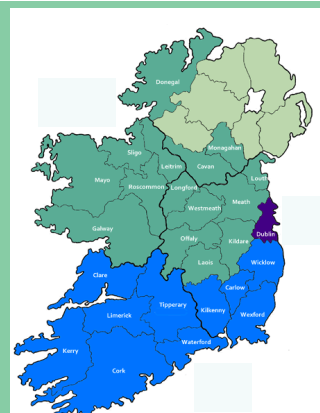
The expanded Erasmus+ Programme was launched in 2014 and in the current year nearly €10m has been allocated by the EC to Ireland to fund the intra-European and global dimensions of the action. Covering the 7 years of the current programme (2014-2020), funding transfers of the order of €100m will be made by the EC to Ireland for learning mobility and other collaborative projects.

**Gerry O'Sullivan**  
**Irish Erasmus+ National Agency**

### Key:

**SMS - Student Mobility for Study**  
**SMP - Student Mobility for Placement**  
**STA - Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignment**  
**STT - Staff Mobility for Training**

**KA103 - Mobility between Ireland and other EU/ eligible countries**  
**KA107 - Mobility between Ireland and Non-EU/EEA countries**  
**KA203 - Strategic Partnerships**







# IRELAND

## Key Action 103 - Outgoing Mobilities

### Total number of participants - 2015/2016

SMS	SMP	Total Students	STA	STT	Total Staff
2,169	1,004	= 3,173	165	97	= 262

### Participant Profile - Student

	SMS	SMP	Total	%		Average Age	Level of Study
Male	756	435	1,191	37.5%		22.1 years old	Diploma 19 Bachelor 2,986 Master 159 PhD 9
Female	1,412	569	1,981	62.4%		21.6 years old	

### Top Destinations

	1. France	21.3%
	2. Spain	17.8%
	3. Germany	15.5%
	4. UK	12.7%
	5. Netherlands	7.5%

### Average Duration

SMS - 6.79 months

SMP - 5.37 months

### Average EU grant

SMS - €1,589

SMP - €1,731

### Nationalities

Irish	88%
Polish	1.8%
British	1.4%
French	1.4%
German	0.9%

### Inclusion



Participants with Disabilities	6 SMS students
Participants from Disadvantaged Background	253 SMS students

## Key Action 103 - Incoming Mobilities

### Total number of participants - 2015/2016

SMS	SMP	Total Students	STA	STT	Total Staff
4,888	2,691	= 7,579	252	455	= 707

### Participant Profile - Student

	SMS	SMP	Total	%		Average Age	Level of Study
Male	1,744	1,049	2,793	36.9%		22.8 years old	Diploma 540 Bachelor 5,111 Master 1,795 PhD 133
Female	3,144	1,641	4,785	63.1%		22.6 years old	

### Nationalities


French	29.6%
German	18.9%
Spanish	15.7%
Italian	7.6%
British	3.1%

### Inclusion

Participants with Disabilities	10 SMS + 5 SMP students
Participants from Disadvantaged Background	307 SMS + 37 SMP students

# MIDLANDS NORTH-WEST

## Erasmus+ Activity

KA103 Outgoing Student Numbers			Overall Change in student participation			
	SMS	398		2007-08	2014-15	2015-16
	SMP	218	SMS	292	402	398
	Total	616	SMP	30	194	218

### KA103 Incoming SMS Student Numbers registered in Irish HEIs

Total SMS	1,218
SMS Outgoing/Incoming Ratio	1 : 3.06

### KA107 - Result Calls 2015, 2016 and 2017

No participating HEI in the Constituency

### KA203 - Strategic Partnerships

2014-2015 - Institute of Technology Sligo LoCoMoTion - <i>Finalised</i>	€152,494
2014-2015 - Maynooth University #dariah Teach - <i>Ongoing</i>	€299,298
<b>Total</b>	<b>€451,792</b>

### 2017/2018 Erasmus+ Budget Allocation to the Constituency HEIs

#### KEY ACTION


KA103  
Mobility between Programme Countries

#### Budget (€)

2,127,720

# SOUTH

## Erasmus+ Activity

KA103 Outgoing Student Numbers			Overall Change in student participation			
	SMS	727	SMS SMP	2007-08	2014-15	2015-16
	SMP	548		470	676	727
	Total	1,275		171	477	548

### KA103 Incoming Student Numbers registered in Irish HEIs

Total SMS	1,758
Outgoing/Incoming Ratio	1 : 2.42

### KA107 - Result Calls 2015, 2016 and 2017

HEI	Number of Participants (over 5 calls)	Total Amount (over 5 calls)
University of Limerick	311	1,158,398
Limerick Institute of Technology	93	332,330
Mary Immaculate College	104	319,936
University College Cork	34	137,370
Cork Institute of Technology	25	87,930

**TOTAL ALLOCATED TO THE CONSTITUENCY HEIs (over 5 calls) € 2,035,964**

### KA203 - Strategic Partnerships


2015-2016 - University College Cork	€ 231,409
MedInvent - <i>Ongoing</i>	
2015-2016 - Institute of Technology Tralee	€231,104
Crafting Employability for HE Students of Language in Europe - <i>Ongoing</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€462,513</b>

### 2017/2018 Erasmus+ Budget Allocation to the Constituency HEIs

KEY ACTION	Budget (€)
KA103 Mobility between Programme Countries	3,045,440
KA107 Mobility between Programme and Partner Countries	750,278

# DUBLIN

## Erasmus+ Activity

KA103 Outgoing Student Numbers			Overall Change in student participation		
	SMS	1,044	2007-08	2014-15	2015-16
	SMP	238	SMS	752	1,112
	Total	1,282	SMP	102	238

### KA103 Incoming Student Numbers registered in Irish HEIs

Total SMS	1,912
Outgoing/Incoming Ratio	1 : 1.83

### KA107 - Result Calls 2015, 2016 and 2017

HEI	Number of Participants (over 5 calls)	Total Amount (over 5 calls)
University College Dublin	149	658,511
Trinity College Dublin	86	324,029
Royal College of Surgeons	52	187,642
Dublin Institute of Technology	46	162,458
Dublin City University	24	76,055
Dun Laoghaire Institute	30	64,100
Institute of Technology Tallaght	19	52,610
St. Nicholas Montessori College Ireland	14	37,540
Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	5	13,300
National College of Art and Design	2	7,716

**TOTAL ALLOCATED TO THE CONSTITUENCY HEIs (over 5 calls) €1,583,961**

### KA203 - Strategic Partnerships

2016-2017 - Dublin City University	€364,852
Development of Online Programme for Teachers of Gifted Children - Ongoing	

### 2017/2018 Erasmus+ Budget Allocation to the Constituency HEIs

KEY ACTION	Budget (€)
KA103 Mobility between Programme Countries	3,421,765
KA107 Mobility between Programme and Partner Countries	466,919

# Student and Staff Allocation (Intra European)

2017/2018

HEI	Total Grant€	Students	Staff	Total
University of Limerick	1,235,380	670	44	714
National University of Ireland, Galway	1,075,440	427	19	446
University College Cork	891,635	343	67	410
Trinity College Dublin	868,670	384	24	408
University College Dublin	852,985	410	15	425
Dublin City University	672,795	274	23	297
Dublin Institute of Technology	622,315	326	9	335
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	439,775	178	19	197
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	253,710	115	13	128
Cork Institute of Technology	224,675	110	22	132
Mary Immaculate College	209,600	104	6	110
Waterford Institute of Technology	160,055	66	18	84
Limerick Institute of Technology	150,840	67	14	81
National College of Art and Design	144,705	50	14	64
Institute of Technology, Sligo	128,125	58	16	74
Institute of Technology, Carlow	122,360	58	17	75
Dundalk Institute of Technology	82,390	41	4	45
Letterkenny Institute of Technology	76,670	38	11	49
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design & Technology	72,315	44	6	50
Institute of Technology, Tallaght	63,850	32	9	41
Institute of Technology, Tralee	50,895	19	12	31
Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown	49,165	17	5	22
Athlone Institute of Technology	43,770	14	9	23
Royal Irish Academy of Music	22,685	3	12	15
St. Angela's College	21,405	12	4	16
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	19,095	44	6	50
St. Nicholas Montessori College Ireland	17,905	8	6	14
Marino Institute of Education	9,755	5	3	8
Pontifical University	6,435	0	0	0
Hibernia College	5,525	0	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,594,925</b>	<b>3,917</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>4,349</b>



# 30th Anniversary Celebrations

**30 years of Study, Work and Travel for over half a million Europeans travelling to and from Ireland thanks to the Erasmus+ programme**

Since 1987, over 60,000 higher education students and staff from Ireland have travelled for periods of study and/or work in 32 other European countries under the EU's Erasmus Programme. In addition, the programme has seen more than 100,000 other Europeans come to this country on similar exchanges generating in the process an additional 500,000 visits from family and friends to Ireland in that period. As the programme celebrates its 30th Anniversary, the Erasmus+ National Agency at the Higher Education Authority plans to raise the total outward bound number of students and staff for the Erasmus+ period 2014-2020 to 25,000 mobilities.

Launching the display of Erasmus 30th Anniversary commemorative banners around the capital, Lord Mayor of Dublin Brendan Carr stated that *"the Erasmus+ programme is hugely important for students, building as it does vital skills that are extremely important for regional and national economies. We also know that each Erasmus+ student coming to Ireland attracts about four other visitors from family and friends, resulting in the arrival of 25,000 extra visitors to the country each year"*.

Mr. Gerry O'Sullivan, Head of International Education at the Higher Education Authority, added that *"the Erasmus+ programme now has a presence on all continents and offers a powerful EU statement that through collaboration Europe can greatly enhance the educational journey of students"*.



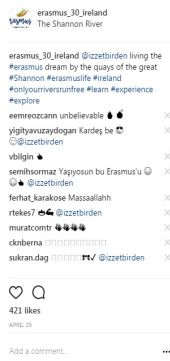
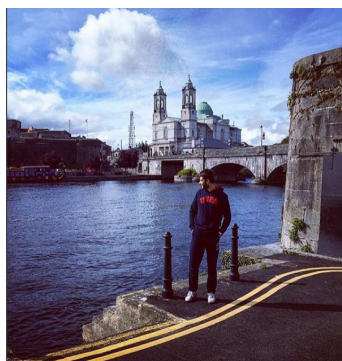
## 30th Anniversary - Instagram Photo Competition - @Erasmus\_30\_Ireland

From 9 March 2017 to 9 May 2017, the competition achieved 135 posts, more than 300 tags and 315 followers. The profile reached the following in terms of impact:

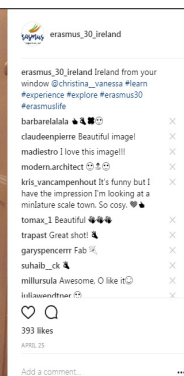
- \* 22,039 Impressions – total number of times the posts had been seen
- \* 1,842 Reach – number of unique accounts that saw any of the posts
- \* 2,217 profile views – number of times the profile was viewed

### Winners:

**1st**



**2nd**





# E+ News

## Tourism Impact

Every year, more than 7,200 European students choose Ireland as the country of destination for their Erasmus+ experience. These students spend from 3 to 12 months in higher education institutions and/or enterprises across the country as part of their studies. But not only do they study or take a traineeship in Ireland, they also boost the tourism sector and inject approximately €11.7m into the economy by attracting around 24,500 visitors to the country every year.

The figures were revealed in a survey conducted by the Higher Education Authority, the Irish National Agency for Erasmus+, which has managed the programme in Ireland since 1987. The survey, carried out with a sample of 2014/2015 incoming students, shows that between September 2014 and September 2015, more than 80% of these students received an average of 4.3 visitors for a period of time ranging from 3 to 15 days.

Dublin is still visitors' favourite destination, followed by Galway, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny and Limerick. However, Wicklow, Clare, Derry, Waterford and Donegal were not far behind on the list that shows that every county from North to South, East to West welcomed Erasmus+ tourists that year. According to the CSO, the average tourist spends around €480 on a visit to Ireland. Mapping the number of visitors per region, we could extrapolate that Erasmus+ generated in 2014/2015 an approximate revenue of €4.4m in Leinster, €4.1m in Munster, €2.2m in Connacht and €1m in Ulster.



Most of the Erasmus+ visitors come from France (38%), Germany (17%) and Spain (12%), reflecting a similar student flow where French, German and Spanish students represent the majority of the incoming students under the scheme.

These students spend from 3 to 12 months in higher education institutions and/or enterprises across the country as part of their studies. The numbers of incoming students has increased significantly over the past 7 years. In 2007/2008 Ireland welcomed 4,515 students from participating European higher education institutions. This number has gone up to 7,219 in 2014/2015 and is to increase even more in the years to come.

The Erasmus+ programme for higher education has been a great success among the participating institutions and has proved to be essential to enhancing employability among graduates in Ireland and abroad. Furthermore, the noticeable and ever growing presence of these students represents a great impact on the internationalisation of the higher education system per se.

# Erasmus+ Centralised Actions

## Irish HEIs share €18m of EU funding for capacity enhancement

Irish higher education institutions are playing a not insignificant role in supporting countries outside of the EU/EEA in the development of their higher education systems. In the period 2015-2016, Irish higher education institutions have been involved as lead or partner organisations in Erasmus+ Capacity Building measures worth just over €18m.

The "Capacity Building action" aims to support the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of higher education in the Partner Countries. The Irish HEIs compete against other applications from Europe in what is a very competitive process.



### Erasmus+ Co-Operation: Capacity Building Measures

Year	Region	Lead Organisation	Project	Amount Awarded (€)
2015	Western Balkans	Limerick Institute of Technology	Library Network Support Services	808,868
2015	Eastern Partnership	Dublin City University (Trinity College is a partner)	Creation of the Graduate Curricula in Peace Studies in Georgia	999,045
2015	5 Irish HEIs (LIT, TCD, UCC, WIT, DIT) were involved as partners in a total of 26 other projects worth			6,399,202
2016	Western Balkans	University of Limerick	Qualifications Framework Platform for the development of learning outcomes based curriculum	920,323
2016	Russian Federation/ Asia/ Central Asia	Limerick Institute of Technology	Developing Transregional information literacy for lifelong learning and the knowledge economy	964,379
2016	5 Irish HEIs (LIT, DCU, UCC, UL, DIT, Innovation Centre, Galway) were involved as partners in a range of other projects worth			7,967,246
Total				18,059,063

# Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships

## 11 HEIs receive share of €1.5m Government Scholarships Programme

11 Irish higher education institutions will be able to offer a combined total of 60 scholarships worth in the region of €1.5m to high calibre international students from outside of Europe to study or conduct research in Ireland under the Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships Programme 2017. The scholarships incorporate a €10,000 stipend to each student as well as a full fee waiver for one year study at Bachelor, Master or PhD levels.

The Government initiative sees an increase from 22 scholarships as in previous years to 60 awards - a commitment that was made in the International Strategy launched in September 2016. The scholarship offer is a crucial element in Ireland's international education strategy and thanks to this funding Irish HEIs will be able to strengthen and build sound education and research partnerships with at least 14 individual countries.

The programme is managed by the Higher Education Authority – Dr. Graham Love, HEA Chief Executive commented *"The Government of Ireland scholarships are prestige awards for both the institutions and the student beneficiaries. In partnership with the sector, the HEA will shortly explore opportunities of enhancing not only the GOI Scheme but our entire scholarship offering in this critical area with a view to the introduction of a new system for 2018."*

The purpose of the Scholarships Programme is to attract high calibre students and to promote Ireland as an attractive destination for study and research. The scholarships are made available in the first instance to the successful Irish HEI who are responsible for the selection of the students. As part of the competitive process, the applicant HEI specifies the target countries from where they wish to source the international students.




2016 scholars with Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton T.D. and Dr Gemma Irvine, Head of Policy and Strategic Planning, HEA

HEI	Awarded	Countries	Award Level
University College Cork	10	China, Mexico, Colombia, Bolivia, India, Brazil, Peru, Honduras, Middle East/Latin America	9 and 10
Athlone Institute of Technology	10	Brazil, China, India, Malaysia, Canada	8, 9 and 10
Limerick Institute of Technology	9	Nigeria, Canada, Brazil, Malaysia	9
Galway-Mayo Inst. of Technology	8	USA, China, India, Brazil	8 and 9
Dublin Institute of Technology	6	China, Brazil and Vietnam	9
Cork Institute of Technology	5	India, Malaysia and Vietnam	8 and 9
University of Limerick	3	China	9
Waterford Institute of Technology	3	China, Thailand, India	9
Institute of Technology, Carlow	2	China, Malaysia	8 and 9
Dublin Business School	2	Brazil, India	8 and 9
Mary Immaculate College	2	Brazil	8 and 9
<b>Total Scholarships</b>	<b>60</b>		



## Coming up in 2017

 Dublin Airport Advertising campaign for Erasmus+ 30th Anniversary  
**July 2017**

 Erasmus+ Supplement in the Irish Independent - in partnership with Léargas  
**September 2017**

 Irish Times Higher Options Fair  
**September 2017**

 National Ploughing Championships  
**September 2017**

 Erasmus Lecture  
**Autumn 2017**

 Conclusion Event for Joint Outdoor Education Project with Dublin City University  
**Autumn 2017**

 HEA/QQI Conference on Internationalisation  
**11 December 2017**

# 2016 Highlight

Sunday Times - 09.10.16

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**JANE POWERS GARDENS**  
Bug-eating plants prove a hit with primary pupils, who get hands on with botanics thanks to an outdoor learning scheme

The kids from the gardening club in the third class at Our Lady of Victories Boys' National School are having a grand time picking, planting, and eating some of the National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin. The gardeners' club is a fantastic outdoor learning scheme.



## Close encounters of the carnivorous kind

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Gardening Club from third class at Our Lady of Victories Boys' National School, Ballymun, Dublin at the opening of the Erasmus Learning Area in the National Botanic Gardens with Mairead McGuinness, MEP, Michael Horgan, HEA Chair and Paul Maher, OPW/NBG