

# 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	SI01, SLOVENIA, CMEPIUS
Field	VET – Vocational education
Call year	2026

### 1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation:	8.600.138,02
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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	3.050.000
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	5.515.138,02
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	35.000

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 (or their maximum grant), 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 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**

Given the annual increase in the number of accreditations in the field of Vocational Education and Training and the number of organizations requesting funding within the awarded accreditations and due to limited funds, the National Agency has decided to include an additional criteria in the funds allocation process, The maximum grant will be applied based on information on enrolled students in the 2025/2026 school year, as provided by the Ministry of Education.

The maximum grant amount will vary according to the criteria below:

- Organisations enrolling 1,000 students or more in school year 2025/2026: 220.000 EUR.
- Organisations enrolling at least 500 students but not more than 999 in school year 2025/2026: 180.000 EUR.
- Organisations enrolling 499 students or less in school year 2025/2026: 150.000 EUR.
- Organisations that have no enrolled students but have obtained accreditation in the field of Vocational Education and Training (example Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Vocational Education and Training): 60.000 EUR.

The maximum grant rule will apply only if the total demand for budget surpasses the total available funds.

Applicants that have completed their last accredited project with an absorption rate below 80 % will receive at most the amount of grant that they were able to absorb, regardless of the level of demand.

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: 50.000 EUR.

Applicants that have used less than 80 % of the awarded funds in their last completed accredited project will have their basic grant reduced by 20 %.

Applicants that have scored less than 80 points in their last Erasmus quality standards report and Erasmus Plan progress report will have their basic grant reduced by 20 %. This penalty will be applied only twice per report.

Applicants penalised due to low budget absorption and/or low report score 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 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.

Applicants that have scored less than 80 points in their last Erasmus quality standards report and Erasmus Plan progress report will have their base score reduced by 20 %. This penalty will be applied only twice per report.

- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:

- Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: extra 10 points for involving 40 % or more of participants with fewer opportunities out of all participants.
- More participants in teaching or training assignments and/or job-shadowing than courses and training: extra 10 points.
- Implementing long-term learning mobility of learners (ErasmusPro): 5 points for each participant.