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ANNEX

Addendum No. 1
to the multiannual indicative programme for the external dimension of the Erasmus+ Programme for the period 2021-2027

The mid-term review (MTR) of NDICI-Global Europe programming confirmed that the Erasmus+ multiannual indicative programme (MIP) is an essential tool to promote people-to-people connectivity worldwide and to build a positive image of Europe in the world spreading its fundamental values. However, following the European Council Conclusions of 1 February 2024¹, requiring amongst others a EUR 2 billion redeployment within NDICI-Global Europe, the available financial envelope foreseen under the Erasmus+ programme, which is sourced from the respective geographical regional envelopes for the period 2025-2027, is decreased by EUR 76 million (NDICI-Global Europe and IPA III) distributed according to the proportion of each region.

Furthermore, in order to deliver on the Africa Youth priority², the MTR also proposed a reinforcement of EUR 35 million for the Sub-Saharan Africa envelope, increasing the budget for the Virtual Exchanges, the number of youth mobilities under the International Credit Mobility and including this region as eligible for the Capacity Building for Youth. Additional EUR 10 million have also been allocated to the Southern Neighbourhood region, following the political commitment³ to increase cooperation with Tunisia under the Erasmus+ programme. This increase is mitigating the reduction in the budget for the Southern Neighbourhood region as a result of the redeployment.

The eTwinning action in the eligible third countries not associated to the programme will now be funded exclusively under the Erasmus+ MIP, which entails the introduction of new actions for the Eastern Partnership and the Western Balkans. In addition, EUR 0.42 million are allocated to the action “European Week of Sport in the Western Balkans”.

The MTR allows to take stock of measures implemented in the first half of the 2021-2027 programming period, within the boundaries of the flexibility allowed by the MIP, to address upcoming challenges: notably, this entailed the transfer of EUR 94.8 million from the Russia envelope to the Eastern Partnership envelope. At the same time, EUR 8 million are allocated to the European Universities priority area for the Western Balkans region to support the participation of higher education institutions from Western Balkans to the European Universities initiative.

The total allocation for 2021-2027 for this multi-annual indicative programme is in turn reduced from EUR 2174 million to EUR 2142.95 million. In addition, the external dimension of the Erasmus+ programme should also be aligned with the priorities established in the Samoa Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part, signed in Samoa in November 2023, and its Regional Protocols, and provisionally applied as of 1 January 2024.

¹ EUCO 2/24.

² JOINT COMMUNICATION JOIN(2022) 53 final TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL - Youth Action Plan (YAP) in EU external action 2022 – 2027 - Promoting meaningful youth participation and empowerment in EU external action for sustainable development, equality and peace.

³ [Memorandum of Understanding on a strategic and global partnership between the European Union and Tunisia, 16 July 2023.](#)

The multiannual indicative programme for the external dimension of the Erasmus+ Programme for the period 2021-2027 is hereby amended as follows:

- i. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional priorities” of the “Americas and the Caribbean”- section, the following paragraph is added:

“There will be an alignment of the actions with the Global Gateway strategy, which constitutes the main policy framework for the cooperation with partner countries and encompasses strengthening education systems in partner countries”

- ii. In chapter 3, under the “Americas and the Caribbean” section, the table is fully replaced by the following table:

“Priority areas in Americas and the Caribbean - Indicative amounts	Latin America			Caribbean			USA & Canada			TOTAL		
	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR Impact (million EUR)	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR Impact (million EUR)	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR Impact (million EUR)	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR Impact (million EUR)	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)
1. International Credit Mobility (ICM)	28		28	6.4		6.4	31		31	65.4		65.4
2. Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters’ Degrees (EMJMD)	35	-2.5	32.5	1		1				36	-2.5	33.5
3. Capacity Building Higher Education (CBHE)	62	-2.5	59.5	4.5	-0.5	4				66.5	-3	63.5
4. Capacity Building Vocational Education and Training (VET)	12		12	1.8		1.8				13.8		13.8
5. Jean Monnet	5		5	0.3		0.3	7	-1.5	5.5	12.3	-1.5	10.8
6. Alumni LAC	1		1							1		1
7. Erasmus+ Focal Points	1		1							1		1
TOTAL	144	-5	139	14	-0.5	13.5	38	-1.5	36.5	196	-7	189

iii. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional strategy” of the “Sub-Saharan Africa” section, the following paragraph is added:

“There will be an alignment of the actions with the Global Gateway strategy, which constitutes the main policy framework for the cooperation with partner countries and encompasses strengthening education systems in partner countries.”

iv. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional Priorities” of the “Sub-Saharan Africa” section the following paragraph is added:

“Priority 9: Capacity Building Youth

This action will contribute to the Africa-Europe Youth Academy, which aims to promote youth mobility, exchanges, and networking of young people. Capacity Building Youth aims to support cooperation in the field of youth and non-formal learning, as a driver for sustainable socio-economic development and well-being of young people. Projects supported under this action are expected to: promote mobility and non-formal learning activities among young people in Africa, with particular focus on young people with fewer opportunities; raise the capacities of organisations working with young people outside formal learning; foster active participation of young people in society; foster the development of youth work in non-associated third countries, improving its quality and recognition.”

v. In chapter 3, under the “Sub-Saharan Africa” section, the table is fully replaced by the following table:

“Priority areas in Sub-Saharan Africa- Indicative amounts	Original MIP amount 2021- 2027 (million EUR)	MTR impact (million EUR)	Post-MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)
International Credit Mobility	281.2	-8	273,2
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees	45.5	-3	42.5
Capacity Building Higher Education	160	-4	156
Capacity Building Vocational Education and Training (VET)	49.7		49.7
Capacity building Youth	-	+24	24
Erasmus + Virtual Exchanges	13	+8.8	21.8
Jean Monnet	10.8	-3.8	7
Alumni Network	4.0		4
Erasmus+ Focal Points	6.0		6
TOTAL	570.2	+14	584.2”

vi. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional strategy” of the “Asia and the Pacific” section, the following paragraph is added:

“There will be an alignment of the actions with the Global Gateway strategy, which constitutes the main policy framework for the cooperation with partner countries and encompasses strengthening education systems in partner countries.”

vii. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional priorities” of the “Asia and the Pacific” section, the text is replaced by the following text:

“Regional priorities

Priority 1: International Credit Mobility

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 134.59 million (38% of the MIP 2021-27 allocation for Asia and the Pacific) should be reserved for this specific objective.

It will be split between the following sub-regions:

Asia	EUR 93.28 million (of which at least 25% for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 15% max. for China and 10% max. for India, 25% max. for HICs and 25% for the remaining countries)
Central Asia	EUR 24 million
Middle East	EUR 7.88 million
Pacific	EUR 9.43 million (of which 86.5% max. for Australia & New Zealand together)

Priority 2: Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 49.17 million (14% of the indicative NDICI-Global Europe budget 2021-2027 for Erasmus+ in Asia and the Pacific) should be reserved for this specific objective.

It will be split between the following sub-regions, with priority to Least Developed Countries:

Asia	EUR 31.74 million
Central Asia	EUR 12.5 million
Middle East	EUR 3.78 million
Pacific	EUR 1.15 million

Priority 3: Capacity Building in Higher Education

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 155.49 million (44% of the indicative NDICI-Global Europe budget 2021-2027 for Erasmus+ in Asia and the Pacific) should be reserved for this specific objective, excluding Higher Income Countries (HICs).

It will be split between the following sub-regions, with priority to Least Developed Countries:

Asia	EUR 116.35 million
Central Asia	EUR 33.18 million
Middle East	EUR 4.81 million
Pacific	EUR 1.15 million

Priority 4: Jean Monnet

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 10.69 million (3% of the indicative NDICI-Global Europe budget 2021-2027 for Erasmus+ in Asia and the Pacific) should be reserved for this specific objective.

It will be split between the following sub-regions:

Asia	EUR 6.29 million (of which 74.6% max. for HICs, 11.9% max. for China and 11.2% max. for India, 2.3% for the remaining countries)
Central Asia	EUR 0.148 million
Middle East	EUR 0.212 million
Pacific	EUR 4.04 million

Priority 5: Alumni

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 1 million (0.3 % of the indicative NDICI-Global Europe budget 2021-2027 for Erasmus+ in Asia and the Pacific) should be reserved for this specific objective.

It will be split between the following sub-regions:

Asia	EUR 0.7 million
Central Asia	EUR 0.2 million
Middle East	EUR 0.055 million
Pacific	EUR 0.045 million (with a focus on PICs)

Priority 6: Focal Points and National E+ Offices

- **National Erasmus+ Offices for Central Asia**

As a continuation from previous programmes, Central Asia (not including Afghanistan) will continue to benefit from National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs). These will provide services to support the promotion of Erasmus+ opportunities, potential applicants and on-going beneficiaries, dissemination and Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE) activities. Support will also be provided to national authorities, EU Delegations and Commission services, such as participation in policy dialogue with EU Delegations and Commission's Headquarters.

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 2.86 million (0.78% of the indicative NDICI-Global Europe budget 2021-2027 for Erasmus+ in Asia and the Pacific) should be reserved for this specific objective. Afghanistan will not be covered under this priority.

- **Focal Points**

For indicative purposes, approximately EUR 2.2 million (0.6% of the indicative NDICI-Global Europe budget 2021-2027 for Erasmus+ in Asia) should be reserved for Focal Points to be established in the rest of the Asia and Pacific region. Afghanistan will also be covered under this priority as it was not included in the Central Asia NEOs network in the past.

Budget will be split indicatively between the following sub-regions:

Asia	EUR 1.95 million
Middle East	EUR 0.14 million
Pacific	EUR 0.11 million"

viii. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional priorities” of the “Asia and the Pacific” section, the table is fully replaced by the following heading and table:

“Financial overview - indicative amounts per priority area

MIP Priority Areas- Indicative amounts (million EUR)	Asia			Central Asia			Middle East			Pacific			TOTAL		
	Original MIP amount 2021-2027	MTR Impact	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027	Original MIP amount 2021-2027	MTR Impact	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027	Original MIP amount 2021-2027	MTR Impact	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027	Original MIP amount 2021-2027	MTR Impact	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027	Original MIP amount 2021-2027	MTR Impact	Post MTR MIP amount 2021-2027
1.ICM	97	-3.72	93.28	25	-1	24	8.2	-0.32	7.88	9.8	-0.37	9.43	140	-5.41	134.59
2.EMJMD	33	-1.26	31.74	13	-0.5	12.5	3.93	-0.15	3.78	1.2	-0.05	1.15	51.13	-1.96	49.17
3.CBHE	121	-4.65	116.35	34.5	-1.32	33.18	5	-0.19	4.81	1.2	-0.05	1.15	161.7	-6.21	155.49
4.JM	6.54	-0.25	6.29	0.15	-0.002	0.148	0.22	-0.008	0.212	4.2	-0.16	4.04	11.11	-0.42	10.69
5.Alumni	0.7		0.7	0.2		0.2	0.055		0.055	0.045		0.045	1		1
6. Focal Points	1.95		1.95	0		0	0.14		0.14	0.11		0.11	2.2		2.2
7.NEOs	0		0	2.86		2.86	0		0	0		0	2.86		2.86
Total	260.19	-9.88	250.31	75.71	-2.822	72.888	17.545	-0.668	16.877	16.555	-0.63	15.925	370	-14	356”

- ix. In chapter 3, under heading “Regional context” of the “Eastern Partnership” section, the following paragraph is added:

“Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine has changed the geopolitical context in the Eastern Partnership region considerably. The overall priority of the European Commission is to provide support to Ukraine and to increase resilience, prosperity and stability of neighbouring countries. Continued investments in people, in particular young generations, ensuring mobility and people-to-people contacts, better connecting education, research and innovation with public sector needs or support to education reforms will enhance countries’ capacity and contribute to the stability in the region. The EU candidate country status granted to Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine brings future co-operation with these countries to a new level.”

- x. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional priorities” of the “Eastern Partnership” section, the following paragraph is added:

“Priority action 4 – Capacity Building Youth

The aim is to support the international exchanges, cooperation and policy dialogue in the field of youth and non-formal learning, as a driver for sustainable socio-economic development and well-being of young people. Projects supported under this action are expected to: raise the capacities of organisations working with young people outside formal learning; promote non-formal learning activities among young people, with particular focus on young people with fewer opportunities; foster active participation of young people in society; foster the development of youth work in the Eastern Partnership countries, improving quality and recognition.

Priority action 5 – Capacity Building Sport

This action will support sport activities and sport policy development in the Eastern Partnership countries, as well as to promote - through sport - values, social inclusion, social cohesion, skills development and education. Projects supported under this action are expected to: raise the capacity of grassroots sport organisations; promote grassroots sport activities; promote social inclusion through sport; emphasise mutual promotion of values; foster cooperation across different regions of the world through joint initiatives.

Priority action 6 – eTwinning

This action will support the national structures animating content in the eTwinning online platform supporting school staff through collaboration projects, professional development and exchanges of experiences.”

- xi. In chapter 3, under the heading “Financial overview - indicative amounts per priority area” of the “Eastern Partnership” section, the table is fully replaced by the following table:

“Priority areas in region 2 Eastern Partnership- Indicative amounts	Original MIP amount 2021- 2027 (million EUR)	MTR impact (million EUR)	Post-MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)
International Credit Mobility	126	+43.89	169.89
Capacity Building in higher education (HE)	63.6	+15.44	79.04
Capacity Building Vocational Education and Training (VET)	14.4	+6.35	20.75
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges	6	+4	10
EaP Alumni	1	0	1
NEO	4	0	4
Capacity building Youth	0	+12	12
Capacity building Sport	0	+4	4
e-Twinning	0	+2.2	2.2
TOTAL	215	+87.88	302.88”

- xii. “In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional priorities” of the “South Neighbourhood” section, the text is fully replaced by the following:

Priority action 1 - International Credit Mobility 1) an indicative ceiling of 15% of the budget per participating country; 2) an indicative amount of 65% of the funds allocated to students and 3) an indicative target of 50% of students with fewer opportunities benefitting from the grants (by promoting a clear focus on socio-economic criteria in selection criteria).

Priority action 2 - Capacity building for higher education with a focus on projects that promote access and inclusive education for employment in the green economy. The budget allocated under this priority area is increased to support a higher number of projects involving Tunisian institutions and organisations.

Priority action 3 - Capacity building in the field of youth with a focus on youth participation in an open and democratic society and a special focus on the participation of women and groups with fewer opportunities.

Priority action 4 - Capacity building for vocational education and training with a focus on projects that promote access and inclusive education for employment. The budget allocated under this priority area is increased to support a higher number of projects involving Tunisian institutions and organisations.

Priority action 5 - Virtual exchanges; online people-to-people activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development.

Priority action 6 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters, allowing talented students from the region to apply for the integrated joint master courses that will enable them to study in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Erasmus+ programme. The budget allocated under this priority area is increased to support a higher number of Tunisian students enrolled in Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters.

Priority action 7 - to support the implementation of the eTwinning programme in the Neighbourhood South countries.

Priority action 8 - National Erasmus Offices (NEOs) that will provide services to institutions to support and advocate the participation, reach-out and visibility around the implementation of the capacity building components of the Erasmus+ programme in the field of Higher Education, Vocational Education and youth in South Neighbourhood countries.”

- xiii. In chapter 3, under the heading “Financial overview - indicative amounts per priority area” of the “South Neighbourhood” section, the table is fully replaced by the following table:

“Priority areas in region 3 South Neighbourhood- Indicative amounts	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR impact (million EUR)	Post-MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)
International Credit Mobility	179.5	-3.81	175.69
Capacity Building Higher Education	61.2	3	64.2
Capacity Building Youth	30	0	30
Capacity Building VET	30.4	+1.66	32.06
Virtual Exchanges in HE and Youth	10	-0.25	9.75
Erasmus Mundus Masters	11.6	+1.6	13.2
eTwinning	5.9	-4.1	1.8
NEO	6.4	0	6.4
TOTAL	335	-1.9	333.1”

- xiv. In chapter 3, under the heading “Context” of the “Russia” section, the entire text is replaced by the following paragraph:

“As a consequence of the unjustified war of aggression of Russia against Ukraine, the Council of the EU adopted on 8 April 2022 the Council Regulation 2022/5761, which is the fifth package of restrictive measures against Russia. These measures impose a prohibition on the provision of direct and indirect support, including financing and financial assistance or any other benefit, from a Union, Euratom or Member State programme, to any legal person, entity or body established in Russia with over 50% public ownership or public control, thus aiming at excluding Russian entities from EU funding.

Following the Sanctions Regulation, all cooperation with Russian educational entities under Erasmus+ was terminated. In line with the exemption to people-to-people activities, the Erasmus+ programme continues to support opportunities for academic mobility.”

- xv. In chapter 3, the heading “Strategy” of the “Russia” section is deleted.

- xvi. In chapter 3, under the heading “Financial overview - indicative amounts per priority area” of the “Russia” section, the table is fully replaced by the following table:

“Priority areas in region 4 Russia- Indicative amounts	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR impact (million EUR)	Post-MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)
International Credit Mobility	70	-55	15
Capacity Building Higher Education	27	-27	0
Capacity Building VET	7.2	-7.2	0
Jean Monnet	4.5	-4.5	0
Erasmus + Virtual exchanges	3.8	-3.8	0
NEO	1.3	-1.3	0
TOTAL	113.8	-98.8	15”

- xvii. In chapter 3, under the heading “Regional priorities” of the “Western Balkans” section, the following paragraphs are added:

“Priority action 11 – European Universities

The action will support the participation of higher education institutions in the European Universities initiative.

Priority action 12 – eTwinning

This action will support the national structures animating content in the eTwinning online platform supporting school staff through collaboration projects, professional development and exchanges of experiences.

Priority action 13 – EU4Youth European Week of Sport in the Western Balkans

This action aims to increase the participation, especially among the youth in physical activities and to increase the number of joint sport activities organised in this region in the context of the European Week of Sport.”

- xviii. In chapter 3, under the heading “Financial overview - indicative amounts per priority area” of the “Western Balkans” section, the table is fully replaced by the following table:

“Priority areas in region 1 Western Balkans- Indicative amounts	Original MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)	MTR impact (million EUR)	Post-MTR MIP amount 2021-2027 (million EUR)
International Credit Mobility	201.68	-7.2	194.48
Erasmus Mundus Master	14.4	-0.5	13.9
Virtual Exchanges in HE and Youth	6.5	0	6.5
Capacity Building Higher Education	73	-7.3	65.7
Capacity Building Vocational Education and Training (VET)	44.45	-4.45	40
Capacity building Youth	20	-0.7	19.3
Capacity building Sport	5.25	0	5.25
European Universities	0	+8	8
Jean Monnet	3.2	0	3.2
Alumni	3	0	3
NEO	2.52	0	2.52
European Week of Sport in the Western Balkans	0	+0.42	0.42
eTwinning	0	+0.5	0.5
TOTAL	374	-11.23	362.77”

xix. In chapter 4, the table in the section “Overall Financial overview” is fully replaced by the following table:

“ERASMUS+ MIP priority areas – Indicative amounts (million EUR)	Original MIP allocation 2021- 2027 (million EUR)	MTR impact (million EUR)	Post- MTR MIP allocatio n (million EUR)
International Credit Mobility	1063.78	-35.53	1028.25
Capacity Building Higher Education	613	-29.07	583.93
Capacity Building Vocational Education and Training	159.95	-3.64	156.31
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees	158.63	-6.36	152.27
Capacity building Youth	50	+35.3	85.3
Jean Monnet	41.91	-10.22	31.69
Virtual Exchanges	39.3	+8.75	48.05
National Erasmus Offices	17.08	-1.30	15.78
Alumni Network	10		10
Erasmus+ Focal Points	9.2		9.2
Capacity Building Sport	5.25	+4	9.25
e Twinning +	5.9	-1.4	4.5
European Week of Sport in the Western Balkans	0	+0.42	0.42
European Universities	0	+8	8
TOTAL allocated for 2021-27	2174	-31.05	2142.95”