

## RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR INTERIM AMENDMENT OF ACCREDITED APPLICANTS UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1

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Field	School education
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This document defines detailed rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants, in line with the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide:

The quality of the applicant's Erasmus Plan has been assessed at the accreditation application stage and therefore no qualitative assessment will take place at budget allocation stage. Any eligible grant application will receive funding.

The awarded grant amount will depend on a number of elements:

- the total budget available for reallocation to accredited applicants
- the description and justification in the amendment request
- the basic and maximum grant
- the following allocation criteria: qualitative performance

### 1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants <sup>1</sup> :	At least EUR 553.000,00
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Out of the available budget at least the following amounts will be assigned to specific purposes<sup>2</sup>:

Basic grants and financial performance	EUR 420.000,00
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	EUR 129.000,00

### 2. ESTIMATING THE BUDGET REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUESTED ACTIVITIES

Requests for exceptional costs and inclusion support take precedence over any other requests for additional funds. Requests for these types of costs will be assessed based on the description, justification and estimated amount provided by the applicant as part of the interim amendment request.

Requests for additional unit cost funds will be assessed based on the description, justification.

#### 2.1. Maximum grant<sup>3</sup>

The maximum grant is defined as a single maximum grant amount and depends on the type of accreditation:

- for applications of an individual organisation a maximum additional amount of 40.000 EUR is set.
- for applications of a coordinator of a consortium a maximum additional amount of 55.000 EUR is set.

<sup>1</sup> The final allocated budget may be lower than the specified amount if all applicants have been awarded the maximum amount according to the rules set out in this document. If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget.

<sup>2</sup> Exceptionally, the specified amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document, or if a minor correction is required due to rounding rules.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the general rules on maximum grants, the awarded grant for applicants under observation may be further limited by the National Agency in accordance with the specific decision on establishment of observation measures.

The maximum grant rules will apply only if the total demand for budget surpasses the total available funds as defined in section 1.

## **2.2. Competitive allocation**

If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the requested budget (taking into account the rules on maximum grant defined in this section), then a competitive allocation will take place as described below in section 3. However, if the total available budget is sufficient to fully address requests of all applicants, then the budget allocation rules described in section 3 will not apply.

## **3. BUDGET ALLOCATION RULES**

Budget allocation will take place in two phases. In each phase, the available budget will be divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described in this section. Applicants that receive the full budget required to implement their requested activities (or that reach their maximum grant) will not participate in further allocation. Any surplus funds will be divided among other applicants based on the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

### **3.1. First phase: basic grants and financial performance**

A basic grant will be provided to each applicant at the beginning of the allocation process<sup>4</sup>.

Applicants will receive the following basic grant:

- for applications of an individual organisation a basic grant in the amount of 15.000 EUR is set.
- for applications of a coordinator of a consortium a basic grant in the amount of 35.000 EUR is set.

If sufficient funds are available, the National Agency may increase the basic grant.

### **3.2. 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 following step:

- For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of the 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.

## **4. TOTAL AWARDED GRANT AND TARGETS FOR DELIVERY**

For each applicant, the total awarded additional grant will be the sum of amounts they have received in each allocation phase.

The National Agency can make limited modifications to the proportional adjustment in order to allow for a better fit between the awarded budget and target activities, to ensure coherence with the approved Erasmus Plan, and to comply with any limitations defined in the Programme Guide.

Beneficiaries are able to implement the target activities with a wide flexibility, while remaining within the scope of their approved Erasmus Plan. Delivery of agreed activities and targets will be evaluated at the final report stage.

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<sup>4</sup> Exceptionally, if the basic grant is higher than the maximum grant, then the basic grant will be capped accordingly.